

Good
news
of Great
Joy.



Hawthorne

Worthington Presbyterian Church
THE SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2018

11:00 P.M.

*Welcome on this holy evening! Please silence all electronic devices.
Please ensure your candle extends an inch above the cup rim.*

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE

Once in Royal David's City
Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day
God Rest Ye Merry/Lo, How a Rose
The Holly Bears a Berry
O Come, All Ye Faithful
Quelle est cette odeur agreeable
Away in a Manger
Janet Thompson, harp

Dr. Stephen Jacoby, organist
Daniel Burton
James Biery
May Hogan Camburn
James Biery
McDonald/Wood
Dale Wood
McDonald/Wood

THE INTROIT

“Creator of the Stars of Night”
Martha Duersten-Pettit

9th Cent. Sarum plainsong

Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light, O Christ, redeemer of us all, we pray you, hear us when we call. When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in splendor bright, not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild. At your great name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow: all things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.

THE WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

All: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

One: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a son is given; Authority rests upon his shoulders;

All: And his name will be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

* HYMN #133

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ADESTE FIDELES

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Luke 2:1-20

Bill Woods

SOLO

“Gesu Bambino”
Martha Duersten-Pettit

Pietro Yon

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light. The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced, and at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced. O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord. Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night that gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light. Let every voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell, from paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell. O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Rev. Betsy Rice

Offertory

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Michael Burkhardt

* Doxology (unison, from "Joy to the World" #134)

REGENT SQUARE

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and heaven and nature sing.**

* Prayer of Dedication

THE CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

"Love's Light Dawning"

Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont

On the occasion of the 200th Anniversary of "Silent Night".

DUET

"Silent Night"

Joseph Mohr/Franz Xaver Gruber

Stephen Ball and Robert Boyd with Dennis Piermont, guitarist

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation *All are welcome who humbly worship Jesus as Savior.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Preparatory Hymn #121

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ST. LOUIS

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

*Please come forward by the center aisle,
receive communion by dipping the bread into the cup,
and return by the side aisle to your seat.*

* THE CEREMONY FOR "LOVE'S LIGHT DAWNING"

The Gospel According to John 1 (*selected verses*)

Lighting Our Candles

*Please ensure your candle extends an inch above the cup rim.
Please hold your candle at an angle to receive the light,
then **hold it upright** as you give light to the next person.*

* Carol #122

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

STILLE NACHT

**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 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.**

* BLESSING

* POSTLUDE

Joy to the World, the Lord Has Come!

Franklin D. Ashdown

*Please extinguish your candle before leaving the pew,
and return all candles and holders to the ushers as you leave.*

*You are welcome to take a poinsettia home or give to someone needing cheer.
Merry Christmas!*

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Music Leaders: Melissa Robol, Carillon. **Communion Servers:** Dana Nichols, Nancy Wardwell, Jeff White. **Usher Team D:** Jeff White and Bob Harrington, Co-Captains; Steve Burk, Robyn Caples, Doug Haddix, Susan Hershberger, Milo Hilty, Rex Lynne, Brent Mulgrew, Mike & Debbie Murphy, Bill Woods. **Audio/Lighting:** Duane Cable.

We thank WPC member Jack Haunty for the original art that graces our Christmas Eve bulletin cover.

MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Rev. Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont, Senior Pastor	Rev. Dr. Tom Rice, Pastor for Discipleship
Rev. Betsy Rice, Pastor for Member Ministries	Rev. Wayne Morrison, Parish Associate for Visitation
Dr. David Rives, Director of Music	Ms. Jenni Whitford, Director for Children's Ministry
Dr. Stephen Jacoby, Organist	Vacant, Director for Youth Ministry

A full staff directory may be found on our website.

Christmas Poinsettias and Greens are given to the glory of God as follows:

Given By

Richard & Debbie Birnie
Bob
Steve, Ann & Emily Burk
Bob & Diana Clouse
David & Gail Harrison Corvette
Jack & Beckie Dicke
Debbie & Steve Dieringer
The Dieringer Family
Judy & Walt Furnas
Eva Goode
John & Judy Gray

