



WCC UPDATE

DECEMBER 2024



MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

FROM YOUR CHURCH STAFF—

Matt, Teresa, Rico and Karen

PERSONALLY FROM THE PASTOR

Did you know that, worldwide, an average of 250 babies are born every minute? That means more than 130 million babies are born per year. In the United States alone, approximately four million babies are born annually! Birth is such a common occurrence that one has to wonder why it is that we celebrate the birth of Jesus every Christmas. What is it about this baby in particular that is so special? What is so remarkable about a baby born in a manger over two thousand years ago, far away in the Middle East? Why all the lights, carols, and festivities?

In 1865, a 29-year-old insurance salesman named William Chatterton Dix was afflicted with a mysterious illness that left him bedridden for several months and caused him to fall into a deep depression. Fortunately, Dix underwent a spiritual renewal as he recovered from this near-death experience. During this time-frame Dix wrote the words to one of my favorite Christmas carols. I think he articulates why it is that we celebrate the birth of Jesus year-after-year far better than I could ever hope to! Dix writes:

“What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!”

Indeed, we celebrate the birth of Jesus every year precisely because the Baby of Bethlehem was no ordinary child—he is Christ the King! The reason we make such a big deal about this one baby is because he is the promised Messiah, who is God with us and God for us.

I’d like to encourage you to invite your family, your friends, and your neighbors to join us for worship this month, especially for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Let’s share the good news of our Savior’s arrival!

Merry Christmas!
Matt Stiveson

THANK YOU!



Thank you to those who participated in this year's Thanksgiving Dinner. We had over 100 people attend this year. We especially appreciate the hard work by the Membership Ministry Team in preparing and making this happen for us all to enjoy!

MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE

Hello Church Family!

I can't believe it is December already, and that the holiday season is here. The choir has been working hard on this year's Christmas cantata called "This is Christmas."

"Every Christmas, we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. In this cantata, the story of Christmas is told through familiar carols, inspired original melodies, and thoughtful narration."

We will present this beautiful cantata on December 22nd during the morning service at 9:30 am. We hope you will be able to join us.

God bless!

Teresa

Dr. Teresa Crane, D.M.A.

STAFF APPRECIATION

It is a tradition of our church to show our appreciation to the church staff at the end of service on the Sunday immediately preceding Christmas. There will be a green basket in the Narthex on December 22 for those who would like to give them a card.



WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY THROUGH JUNE 2025

Would you like to **help out on Sunday mornings during worship**? We schedule our volunteers for a period of six months and would love to help you get plugged in! Below are the opportunities that are available:

- **AUDIO/VISUAL BOOTH** (operates the PowerPoint worship program)
- **CAMERA OPERATOR** (using a remote, changes the camera angles for the online service)
- **GREETER AT THE DOOR** (welcomes people at the door, hands out bulletins)
- **SERVER** (collects offering and serves communion with a team)
- **COMMUNION & OFFERING INVITATION AND PRAYER** (prepares and presents)
- **SCRIPTURE READER** (reads the assigned Scripture from the pulpit)

Keep in mind that we know that schedules change, and we are always flexible. **Please watch for an email from the Church Office with instructions for signing up.**

2025 WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN CHURCH OFFICERS

We will be voting for approval of the final nominees for the 2025 church officers during the **annual Congregational meeting, following worship on Sunday, December 1.**

2024 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

We will send out digital copies of the Advent Devotional this week. Hard copies will be available in the Narthex once our new copier arrives and is set up.

