

**THERE IS NO GREATER JOY THAN CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF JESUS  
MAY YOUR HEART KNOW THE BLESSING OF EVERY GIFT HE GIVES!  
THE STAFF OF WESTMINSTER WISHES YOU A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS!**

**WE WISH TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO HAVE MADE OUR WORSHIP  
CELEBRATIONS MEANINGFUL THIS ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON.**

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Verdeen Strain  
**PIANIST:** Nat Stasinski  
**BRASS QUARTET:** Austin Dabenstadt, Chris Speranza,  
Catherine Sobilo, Michael Peters  
**VOCAL QUARTET:** Sheree Richardson, Amanda Fieldhouse,  
Don Hill, John Higley  
**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC:** Stephan Zajac  
**WORSHIP LEADER:** Lesly Casper

**Westminster Chorale**

**Sopranos**

Haley Fieldhouse  
Kathy Madgiak  
Sheree Richardson  
Bunny Schlotman  
Lorna Sobilo  
Mary Zale

**Altos**

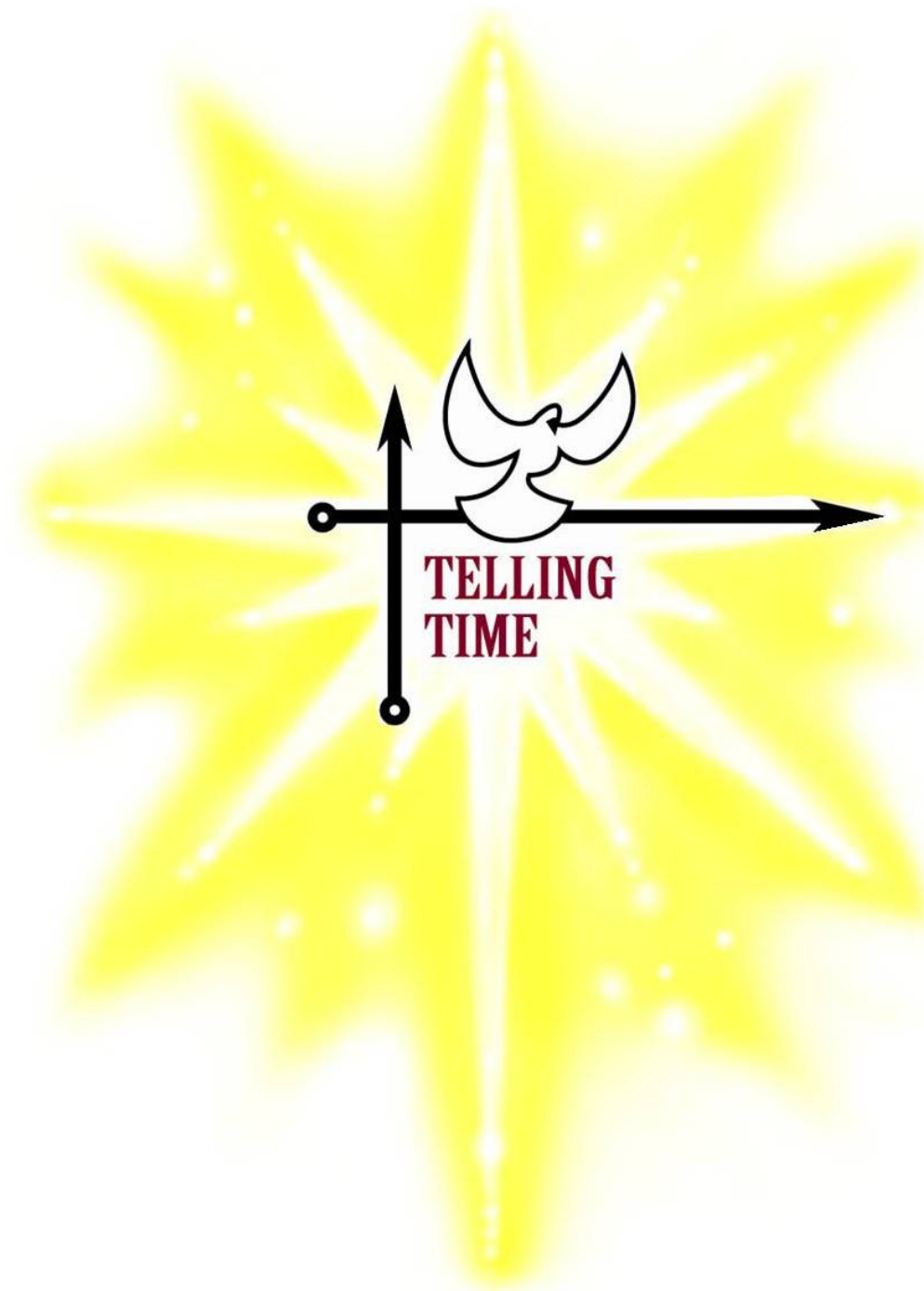
Gail Blackmun  
Lynn Bolanowski  
Amanda Fieldhouse  
Linda Kauffman  
Laura Kucera  
Mary Lomey

**Tenors**

Donald Hill  
Tim Sweeney  
Tim Wittkamp  
Glenn Zale

**Basses and Baritones**

John Higley  
Sandy Kauffman  
Jim Severa  
Art Thompson  
Phil Madgiak



**We invite you to Sunday worship at Westminster  
To connect with God as we celebrate the New Year together.**

**10:30 a.m. Christmas Day Service (Contemporary Worship)**  
Childcare will be available for children Nursery through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade.

