



Westminster Presbyterian Church

*O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.*

Latin, c. 12th century

**December 14, 2025
Third Sunday in Advent
Service of Lessons and Carols**

CARILLON PEAL

CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

"Gloria Hodie"

Angels' Carol

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

(During the Call to Worship in Music you are requested to enter into a time of silence,
actively opening your spirit to God's presence in your midst.)

Julie Turner and Kevin McChesney

John Rutter, arr. Sondra K. Tucker

German tune, arr. Johannes Brahms

INTROIT - "Come, and Christ the Lord Be Praising"

14th century melody, arr. John Neely

Come, and Christ the Lord be praising,
Heart and mind to him be raising.
Celebrate his love amazing,
Worthy folk of Christendom!

Jacob's star his advent maketh,
Soothes the longing heart that acheth,
And the serpent's head he breaketh,
Scattering the powers of hell.

WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Cindy McNamee, Julie Schrodi, Joyce Krueger

*PASSING THE PEACE

(Please greet your neighbor with a verbal greeting or enthusiastic wave.)

*TOLLING OF THE CARILLON AND CALL TO SILENCE (Please remain standing.)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMNS

49 - "Once in Royal David's City"

Irby

Stanza 1 - Soloist

Stanza 2 - Chamber Choir

Stanzas 3 and 4 - All Sing

58 - "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" (All sing)

Winchester Old

PRAYER (in unison)

The Reverend Dr. Richard L. Baker, Jr.

**All glory to you, great God for the gift of your son,
light in darkness and hope of the world, whom you sent to save us.
With singing angels, we praise your name, and tell the earth his story,
that all may believe, rejoice, and bow down, acknowledging your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

RESPONSE (All sing)

Stuttgart

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON - Genesis 1:26-31

Dave Boezi

Humankind created in the image of God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please use this response after each Scripture Lesson.)

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

French carol, arr. Gustav Holst

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
For, with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood.
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

Westminster Choir

(Children in Pre-K will leave the service at this time.
An adult leader will be in the Narthex to escort them to the library.)

SECOND LESSON - Genesis 22:15-18

Jim Berkshire

God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham.

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Plainsong

Of the Father’s love begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heaven adore him;
Angel hosts, his praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before him,
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!
Christ, to thee with God the Father,

And, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore!

Knox Choir (grades 7-12)

Hymn 9 (Seated) - "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (stanzas 1 and 3)

Veni Emmanuel

THIRD LESSON - Isaiah 11:1-3; 6-9

Kathryn Lake

The prophecy is proclaimed.

"Of a Rose" (from *Three Medieval Carols*)

John V. Mochnick

Refrain:

Of a rose sing we,
Misterium mirabile. (a wonderful mystery)
Blessed maiden she,
Misterium mirabile.

This rose is red of color bright,
Through whom our joy began
Upon a Christmas night.
Claro David germine. (from the famous seed of David)
(*Refrain*)

Of this rose Christ was born to save mankind forlore,
And us from all sins sore,
Prophetarum carmine. (according to the song of the prophets)
(*Refrain*)

This rose is so fair of hue.
In maid Mary that is so true,
And born was Lord of such virtue,
Salvator sine crimine. (Savior without offense)
(*Refrain*)

***Hymn** - "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

God Rest You Merry

**God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior
Was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray.**

Refrain:

**O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

**From God our heav'nly Father
A blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same;
How that in Bethlehem was born**

The Son of God by name. (Refrain)
Now to the Lord sing praises
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All other doth deface. (Refrain)

FOURTH LESSON - Luke 1:26-38
The angel Gabriel visits Mary.

Eric Scholl

“Nova, Nova”

Michael Bedford

The angel, Gabriel by name,
Unto the virgin Mary came,
With joyful news unto the same.
*Nova, nova! Tidings of salvation!

Then said the angel, “Do not fear,
I bring glad news for you to hear:
You will bring forth God’s Son so dear.”
Nova, nova! Tidings of salvation!

The angel, Gabriel by name,
Unto the virgin Mary came,
With joyful news unto the same.
Nova, nova! Tidings of salvation!

*News

“Dormi, Dormi” (Sung in Italian and English)

Italian carol, arr. Mary Goetze

Dormi, dormi, bel bambin. Re divin. (Sleep, O sleep, my lovely child. King divine.)
Falananna fantolino. (Close your eyes and sweetly slumber. King divine.)

O my treasure, do not weep.
Sweetly sleep, sweetly sleep.
Close your eyes my Son, my dear one.
Sweetly sleep, sweetly sleep.

“Kling, Glöckchen”

German carol, arr. Michael Burkhardt

Kling, Glöckchen, kling-e-ling-e-ling. (Ring little bells)
Kling, Glöckchen kling!

In the cold of winter,
Dear ones, let us enter;
Swing the door wide open
In this bitter weather.

Mary mother lowly,
Son of God most holy;
With great joy we meet you,
With our treasures greet you.

Calvin Choir (grades 3-6)

***Hymn 41** (stanzas 1 and 3) - "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
(Please stand at the first note of the organ.)

Adeste fideles

FIFTH LESSON - Luke 2:1-7
Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Carol Roe

"Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem"

John D. Horman

Mile after mile, so dusty and long,
Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem.
Only a donkey, a prayer, and a song;
Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem.
Enter the city through gates that are worn,
Knock at the inn, there's a babe, to be born.
Only a stable to keep out the night,
Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem.
Hush now be quiet! A heavenly sight!
Jesus is born in Bethlehem.

"Do You Hear the Angels Singing"

Deborah C. Lutz

Do you hear the angels singing "Alleluia"?
Do you hear the angels singing "Glory on high"?
Do you hear the angels singing songs of praises?
"Tonight the Savior is born!"
Tonight, baby Jesus is born for us,
Born in a manger on a bed of hay.
Tonight, baby Jesus is born for us,
Born on Christmas day.

Cherub Choir (grades K-2)

***Hymn 40** (stanzas 1 and 4) - "Joy to the World!"

Antioch

SIXTH LESSON - Luke 2:8-20
The shepherds go to the manger.

Mark Kennison

"Sing Noel"

Natalie Sleeth

Shepherds, shepherds, hear the story; Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Rise and go to see his glory, leave your flock to welcome him!
Sing noel, O sing noel, for Christ is born!

Angels, angels, heavenly chorus, Christ has come to earth today.
Bright the star that shines before us, pointing clear to all the way.
Sing noel, O sing noel, for Christ is born!

Wisemen, wisemen, treasures bringing to the manger bed afar,
Joyful praises ever singing, follow now the guiding star.
Sing noel, O sing noel, for Christ is born!

"Away in a Manger"

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Sleep, sleep, sleep little babe;
We sing you a song.
Sleep, O sleep, sleep, sleep little babe;
We sing you a song,
Sleep, O sleep.

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
And fit us for heaven to live with you there.

"The Shepherd's Song"

Latin American Carol, arr. Mary Louise Wright

Let us go, O shepherds, to the town of Bethlehem.
There is born an infant, Manuel they call him.
Holy gifts of Christmas we would lay before him.
We are shepherds poor who seek him to adore him.

We have traveled far to see his face so radiant,
And the heavenly star has led us on our journey.
Holy gifts of Christmas we would lay before him.
We are shepherds poor who seek him to adore him.

"Ding, Dong! Merrily on High"

French carol, Michael P. Pavone

Ding, dong! merrily on high, in heav'n the bells are ringing;
Ding, dong! verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,
And "io, io, io" by priest and people sungen.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime your Matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rhyme your Evetime song, ye singers.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Knox Choir (grades 7-12)

***Hymn 44** (stanzas 1 and 3) - "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

St. Louis

SEVENTH LESSON - Matthew 2:1-11

Jeff Garrette

The Wisemen are led by the star to Jesus.

"What Star Is This, with Beams so Bright"

German Tune, arr. Kenneth Lowenberg

What star is this, with beams so bright,
More lovely than the noonday light?
'Tis sent to announce a newborn King,
Glad tidings of our God to bring.

