



# **CHRISTMAS EVE 2024**

11 am - 4 pm - 6 pm - 11 pm



## **Christmas Eve Worship**

We invite you to gather for worship with hearts open to encountering the presence of God through song, prayer, and the Word of God read and proclaimed.

## **Christmas Offering – Kenya Student Scholarships**

Through generous gifts, Westminster partners with Maxim Grace Academy – a Kenyan primary school – providing financial assistance for teacher salaries, materials, and scholarships for high school and university students who once attended the school. The Christmas Offering will directly support tuition for approximately 26 high school students. Learn more by going to [westpreschurch.org/kenyamissions](http://westpreschurch.org/kenyamissions).

## **Receiving of Gifts**

During the services, each family will be invited to receive an angel ornament to take home with them (one per family, please). This angel represents the spirit of Christmas from our Westminster family to yours.

## **Spreading the Light**

To receive and pass the light through candle lighting, please only tilt the unlit candle towards the flame of a lit candle. Once your candle is lit, always keep it upright.

### **Pastoral Staff**

Steve Schaick  
Sam Perkins  
Cindy Higgins  
Butch Sherrill

Scan to Give / Pledge



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11 am

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**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**\*CAROL**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

**SCRIPTURE & FIRST READING**

The Lamp Speaks

**\*CAROL**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

**SECOND READING & PRAYER**

The Lamp Speaks Again

**SCRIPTURE & THIRD READING**

The Manger Speaks

**ANTHEM**

Away in a Manger (Forever Amen)

**FOURTH READING & PRAYER**

The Manger Speaks Again

**FIFTH READING & SCRIPTURE**

The Staff Speaks

**\*CAROL**

Angels We Have Heard on High

**SIXTH READING & PRAYER**

The Staff Speaks Again

**OFFERING AND RECEIVING GIFTS**

Let There Be Peace

**SEVENTH READING & SCRIPTURE**

A Gift Speaks

**\*CAROL**

What Child Is This

**THE EIGHTH READING**

A Gift Speaks Again

**ANTHEM**

Silent Night

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*CAROL**

Joy to the World

**\*BLESSING**

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## **MUSIC**

JAMS & Youth Band

Director of Music, Clint Whitlow

4 pm

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<b>GATHERING MUSIC</b>	North Carolina Brass Band Quintet
<b>WELCOME &amp; ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	
<b>INTROIT</b>	O Holy Night   Adolphe Adam
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>	
<b>*CAROL #133</b>	O Come, All Ye Faithful
<b>PRAYER</b>	
<b>FIRST LESSON</b>	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
<b>*CAROL #140</b>	Once in Royal David's City   Verses 1, 2, & 4
<b>SECOND LESSON</b>	Luke 2:1-7
<b>ANTHEM</b>	Away in a Manger   Mack Wilberg
<b>THIRD LESSON</b>	Luke 2:8-14
<b>*CAROL #113</b>	Angels We Have Heard on High   Verses 1 & 3
<b>FOURTH LESSON</b>	Luke 2:15-20
<b>ANTHEM</b>	Where Shepherds Lately Knelt   Craig Courtney
<b>MESSAGE</b>	Bewildered in Bethlehem   Steve Schaick
<b>*CAROL #119</b>	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
<b>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH</b>	
<b>OFFERING AND RECEIVING GIFTS</b>	Still, Still, Still   Norman Luboff
<b>CAROL #121</b>	O Little Town of Bethlehem
<b>PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING</b>	
<b>*SPREADING THE LIGHT</b>	Silent Night (lyrics on back cover)
<b>*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION</b>	
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	In dulci jubilo, BWV 729   J.S. Bach

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**MUSIC**

Chancel Choir & North Carolina Brass Band Quintet  
Associate Director of Music, Laura Alexander

Candace Gatewood, Flute  
Jordan Gracey, Soloist

6 pm

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GATHERING MUSIC	Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	
INTROIT	O Holy Night   Adolphe Adam
*CALL TO WORSHIP	
*CAROL	O Come, All Ye Faithful
PRAYER	
FIRST LESSON	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
ANTHEM	Heaven Has Come to Us
SECOND LESSON	Luke 2:1-7
CAROL	Away in a Manger
THIRD LESSON	Luke 2:8-14
*CAROL	Angels We Have Heard on High
FOURTH LESSON	Luke 2:15-20
ANTHEM	Go Tell it on the Mountain   Williams, Smith, Work
MESSAGE	Bewildered in Bethlehem   Steve Schaick
*CAROL	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	
OFFERING AND RECEIVING GIFTS	When Love Was Born In the Bleak Midwinter
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	
*SPREADING THE LIGHT	Silent Night (lyrics on back cover)
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION	

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**MUSIC**

**Brass Trio**

Worship Band  
Director of Music, Clint Whitlow

Daron Loftin-Trumpet  
Leroy Pridgen-Trombone  
Shane Wheeler-Saxophone

11 pm

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†*All are welcome at the table. Our communion elements are gluten-free bread and grape juice.*

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT**

O Holy Night | Adolphe Adam

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CAROL #133**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

**PRAYER**

**FIRST LESSON**

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

**CAROL**

Once in Royal David's City | Verses 1, 2, 4

**SECOND LESSON**

Luke 2:1-7

**CAROL #115**

Away in a Manger | Verses 1 & 3

**THIRD LESSON**

Luke 2:8-14

**ANTHEM**

Love Came Down to Bethlehem | Jon Guerra & Matt Maher

**FOURTH LESSON**

Luke 2:15-20

**CAROL #128**

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

**MESSAGE**

Bewildered in Bethlehem | Steve Schaick

**\*CAROL #121**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**OFFERING AND RECEIVING GIFTS**

Hope Awakes in Bethlehem | Mitch Wong

†**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**\*SPREADING THE LIGHT**

Silent Night (lyrics on back cover)

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

In dulci júbilo, BWV 729 | J.S. Bach

**MUSIC**

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Associate Director of Music, Laura Alexander  
Director of Music, Clint Whitlow

Jane Whitlow Rachel McAllister  
Jill McAllister Rhett McAllister

# Upcoming Events



## Beatitudes Blueprint

Start the new year by laying a strong foundation for your faith. In this new sermon series, we'll explore how the Beatitudes provide a step-by-step blueprint for constructing a life of blessing, strengthening our connection with God, and building better relationships with others.



## Milestones of Faith

Our Milestones of Faith program kicks off January 12, celebrating the spiritual growth of our children and youth. Join us as we journey together through these key moments in their faith development,



## Deeper Dive in '25

Dive deeper into the Beatitudes with this 8 week class following James Howell's, "The Beatitudes for Today." Beginning January 14 and continuing Tuesdays at 6:30pm.



## Outdoor Stage Construction

We will begin construction on our new outdoor space in the new year! Dates for the Summer Time Sounds Concert are: June 26th, July 17th, & August 21st. All are 6:30pm-8:00pm.



## Affordable Housing Initiative

Be on the lookout in early 2025 for news about an affordable housing collaborative project! It's exciting and we'll need your help!



## Western NC Relief Trips

- March 5-8: Appalachia Service Project, Eastern Tennessee
  - April 1-5: All Hands & Hearts, Asheville, NC
  - June 24-28: All Hands & Hearts, Asheville, NC
  - August 3-9: Fuller Center for Housing, Black Mountain, NC
- Stay tuned for more information regarding registration.

## 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.