**10:30 a.m. New Year's Day Service (Traditional Worship)**  
Childcare will be available for children Nursery through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade.

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December 24, 2011

Traditional Candlelight Celebration

*We ask that you please remember to turn off cell phones and pagers (or put them on vibrate) when you enter the sanctuary. Thank you.*

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

**WELCOME AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Tonight let us open our hearts to the Son of God. As a star cuts through the darkness of the night, let our candles reflect that light as we walk where God leads us.

**INTROIT:** *O Holy Night*

Sheree Richardson and Don Hill

Adolphe Adams – arr. Carl Deis

**A VOICE IN THE DARKNESS**

Isaiah 9: 2

**\*CAROL:** *O Come All Ye Faithful*

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!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing!  
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!

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**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*All is Well* Michael W. Smith and Wayne Kirkpatrick  
Westminster Chorale with Haley Fieldhouse, soloist

**COMMUNION PRAYER** (unison)

**Most loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE CANDLE LIGHTING**

(The pastor will light his candle; the light bearers will then light their candles from his. They will proceed up the center aisle, lighting the candle of the worshiper closest to the aisle. Your neighbor will dip the unlit candle into your lit candle, continuing across until all candles have been lit.)

**Note:** Please wait for an usher to lead you out of the Sanctuary by dismissing your row.

**\*RECESSIONAL CAROL:** *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.

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing: Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born, 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, 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, Christ the Savior is born.

## THE LIGHT REFLECTED

### WORSHIP THROUGH OFFERING

(The loose offering will be given to Greater Hammond Community Services.)

**OFFERTORY:** *Jesu, Light of Lights* Rob Mathes & Phil Naish arr. Fettke  
Westminster Chorale with Lorna Sobilo, soloist

### CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE AMONG US

#### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: It is indeed right, our delight and duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord.

**People: We praise you, because you sent Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born of Mary, that we might be delivered from sin, and receive power to become your children.**

Leader: We thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus, light in darkness, Savior of all, who was born in a poor place, who now rules the world, Lord of lords and King of kings. Therefore, with choirs of angels and the whole company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name, joining our voices in their unending praise:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. ~Amen.**

#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### GATHERING CALL

Leader: Let us look with eyes of faith for the One who is sent from God.

**People: Let us journey to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which God has promised us.**

## THE LIGHT REVEALED

### THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

**O God, give us such love and wonder that with shepherds, angels, wise men and countless pilgrims unknown, we may come to adore the Holy child, our promised King. Long ago, those first visitors came to him in worship and adoration. Now amid decorations, lights and windows of colored glass, we come too, Lord. Hear this prayer offered in that Child's Holy Name. Amen.**

**\*CAROL:** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

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, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
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!

**CAROL:** *Lo, How a Rose*  
Quartet

Praetorius arr. by Shaw-Parker

### CHRISTMAS LITANY

Leader: As a single candle seen from far away, so is the hope of Jesus.

**People: As a match struck in a cave, so is the relief from fear that is Jesus.**

Leader: As a lighthouse beaming forth light,

**People: So is the strength of God's light.**

Leader: As the warm light of the hearth fire,  
**People: So is the comfort of God's promises.**

Leader: God guards us from the deep darkness of evil and fear.  
**People: The love of God leads us all into the Light of Life.**

Leader: Gloria in Excelsis Deo!  
**People: Praise be to the Son.**

Leader: Gloria! Gloria in Excelsis Deo!  
**People: Praise be to the Spirit.**

Leader: Praise be to our God:  
**People: Three in One! Amen.**

## THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Sobilo Family

## THE BIRTH

Luke 2: 8-20

**CAROL:** *Angels, Kings and Folk*

Ben Allaway

Westminster Chorale

*What did the angels see when they looked down upon this ordinary town?  
What could a humble village have in store with heavenly legions winging o'er?  
What did the star reveal in the night? A woman in her plight, a husband searching for an  
open door. What did the oxen hear that bade them low? It wasn't time to plow or tow,  
Who were these strangers huddling from the cold, a mother young, the father old?  
What simple comfort could they hope to find to ease her in her time, a manger's warmth,  
A sleeping lamb to hold. What glorious voices woke the shepherds then in joys cascading  
'cross the heaven? What message brought them running to the town to join the welcome  
gathering 'round? "Sing alleluia to this King newborn to save the meek and worn, both  
lamb and shepherd to the lost, the found." How the angels still take up the song across  
the world wide and long. The star-anointed path is bright ahead for those who seek the  
manger bed. Sing, angels, kings, and folk, your alleluias still, believe, believe and let the  
Spirit song be fed. Alleluia!*

## \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**\*CAROL:** *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

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 the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

## THE WORD BECOMES FLESH

John 1: 1-5, 9

## THE LIGHT RECEIVED

**CAROL:** *Candlelight Carol*

Westminster Chorale

John Rutter

## A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

**CAROL:** *All My Heart This Night Rejoices*

Westminster Chorale

Johann Georg Ebling

## THE STORY

*Remembering Joseph*