'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed,
"From Jacob shall a star proceed:"
And lo! the Eastern sages stand
To read in heaven the Lord's command.

O Jesus, while the star of grace
Impels us on to seek your face,
Let not our slothful hearts refuse
The guidance of your light to use.

To God the Father, God the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in one,
May every tongue and nation raise
An endless song of thankful praise.

EIGHTH LESSON - John 1:1-5, 10-12, 14, 16
John unfolds the mystery of the incarnation.

Hymn - "Silent Night, Holy Night" (All sing)
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,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Stille Nacht

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM - The Noel Carol

French carol, arr. Mary E. Caldwell

Once more remember the prophet of old,
Wondrous the story he foretold.
Cometh to earth sweet Holy Child,
Born of a virgin pure and mild.
Glad prophecy, O virgin so fair,
A Son from heaven now declare!
Sing we Noel, Noel, Noel!

Hark to the angels' glorious strain,
Raising to God their glad refrain.
Lo! In the east yon shining star,
Guiding the wise men from afar.
See there he lies, rejoice, rejoice!
In praise now lift a joyful voice,
Sing we Noel, Noel, Noel!
Sing glad Hosannas now o'er all the earth,

Sound forth the Infant Jesus' birth.
Joyous the tidings of a Savior King,
To all salvation shall he bring?
O Lord of all, for evermore
Thy blessed Name shall we adore.
Sing we Noel, Noel, Noel!

***HYMN 56 - "The First Nowell"**
(Please stand at the first note of the organ.)

The First Nowell

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE - Seven-Fold Amen**

John Stainer

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY - Toccata on "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

German tune, arr. Paul Fey

(The Concluding Voluntary is the final Alleluia of our worship.
You are invited to remain in silence.)

*Please rise in body or spirit.

What is Advent? The season of Advent begins the Christian Year. The four Sundays preceding Christmas mark a time of preparation. Advent comes from a Latin word meaning "coming" or "arrival." The color is blue. The main preparation Christians make to welcome Christ anew into their lives is through self-examination and repentance. Advent is a season of penitence. It is similar in purpose to Lent and was modeled after it. Christians remember their own need for God to come again in their lives, confessing their sin and separation from God, and expressing deep longing for what God alone can give, the gift of new life and salvation. Advent is a time to remember that we also wait for Christ to come again. We are still sinners in need of redemption. The whole world longs for peace and justice. We continue to look for Jesus Christ to come to save us.



This Friday, December 19

12:00 noon - Handbell Prelude Westminster Ringers

12:10- 12:40 p.m. - Carol Sing

A fun and festive community event with carol singing by all and music by the Vocal Ensemble of Xenia High School. A quick lunch for \$7 will be served following the Carol Sing. Invite your friends!

MUSIC

The Service of Lessons and Carols: Originating in England, the Service of Lessons and Carols is one of the most beloved traditions of Advent and Christmas for many churches. God's purpose, from creation to the Incarnation, is proclaimed in a sequence of Scripture readings and both choral and congregational song. This service was first conceived by Archbishop Benson for use in the Truro Cathedral in the late nineteenth century and was simplified and adapted for use in King's College Chapel, Cambridge, in 1918.

Participating Choirs:

Westminster Ringers (Brent Manley, Director)
Westminster Choir (John Neely, Director)
Knox Choir (grades 7-12 - John Neely, Director)
Calvin Choir (grades 3-6 - John Neely, Director)
Cherub Choir (grades K-2; Rachael Boezi, Director)
Marcia Wood is directing the anthem with combined choirs.

