

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

11:00 Order of Worship for December 29, 2019

The First Sunday of Christmas

## Welcome and Announcements

Prelude                      Voluntary on an Old French Carol                      Leon Roques

## ◆Call to Worship

Leader:                      The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People:                      **Alleluia! Christ is born!**

Leader:                      Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,  
on them light has shined.

People:                      **Alleluia! Christ is born!**

Leader:                      For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.  
And the government shall be upon his shoulder;  
and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

People:                      **Alleluia! Christ is born!**

## ◆Invocation

◆Hymn No. 134                      Joy to the World!                      Antioch

## ◆Sharing Christ's Peace

Leader:                      The peace of Christ be with you.

People:                      **And also with you.**

## Time for Children

◆Hymn No. 143                      Angels from the Realms of Glory

## Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson                      John 1:1-18

Leader:                      The Word of the Lord.

People:                      **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon                      The Word Became Flesh                      Pastor Daniel

◆Hymn No. 140                      Once in Royal David's City                      Irby

## ◆Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Pastoral Prayer and The 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 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

## Giving of our Tithes and Personal Commitments

Offertory

What Is This Fragrance So Appealing

Paul Manz

## ◆Offering Song

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

## ◆Prayer of Dedication

◆Hymn No. 136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Go Tell It

## ◆Benediction and Response

**We sing together: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

◆Postlude

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

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◆ *Please stand, if able*