Petie & Joe Haase
Steve & Sandy Hindall
Tom & Nancy Jack
Dick & Jan Langhout
George & Cindy Leonard
Brenda, Rex & Don Lynne
Andy & Tracy MacDowell
The Mahoney Family
David & Alice Miskell
Brent, Susan, Brent & Morgan
Mulgrew
Deanna Olson
Wade & Heather Page
Dick & Marylou Posey
The Reichenbach and Walton
Families
Jessica & Mike Rudolph
Joyce & Ron St. Pierre
Lou Ann Shearer
Cindy & Joe Smiley
Larry & Leslie Snyder
Carol & Eric Sterbenz
Jo & Don Vick
Diane & Jeff White
Dave & Nancy Wilson
David & Amy Zambo

Given By

Marilou & Keith Beachler
Donald & Jean Beckett
Bob
Steve, Ann & Emily Burk
The Conway Family
Ann Cupp
Bill, Lee, Will, Kaley & Lincoln
Damsel and Emily, Drew & Levi Smith
Jack & Beckie Dicke
Timothy Dickey & Jennifer Hambrick
The Dieringer Family
Steve & Alli Drunkenmiller
The Eisenman Family
Susan, Jim & John Finn
Joan Freeman and Bob, Debbie &
Abby Dalton
Judy & Walt Furnas
Pam Galipault
Dan & Karen Gibson

In Honor of

Our Children and Grandchildren
WPC Teenagers; WW II Veterans
Robert Croye
Louise Kruder; Helen Clouse
Rodney Harrison
Our Kids and Grandkids
Our Children and Grandchild, Erin, Sara, Jac & Madeline
Jean Korfhage and Shirley Dieringer
Our Children, Terri, Andy & Missy
Pat Gibson; Jamy Wheeler
Our wonderful children and grandchildren: Amy & Dave Zambo;
Tracy, Andy, Ellie, Mitchell & Katie MacDowell
Our Grandchildren, Dillon, Jordan, Scarlett & Brooklyn
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Judy Mayday
John & Judy Gray celebrating their 50th anniversary on December 28th
The Hardy & Mahoney Families
Our Children, Todd & Karen Miskell
Eleanor Weiss

Mother, Mary Florence
Jeff White
Our Children and Grandchildren
Father, Robert Walton

Ardis Hollins
Our Children and Grandchildren
Loved Ones
Our Lovely Daughters, Casey & Sarah
Our Precious Children & Grandchildren; the Wilcox & Lynch Families
Marcia Smith; Eric's Parents, Joan Khatib & Robert Sterbenz
Their Parents
Our Mothers, Joan Humphrey and Wilma White
Helen C. Hilty
John & Judy Gray

In Loving Memory of

Our Mothers
Dr. Robert Plato; Kelly Zimmerman
Holocaust Victims; Rev. Herman S. Wilson
Martha & Lewis Huston
Merle & Roberta Conway; Richard & Donalda Latham
Robert C. Cupp
Gerald Arthur Kenney; William Ray Damsel, Sr.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Dicke; Mr. & Mrs. Mn Bruiner
Dorothy Dickey; Barbara Lake; Graydon Hambrick
George Korfhage and Ted Dieringer
Jim Pheanis
Mark Eisenman
Flora & Chalmers Davies; Mary & Jack Finn; Jo Wishart
Dick Freeman

Our Parents; Ken & Claudia Wilkinson; Dick Borg; Ann Ickes
Virginia & Bernard Hecker; Margaret & Ray Mason
Our parents, George & Mildred Angel and Jim & Anne Gibson

Given By

Doug, Amy & Brooks Gilmore
David & Gail Harrison Corvette
The Rodney Harrison Family
Judy Hazelton & Family
Judith Hinkle
Kathy & Rich Hoffman
Sheri & David Holcomb
Stanton Ickes
Tom & Nancy Jack
Allan H, Dennis, Lynn & Tim Jones
Her Family
Carl & Kathy Krantz & Family
Connie Lewis & Family
Brenda, Rex & Don Lynne
Andy & Tracy MacDowell
The Mahoney Family
Kristen & Granger McKinney
John & Tricia Merrill
David & Alice Miskell
Barb, Brad, Savannah & Jake
Montgomery
The Montgomery & Jennings Families
Brent, Susan, Brent & Morgan
Mulgrew
Deanna Olson
Wade & Heather Page
Dennis H. & Julia W. Piermont
Dick & Marylou Posey
The Reichenbach and Walton
Families
Tom Rieder, Judy Rieder's Parents &
Brother
Jessica & Mike Rudolph
Marti Sappenfield
Rick & Gloria Schuster
Lou Ann Shearer
The Slicker, Woodruff & Mottice
Families
Lon & Shelley Smith
Larry & Leslie Snyder
Bill & Faye Van Vleck Spratley
Joyce & Ron St. Pierre
Carol & Eric Sterbenz
Lonnie, Tracy, Avery & Addie Tate
The Tumblin, Winstanley & Sprague
Families
Jim Wheaton
Diane & Jeff White
John & Patty Wiechel
Dan & Janie Wiest
Paul & Holly Wilcox
Christopher & Sue Wilson
Dave & Nancy Wilson
Kathy Wolken
David & Amy Zambo
Joyce & Rick Zarnoch