Readers: Members of the Building and Grounds Committee

Bible Bearer: Tiernan Fuqua

Associate Pastor for Music: John Neely

Music Associate: Brent Manley

Soloists: Rachael Boezi

Chamber Choir:

Rachael Boezi, Kathy Raisch, Graysen Schaney
Sharon Norton, Sue Seeberger, Jane Thurman
Sean Hearrell, Tom Lehmann, John Norkus,
Aaron Meece, Dustin Payne, Nick Raines,

Instrumentalists:

Paul Agiro, Pianist
Christi Wilson, Pianist
Hilary Toerner, Flute
Mike Toerner - Percussion
Sarah Sanders, Vail McGuire, Linda Norkus, Robert Springer, Karen Armstrong,
Judy Payne - Anthem Handbells
Josh Bodey, Hilary Toerner, Mike Toerner - Orff Tone Bars

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Please stop by our Children's Ministry check-in desk anytime between 9:40-10:05 a.m. to record your child's attendance and receive their name tag.

Infants and Toddlers, Room 108 (Infant - 3 years old), are cared for from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 108. Parents of infants will be contacted via text by the nursery staff in case immediate communication is needed while they worship in the Sanctuary. During the worship hour, children take part in an activity and enjoy a snack.

No Children's Classes for this Sunday. Normal class schedules resume next Sunday, Dec. 21

Choirs for children and youth today

11:30-12:15

Genesis Singers (4 and 5 year olds, pre-kindergarten) - Rm. 104 - Hilary Toerner, Director

Cherub Choir (grades K-2), Theater - Rachael Boezi, Director

Calvin Choir (grades 3-6), Rm. 100 (Choir Room) - John Neely, Director

Knox Ringers (grades 7-12) Rm. 203-205 - Brent Manley, Director

Knox Choir -Today's schedule

3:00 p.m. - Leave the parking lot to sing at Vienna Springs Health Campus

5:00 p.m. - Youth Christmas Party at the home of the Powell Family

(A regular schedule of rehearsals will resume on January 11.)

Junior High and Senior High Youth Fellowships Knox Choir Caroling - We will leave from the Westminster Parking lot at 3:00 p.m. to provide a short musical program at Vienna Springs. Youth should wear festive holiday attire. Following the program the group will be transported to the Youth Christmas Party.

The Youth Christmas Party will be at the home of The Powell Family (525 Maysfield Rd, Dayton, 45419). All youth in grades 7 - 12 are welcome. Youth are asked to bring a wrapped candy or sweet (\$5 value) to exchange. We will return to the parking lot at 7:00 p.m. Parents, please let Nancy know in advance if you plan to pick-up your student at the party.

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

Welcome Visitors: We are so glad to welcome you to worship with us today! Whether you are just passing through or looking for a new church community, we hope you feel right at home. At Westminster we believe that Jesus welcomes all people, just as they are, and so do we. We understand the life of faith to be a journey that is better walked together than alone. Following worship please join us for Coffee and Conversation in the Fellowship Hall, or join one of our Sunday School classes. We hope you will explore the bulletin as well as our website www.westminsterdayton.org to learn more about us. Please leave us your name and contact information in the Friendship Pad so we can get to know you as well! Grace and peace to you. -Westminster Pastoral Staff and Congregation

Celebrate Advent, this holy season of waiting, with an Advent devotional book from our library. *Please check out books by signing the folder on the small table.*

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

The red poinsettias in the Chancel vases are given in loving memory of Merritt and Dottie Culp and Jack Culp, by their family.

If you are interested in donating Chancel flowers, please contact Kay Berg (bergkay07@gmail.com or 937-367-9297). Please note that there is a one month lead time for flower donation announcements.

Emergency Response Team: Thomas Hildreth

During the service, **if you notice someone who appears to require medical attention**, please raise your hand or contact the head usher. Emergency Response Team members will care for the person.

If you have a security concern please notify the head usher who can connect you to our security personnel.

Each week the churches of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley keep one particular congregation or group in their prayers. This week the churches are praying for **Good Shepherd United Presbyterian Church, Piqua.**

Westminster is a praying church and we would love to pray for you. You are welcome to **add your prayer to our Prayer Wall**, located in the Sanctuary near the front on the east wall. You will find paper and pencil to write your private prayer to God and place it between the bricks of the wall.

If you have a prayer request you would like to share with our **Westminster Prays weekly email**, please use the Prayer Request Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering box following worship. You can sign up to receive the Westminster Prays email and share prayer requests or other pastoral needs directly with our pastoral staff by emailing caitlin@westminsterdayton.org or calling 937-907-6078.



