

Worship Service
Westminster Presbyterian Church

The Season of Music

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Silent Prayer Upon Entering the Sanctuary

Almighty God, who has given us Your only begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit, which we beseech You to send forth more and more into our hearts, as a testimony of Your fatherly love to us, and to fill us with fervent love toward You; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Lord's Praise

The Call to Worship

The Prayer of Invocation

The Hymn #203: *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* Mendelssohn
*Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

*Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb. Veiled in
flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity, pleased as man with
men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. [Refrain]*

*Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings. Mild he
lays his glory by, born that man no more may die, born to raise the
sons of earth, born to give them second birth. [Refrain]*

Old Testament Reading: Micah 5:2-5

The Hymn #217: *All My Heart This Night Rejoices* Warum Sollt' Ich
*All my heart this night rejoices as I hear far and near sweetest angel
voices. "Christ is born," their choirs are singing till the air ev'rywhere
now with joy is ringing.*

*Forth today the Conqu'ror goeth, who the foe, sin and woe, death and
hell, o'erthroweth. God is man, man to deliver; his dear Son now is one
with our blood forever.*

*Shall we still dread God's displeasure, who, to save, freely gave
his most cherished Treasure? To redeem us, he hath given his own Son
from the throne of his might in heaven.*

*He becomes the Lamb that taketh sin away and for aye full atonement
maketh. For our life his own he tenders; and our race, by his grace,
meet for glory renders.*

*Hark! a voice from yonder manger, soft and sweet, doth entreat: "Flee
from woe and danger. Brethren, from all ills that grieve you, you are
freed; all you need I will surely give you."*

*Come, then, banish all your sadness, one and all, great and small;
come with songs of gladness. Love him who with love is glowing;
hail the star, near and far light and joy bestowing.*

*Dearest Lord, thee will I cherish. Though my breath fail in death,
yet I shall not perish, but with thee abide forever there on high, in that
joy which can vanish never.*

The Musical Offering *Of the Father's Love Begotten* Quartet

The Lord's Word

The Word of God Read

Luke 2:1-19

The Word of God Proclaimed

Pastor Scott Reiber

Christ the King – The Sure Mercies of David

The Lord's Table

The Prayer of Confession of Sins

The Promise of Pardon

The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and
earth, and of all things visible and invisible.*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten
of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God
of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the
Father by whom all things were made; who for us and for our
salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy
Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also
for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third
day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into
heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall
come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose
kingdom shall have no end.*

*And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who
proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the
Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We
acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the
resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

The Hymn #221: *Lo, How a Rose* *Es Ist Ein' Ros' Entsprungen*
Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung, of Jesse's
lineage coming, as men of old have sung. It came, a flow'ret bright,
amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold
it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to men a
Savior, when half-spent was the night.

The shepherds heard the story, proclaimed by angels bright, how
Christ, the Lord of glory, was born on earth this night. To Bethlehem
they sped and in the manger found him, as angel heralds said.

This flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispels with glorious splendor the darkness ev'rywhere. True man, yet
very God; from sin and death he saves us and lightens ev'ry load.

O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human woe; O Savior, King of
glory, who dost our weakness know, bring us at length, we pray,
to the bright courts of heaven and to the endless day.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Blessing

The Benediction

Pastor Reiber

The Hymn #210:

Silent Night

Stille Nacht

The Lighting of Candles

The Ushers

Silent Night! Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright Round yon Virgin
Mother and Child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly
peace.

Silent night, Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight! Glories stream
from heaven afar, Heavenly host sing Alleluia; Christ, the Savior is
born!

Silent night, Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams
from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at
Thy birth.

Silent night, Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; With the
angels let us sing Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born!

The Recessional

The Congregation



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