

## Poinsettias Dedication

### **Tom & Ellise Adams**

In Honor of Gorden Darnell  
In Honor of Ken Adams  
In Honor of Ruby Adams

### **John & Susann Anderson**

In Memory of Karen Alm

### **Bill & Lady Emrich**

In Memory of Ethan Emrich  
In Memory of William Emrich, Sr.

### **Dave & Carol Evans**

Dedicated to Buell & Margaret Evans  
Dedicated to Watt McCallum

### **Bob & Lynn Frederick**

In Honor of James Tozer

### **Fulcher Family**

In Honor of Eleanor Fulcher  
Dedicated to Susan Bryan

### **Joel Hall**

In Memory of Martha Hall

### **David & Dixie Hammond**

In Honor of Paul & Lorraine Alexander

### **Cyndy Hooks**

In Honor of Ricky Sparks

### **Warren & Kathy Jackson**

In Honor of those who have gone to Glory

### **Scooter & Angie Johnson**

In Memory of Laurel Mariah Johnson

In Memory of Bob & Jane Johnson

In Memory of Buren & Satoko Craig

In Memory of Ryan Corder

### **The Nemati Family**

In Memory of Gerald Martin Herber

In Memory of James Gordon Davis

In Memory of Cheryl Curran

### **Fay Newman**

In Memory of sister, Esther

In Memory of brother, Paul

### **Scott & Barbara Nicol**

In Memory of Carl and Ann Jackson

In Memory of Douglas & Betty Nicol

### **Wade & Amanda Pettus**

In Memory of Evelyn Frances Guiles

### **Malcolm & Christa Post**

In Memory of Sandy Cox

In Memory of Richard Post

### **Jim & Juanita Service**

Dedicated to Craig Aiken

### **Anne Sprague**

In Memory of my Husband, Eddie

### **The Stegman Family**

In Honor of Gary & Gloria Stegman

In Honor of Bob & Carolyn Jeffus

### **Pat Thompson**

In Honor of Dick Thompson

Mr. & Mrs. Thompson

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Souder

### **Ann Streeter**

In Honor of Debbie Kaufmann's Birthday

In Honor of Kathy Mansfield's Birthday

In Honor of Lisa Pomnitz's Birthday

### **Suzanne Wellborn**

In Honor of Levi Hughes

In Memory of John Humphrey Goucher

## SERMON NOTES



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service  
2018

## A BEACON OF HOPE

OFFERING LIFE AND LIGHT  
IN CHRIST TO THOSE IN  
DARKNESS, HERE AND  
AROUND THE WORLD



*"In Him was life, and this life  
was the light of men."*

*John 1:4*



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# Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

## Christmas Eve 2018

5:00 PM

**The Prelude** Mr. Art McKinney

**The Welcome**

† **The Call to Worship** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Pastor: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

People: **For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government, and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it, with justice and with righteousness, from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.**

† **The Hymn of Praise** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #208

† **The Invocation**

**The Confession of Faith** *The Nicene Creed*

I 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 sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, 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 I believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

\*"catholic" means "universal" church, the true church in all times and places

**The Congregational Carols**

*God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen* #211  
*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* #221  
*What Child is This* #213

† **Congregation standing**

**The Evening Prayer**

**Offertory** *Still, Still, Still* Sanctuary Choir

English Lyrics Translation by Meg Peacocke  
German Carol arranged by Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

Still, still, still, let all the world be still,  
For Mary lays her son to rest,  
Sings to him softly at her breast,  
Still, still, still, let all the world be still.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, my dearest baby sleep,  
The angels all rejoice and sing,  
Heav'n for your delight shall ring,  
Sleep, sleep, sleep, my dearest baby sleep.

Joy, joy, joy, my heart is filled with joy,  
The God of love has left His throne,  
Made this humble world his own,  
Joy, joy, joy, my heart is filled with joy!

**The Ministry of the Word** Mr. Joe Steele

“The Annunciation of Christ’s Birth, Part II”  
Luke 1:26-38

† **The Hymn of Response** *Of the Father’s Love Begotten* #162

**The Words of Meditation** John 1:9-13

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

**The Sharing of the Light**

*The ushers will light the candles of those sitting on the aisle. Once lit, hold your candle upright and have the person sitting next to you tip the wick from their candle into the flame. The lit candles need to remain upright to prevent the hot wax from spilling.*

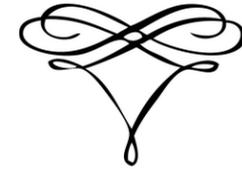
*At the conclusion of singing Silent Night place one hand behind the flame and blow gently to extinguish the candle. Please supervise any children for safety and to eliminate wax spills. There will be collection boxes for the candles at each exit following the benediction.*

† **The Concluding Carol** *Silent Night* #210

† **The Benediction**

**The Postlude** Mr. Art McKinney

*Merry Christmas!*



This evening’s offering will be given to the **PCA Ministerial Relief Fund**, which aids widowed and retired church servants across the denomination in times of severe financial need. For more information, please see the insert in your bulletin.

#### Aids to Worship

To use the church’s Wi-Fi, select WPC Guest and enter ‘matthew633’ when asked.

Hearing assistance devices are available at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

Binders with today’s hymns and readings in large print are available at the round table in the lobby. Please return them there after the service.

To hear an audio of today’s sermons again, go [www.wpc-hsv.org](http://www.wpc-hsv.org) and click on the link at the bottom right corner of the home page.

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