Draw Near: An Advent Devotional by Teri McDowell Ott

Each Advent, we are invited to slow down and pay attention — not just to Christmas on the horizon, but to Christ's presence with us here and now. *Draw Near*, written by *Outlook* Editor/Publisher Teri McDowell Ott, is a devotional that helps you do just that.

Following the traditional Advent themes of hope, peace, joy, and love,

each week offers Scripture, reflection, prayer and a simple practice to guide your days. **Every week in Advent we will have new reflections available in the Westminster Notes and some paper copies will be available in the Church Office.**





Will be Received Next Sunday, December 21

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage.



Are you ready to boost your emergency preparedness and learn how to respond in critical situations? Dive into our interactive session that covers vital techniques like:

- Hands-Only CPR & AED
- Choking Response
- Life-Threatening Bleeding Management

Get ready for an exciting experience with hands-on activities at four (AED will be separate) dynamic skill stations following demonstrations. This empowering class is led by American Red Cross instructor Becky Bower, alongside the dedicated WPC Emergency Response Team and Deacon volunteers.

Register by Monday, January 5, to ensure we have adequate supplies. Either sign up online or call the Church Office (937-223-7285).

Christmas Eve Services

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER
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Christmas in the Stable

4:00 p.m.

Family Oriented Service Genesis Singers, Cherub, and Calvin Choirs

Christmas in the Cathedral

9:20 p.m. - Prelude

10:00 p.m. - Service

Traditional Candlelight Service Westminster Choir, Knox Ringers, Betsey Hofeldt, Violin; Mark Hofeldt, Cello

EARTH STEWARDSHIP

ADVENT CALENDAR

15 Plant a tree in honor/memory of a loved one. In your yard or through a charity like onetreepanted.org.

18 Wrap more sustainably. Reuse gift wrap, use newspaper or fabric, use gift bags over and over. Avoid shiny or glittery wrapping paper. It is not recyclable!

16 Choose GMO- free soy or beeswax candles with natural essential oils. Avoid paraffin (petroleum byproduct) candles which contain chemicals that can lead to health issues and indoor air pollution.

19 Be creative! Make gifts and ornaments from nature or items in your home. Many ideas are available online.

20 Search websites for local shelters or non-profits and find their Wish Lists. Purchase and donate these items.

17 Plan simple holiday meals. Buy local, organic and fair trade when possible. Make some meat-free meals. Commercially produced meat is a significant contributor to climate change and often leads to deforestation and biodiversity loss.

21 Discover quiet in the holiday chaos by taking a walk/hike in nature and noticing the beauty around you. Play I Spy with your children/ grandchildren to help them notice, too.

Earth Stewardship Ministry Team shares Earth friendly suggestions for the Advent season. Each Sunday, the bulletin will post the tips for the coming week. The entire calendar is available on the website or through the QR code. Wishing all a blessed, season that cares for God's creation.



Christmas Poinsettias

Your donation can help lift the spirits of another!



As part of our Advent/Christmas preparation, we purchase dozens of poinsettias that will be delivered by the deacons and care teams to members who could use extra cheer. You are invited to share in the funding of this special Christmas ministry by donating money in memory, honor, or celebration of someone you care about.

The poinsettias purchased with your donations will be delivered well before Christmas, bringing joy and comfort wherever they go. ***Please note: no other flowers will be ordered except those being delivered by deacons and care ministries.***

It is suggested that your gift be \$12 or more, but may be any amount you wish. Checks must be received in the Church Office by **TODAY, December 14**, and made payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and marked "Church Decorating." Donations may also be made online on our website (www.westminsterdayton.org). The worship service bulletin on December 21 will include names of the donors and names of those being recognized by your generous gift.

Your donation must be accompanied by a paper form, or online form, for your message to be included in the bulletin.



Christmas Poinsettias

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ to decorate our church.

Please print NAME(S) ONLY of those you wish to appear in the bulletin.