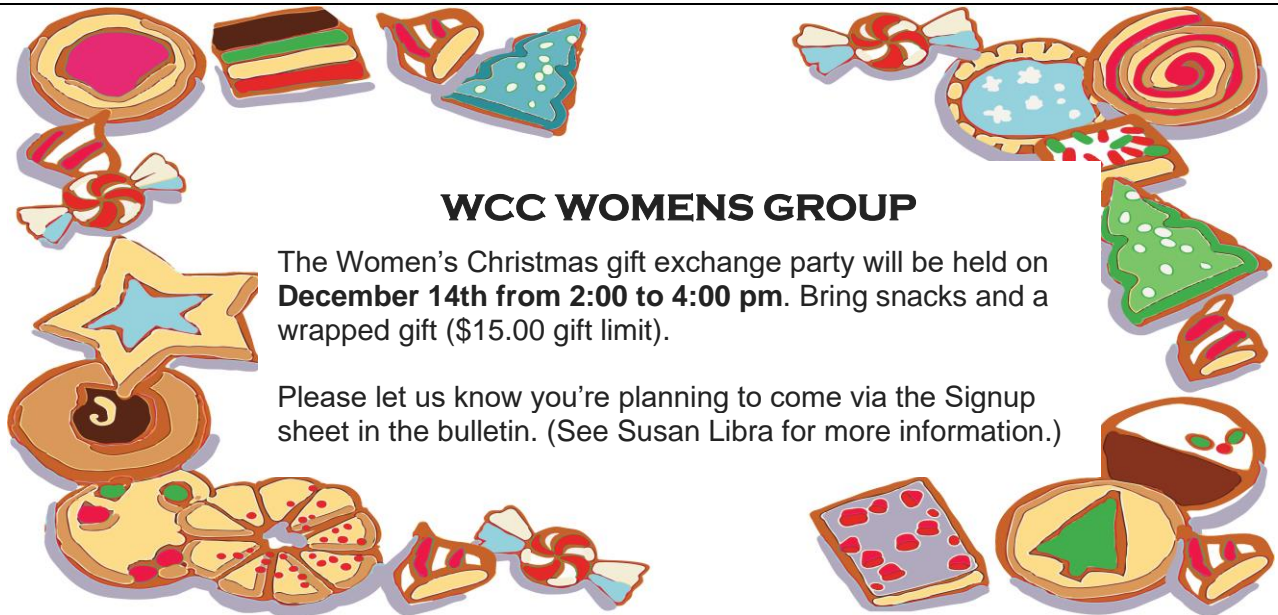
Thanks to all who contributed! The daily devotions from members of the WCC community are very touching and it is our hope that this will be a meaningful tool for each of you in preparing for the coming of Christ.



ADVENT SERVICE PROJECT

For this year's Advent service project, **we are once again collecting items for the church's food pantry.**

Our partnership with City Harvest has helped us tremendously. However, we are finding that there are still certain high-demand items that are difficult for us to keep in stock. We would like to resupply our back-stock as much as possible so that we can continue to provide these vital resources to those in need. **Check out this Sunday's bulletin for a full list of recommended donations.**



WCC WOMENS GROUP

The Women's Christmas gift exchange party will be held on **December 14th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.** Bring snacks and a wrapped gift (\$15.00 gift limit).

Please let us know you're planning to come via the Signup sheet in the bulletin. (See Susan Libra for more information.)



Sunday, December 1	We collect Pocket Change offerings on the first Sunday of every month and use the money given to this program to promote and purchase materials for the church.	
	9:30 am	Worship Advent begins
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages
	11:30 am	Elders' Meeting
Tuesday mornings	8:30 am	Men's Bible Study —meeting at IHOP at 221 W. 104 th Ave., Northglenn. See Steve Cancino for information.
Wednesday Evenings	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Potluck dinner (bring main, side, or dessert dish to share) Adult Bible Study and Youth Group Choir
Thursday afternoons	12:00 – 2:00 pm	Food Pantry No Food Pantry on Thanksgiving Day
Tuesday, December 3	9:30 am	Church Women United —join the ladies of our church and other local churches as they create items to give to local care centers.
Sunday, December 8	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages
Saturday, December 14	2:00 – 4:00 pm	Women's Christmas gift exchange party. Bring snacks and a wrapped gift (\$15.00 gift limit).
Sunday, December 15	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages
Sunday, December 22	9:30 am	Worship—"This is Christmas" cantata
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages
Tuesday, December 24	5:30 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Sunday, December 29	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages