



*Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All God's People*



*"Put on then, as God's  
chosen ones, holy and beloved,  
compassionate hearts,  
kindness, humility,  
meekness, and patience."*

Colossians 3:12

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**December 27, 2015  
10:00 a.m. Worship**

*First time here? We are happy to have you visit with us today and hope that your worship experience is blessed. Please pick up a free visitor bag in the narthex. All are invited for coffee and fellowship in Bowen Hall after the service.*

***Children with you?** Activity materials for young worshipers are in the entry way. Child care (2-3yrs) and Sunday School are provided during the service. Infants with a parent may enjoy our quiet room while listening to the service.  
**Assistance needed?** The ushers have large print bulletins and hearing devices for you.*

## **CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

*\*One asterisk signifies the congregation stands if able. Throughout the service the bold type is spoken by the congregation*

*PRELUDE                                   “Serenade to the Holy Family”                                   by Hector Berlioz*

### *WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:*

*Please sign the red friendship pad and pass it along for the whole pew to sign.*

*Ring of the Bells*

*INTROIT                                   “How Great Our Joy!”                                   arr. Hugo Jungst*

*\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)*

We are here because we have heard a promise of peace

**and we have faith its day will come**

we have heard a rumor of justice

**and we have faith its day will come**

we have heard a whisper of hope

**and we have faith its day will come**

we have heard a hint of love

**and we have faith its day will come**

we have heard of the birth of the Christ-child

**and we have faith his day is here.**

Welcome to Christmastide!

**Let us worship God!**

*\*HYMN # 143                                   “Angels from the Realm of Glory”                                   by Henry T. Smart, 1867*

*\*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (unison)*

*Eddie Seamans*

**On this the first Sunday of Christmas, as another year draws to a close,**

**we come together before God and with one another, acknowledging:**

**the ways in which we have been caught up in the frenzied spirit of the holidays and turned away from Your Spirit of Peace.**

**We are sorry for the times we have focused on our own lives and desires, and**

**neglected the voices of your children who cry out for Justice.  
in our focus on making the season perfect, we ignored the hurting people and  
broken places in our world in need of Healing. At times we have dismissed  
Christmas as a time only for children, and we have stubbornly closed our hearts to  
your amazing gift of Love. O Holy Child of Bethlehem, Word Become Flesh, our  
Savior and King, hear us as we humbly pray,  
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. (*silent confession*) Amen.**

*\*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (responsively)*

Hear the good news of Christmas. Today God reveals to us the wonders of divine love.  
**For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given. His name shall be called  
Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.**  
Thanks be to God for the greatest gift ever given! **Alleluia!**

*\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE*

*#581*

*Gloria Patri*

*CALL FOR OFFERING*

*OFFERTORY*

*“No Room”*

*by John Peterson arr. Fred Bock*

*\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Please be seated)*

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)*

*Hymn #451 (Verse 2)*

*FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 148*

**This is the Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!**

*ANTHEM “What Can I Give Him?” David & Bonnie Huntsinger arr. by Tom Fettke*

*SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 3:12-17*

**This is the Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!**

*SERMON:*

*Is It Over? Or A New Beginning?*

*Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway*

*\*HYMN#118 “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night” by George Handel*

*PRAYER OF INTERCESSION FOR CHRISTMAS*

Let us pray to God, who came among us in the birth of Jesus: Gracious God, as a star  
rose, and drew people from great distances to Bethlehem that they might greet the Christ-  
child; Draw us, your Church, and all of your people to you – that we might be the Church  
and the People who you call us to be. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As you gave Mary your Holy Spirit, filling her with the delight of your Presence; Fill us with your Spirit, and renew our lives. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As angels sang ‘glorias’ to you and proclaimed peace on earth, and goodwill among all peoples; Bring us your peace, and bring an end to and terror and strife. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As Jesus was born in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn; Be especially present with those who have nowhere to lay their head, those who are vulnerable, and those who are hungry. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As the Holy Family gathered together in Bethlehem, and traveled together to far off lands; Bless all families, especially the families of our church, and protect those who travel. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As your son came to proclaim the forgiveness of sins, and the gift of Life Eternal; Give to the departed eternal rest and let Light perpetual shine on them. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For those who are sick, ..... For those who are serving in our armed forces...For those who have died.....In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

O Lord our God, may the Light and Hope of this season, and of your Incarnation, reassure our hearts that you are among us, that you hear our prayer, and that your love will be with us always, even to the end of the age. We pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray: **(The Lord’s Prayer) Amen.**

\*HYMN#145

“What Child Is This?” *English ballad, 16<sup>th</sup> cent. arr, 1871*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Hallelujah” (*Chorus from Messiah*) by George Frideric Handel

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**Did you know?** Christmastide is the festival season from Christmas Eve until after Epiphany. The hymn: "What Child Is This?" was derived from a longer poem, "The Manger Song." It was first published in 1865. William Chatterton Dix fell seriously ill, and was confined to his bed for an extended period of time. He underwent a true spiritual crisis during this illness, and spent much time in prayer and the reading of Christian literature. He came through the crisis and devoted much of his later poetry to Christian themes. He wrote a number of hymns including: "As with Gladness, Men of Old."

References: **Call to Worship**— by Cheryl Lawrie, on blog <http://holdthinspace.org.au/>

**Congregational prayer** — Rev. Nancy J, on blog, wonderings through life and other such nonsense.

**Prayer of the People** — written by Fr. Rick Morley, and posted on his [Rick Morley](#) blog.



# PRAYER REQUESTS

*Please include in your prayers*

***Those mourning the loss of a friend or family member***

- ❖ Please pray for the family of Mary Alice Harker who passed away on Tuesday. *Her memorial will be here on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.*
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Joseph Marzak who passed away last weekend.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Ed Le Du who passed away recently.
- ❖ Please pray for Julie Bright's family as they mourn her father's passing.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Steve Cairns who passed away on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

***Please pray for those facing health issues***

John Baker	Jim Chestnut*	Pamela Sage
Judy Bello	The Conley Family *	Carole Somer
Dan Boland ( <i>Kathryn Fenner's friend</i> )	(* <i>Friends of the Fenners</i> )	Vera Patten
Cindy Goede	Chris Hilen	Ed and Fay St. John
Krissy Healy	Ron Kram	Laurie Villareal ( <i>Shirley Weber's family friend</i> )
Jim Mason	Marie Patchin	Sylvia Turner
Sam Imbimbo	Albert Reil	
	Alan Reil	

***Those serving in our military***

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, US Navy Jason Imbimbo, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Alaska and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center.

**Do you need a chair lift?** Please contact the office or Pastor Cindy if interested.

*Liturgist: Chris Rhodes*



***Flowers are given by Jonathan Steele to the glory of God and in memory of his father, Ben Steele and honoring mother, Joy Steele.***

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Sundays

ADULT FORUM 11:30 am January 10: *What's New at Westminster Woods?*  
BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS 4<sup>TH</sup> Sundays in the library after church  
KERYGMA BIBLE STUDY 8:15 am "*Amos and Hosea*" **NOT MEETING IN DECEMBER**  
MUSIC MEMORY WORKSHOP 9:00 am *Learn the Ukulele! in Sunday School Rm.*  
WORSHIP 10 am

## Mondays

SENIOR EXERCISE 10 am in the Rose Rm. **NOT MEETING DEC. 21<sup>ST</sup>**  
PW EVENING BIBLE STUDY 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 7 pm

## Tuesdays

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: **NOT MEETING DEC. 22<sup>ND</sup> OR DEC. 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
PW WOMEN 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays Bible Study at 10:30 am and Potluck Luncheon 12:15 pm.

## Wednesdays RESUMES IN JANUARY

GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP 4–6 pm *Help and encouragement after the loss of a spouse, child, family member, or friend to death, dementia or separation.*

## CULTURAL LITERACY RELIGIONS 7 pm

*Everything the well-educated person should know. Experience the breadth and depth of the world's religions from all angles—historical, theological, and cultural. A Great Courses Video class with Prof. Berkson of Hamline Univ.*

## Thursdays

## CULTURAL LITERACY RELIGIONS 9:00 am **RESUMES IN JANUARY**

**See Calendar for special practice dates during December.** BELLS PRACTICE 6 pm  
and CHOIR PRACTICE 7:30 pm *Welcome!*

BOOK CLUB 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 3:30 pm Dec. 17 – *The Snow Child* by Lowyn Ivey

FAVORITE FILM SERIES 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 2 pm: **NO FILMS IN NOV. OR DEC.**

## Fridays

**Not meeting on Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> or Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>**

Noon Hour of Prayer & Encouragement: Meditative music and readings. Join us!

*If you ordered a memorial poinsettia, you may take it home after the service.*

# No MHS BREAKFAST DEC.18 – JAN.1

## TAX TIP!

In case you want to save on your taxes, Congress reinstated the IRA Charitable Rollover Provision. This allows those over age 70½ to have a distribution of up to \$100,000 made directly from their IRA to the Presbyterian Church of the Roses. They will not include the distribution as income, but still count the amount towards satisfaction of the required minimum distribution amount. By not including this income, you may be driving down your overall marginal tax rate. Please act before December 31, 2015 to take advantage of this provision if possible! We would appreciate it, too! *(Thanks to Dan Bargar for this information!)*



**What's New  
at Westminster Woods?**  
**Ask Executive Director Chris Rhodes**

**Sunday Jan. 10  
11:30 a.m.  
in the Rose Room**



**Epiphany Service: Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

### **CALLING ALL VOYAGERS!**

*It's time again for our annual planning meeting for events during 2016.*

Come to the Rose Room after church on **Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>** with ideas and calendars.

We'll have a light lunch while we do our planning. Be thinking about what event you can host, and also consider being the incoming coordinators for the group. *Any questions, call Gene and Carole Michel, 542-5572*

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

**Tues. 12/29 OPEN 9-NOON**

**Wed. 12/30 OPEN 9-NOON**

**Thursday 12/31 OPEN**

**Friday 1/1 CLOSED**

### **LOST at Cantata**

**Black Motorola Cell Phone  
Black Gloves that hook**

**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR BOX OF  
ENVELOPES AFTER THE SERVICE.**