(circle one) In memory of - In honor of - Celebrating

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Church Calendar December 14-December 20

Sunday, Dec. 14

- 8:30am-12:30pm** Nursery Birth-Age 3, Nursery
- 10:00am-11:00am** Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:20am-11:30am** 1st & 2nd Grade, 103, 105
- 11:00am-12:30pm** Coffee & Conversation
Fellowship Hall
- 11:15am-12:15pm** Knox Ringers Rehearsal,
Rooms 207, 203, 205
- 11:30am-12:15pm** Calvin Choir Rehearsal,
Choir Room
- 11:30am-12:15pm** Cherub Choir Rehearsal,
Theater
- 11:30am-12:15pm** Genesis Singers Rehearsal,
104
- 11:30am-3:00pm** Deacon's Lunch & Caroling
West Parlor, Offsite
- 3:30pm-5:00pm** Knox Choir Caroling,
Offsite
- 5:00pm-7:30 pm** Youth Christmas Party, Offsite

Monday, Dec. 15

- 6:00pm-7:30pm** Bach Society Board Meeting,
West Parlor
- 6:30pm-8:30pm** Young Adult Bible Study,
Offsite
- 7:00pm-8:30pm** Earth Stewardship Ministry
Team, Library

Tuesday, Dec. 16

- 3:00pm-4:30pm** CTF Aesthetics Committee,
West Parlor

Wednesday, Dec. 17

- 9:00am-12:00pm** Staff Meeting , West Parlor
- 10:00am-12:30pm** ID Ministry, Chapel, Chapel
Reception
- 12:15pm-1:30pm** Women's Therapeutic Court,
Fellowship Hall

Thursday, Dec. 18

- 6:00pm-7:15pm** Westminster Ringers Rehearsal
207, 203, 205
- 7:30pm-9:30pm** Westminster Choir Rehearsal,
Choir Room

Friday, Dec. 19

- 12:10pm-1:30 pm** Noonday Carol Sing & Lunch
Sanc, WP, FH, 103, 105, Kit
- 6:30pm-8:30 pm** Young Adult Christmas Party,
Offsite

* Please note these dates and times are subject to change. This calendar does not include all private meetings and events in the church. Please contact church staff to reserve meeting space.



Thank you for coming to Westminster today! We hope to see you again soon. If you enjoyed the service, and want to help us continue to share the love of God with our neighbors and transform their lives, please consider donating to our ministries. Donation boxes are located in the Narthex and by the elevator. You can also donate online at www.westminsterdayton.org/give or by scanning the QR code to the left with the camera of any smart device. You can also text "give" to 937-468-4003.

"Once in Royal David's City" (49)

Stanza 1 – Soloist

Stanza 2 – Chamber Choir

Stanzas 3 and 4 – All sing

Stanza 3

Jesus is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us he grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles, like us he knew;
And he feels for our sadness,
And he shares in our gladness.

Stanza 4

And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love,
For that Child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heav'n above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" (58)

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.
"Fear not," said he for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and humankind.
"To you, in David's town, this day
is born of David's line
The Savior, who is Christ the Lord,
And this shall be the sign:
"The heavenly babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All humbly wrapped in swaddling bands,
And in a manger laid."
Thus spoke the seraph, and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song:
"All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace:

Good will to all from highest heaven
Begin and never cease."

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (1)

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (9)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

"God Rest You Merry Gentlemen"

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior
Was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray.

Refrain:

O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father
A blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same;
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name. (Refrain)

Now to the Lord sing praises
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All other doth deface. (Refrain)

O Come, All ye Faithful (41)

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him,
Born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all
Glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

Joy to the World (40)

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (44)

O little town of Bethlehem,

How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.
How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

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,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

"The First Nowell" (31)

The first Nowell the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they
lay;
In fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

REFRAIN

Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!
Born is the King of Israel!
They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

REFRAIN

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

REFRAIN

This star drew nigh to the northwest:
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

REFRAIN

Then entered in those wise men three,
Fell reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence,
Their gold and myrrh, and frankincense.

REFRAIN

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.

REFRAIN