In Loving Memory of

Jack & Clara McDaniel; Brooks C. Gilmore
Juanita Harrison
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The Reverend Dr. Philip M. Hazelton
Robert Hinkle; Abner N. Pinney
Mom, Claudia Keski
Betty Williamson; Lauralee Holcomb
Ann M. Ickes
Our Parents
Rev. Alun O. Jones & Evelyn H. Jones Wood
Pat Jones
Clarence & Helen Reinhard; Carl, Sr. & Mildred Krantz
Tom T. Lewis
Evan Mayday; Joan Lynne
Kevin MacDowell, Brother
Baba Olga
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin C. Ree; Mr. & Mrs. Cyrus G. McKinney
Our Parents
Our Parents
Scott Wickiser

Bob Montgomery
Art Weiss; Donald & Wanda Mulgrew

Father, Martin W. Olson
Stephen Butsko; Michael Page
Keith W. & Hazel H. Wharff
Barron Posey; Our Parents
Mother, Audrey Walton

Gabe & Lucy and Lawrence Kuite

Hunter Hollins
Margaret Dews, Sister; Charlie & Blanche Dews, Parents
Richard & Patricia Schuster; Peter Kekic
Loren
Beloved Parents & Grandparents: Charles & Virginia Fetzer, Elwood &
Mildred Slicker
Lois & Ken Smith
Our Beloved Parents and Grandparents
William A. H. & Audrey Spratley; Ila & Water Van Vleck; Marge Van Vleck
Our Parents and Grandparents
Sandra Sterbenz; Carol's Parents, Earle & Marijane Mead
Gary Tate, Father and Grandfather
Steve Tumblin

Aileen Wheaton
Our Fathers, Homer Humphrey and Willard White
Aaron Wiechel
Pat Jones
Mr. & Mrs. Harland Wilcox
Betty, Tony and Cindy Wilson; D.E. Hilty
Dr. Donald Hilty; Delbert & Ruth Wilson
Jane Woods
Frank & Leah Martino
Paige Zarnoch; Patricia & Delbert Braden; Ethel & Joseph Zarnoch

WORTHINGTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
*Brought to you by Jesus...
to make a difference*

Sundays at WPC are full of inspirational preaching, joyful music, engaging Christian education classes for all ages and stages, and time to connect with one another.

There are many ways we enjoy being brought together by Jesus to make a difference for Jesus and for the world God so loves.

A sampling of events and programming for the upcoming year:

New Sermon Series: *Gospel Shorthand: The Christian Journey in 13 Words*

January 6, 13, and 20, Dr. Piermont will explore an “elevator speech” of sorts on what it means to be a Christian, a shorthand way to remember the basics of who we are and what we aim to be as Christian disciples, as well as a way to engage in positive, “unchurchy” conversation about your faith journey with non-Christian co-workers and friends.

For Couples: *Created for Connection*

Dr. Colby Srsic, Ph.D, WPC member and psychologist will lead a 6-week program designed to help create stronger, more secure relationships not only between partners, but between God and us. Wednesdays, **January 23-February 27**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., with dinner and childcare provided. RSVP by January 16 to srsic.1@gmail.com.

Vacation Bible School: *Adventures in God's World*

Join us for a week of crafting, singing, storytelling and games as we learn about God's love. **June 3-7**, 9 a.m.-Noon. Ages Preschool through 6th grade.

Youth Summer Mission Trip: *Serving in Indiana, Attending Youth Triennium*

After several days of volunteering for United Way in Lafayette, Indiana, our youth will join several thousand Presbyterian Youth from across the country for an action-packed, faith-filled Christian conference. **July 13-20**.

Feeding the Hungry

WPC partners with several local agencies to relieve hunger and help those in need, including serving 250 monthly meals, more than 200 Thanksgiving family dinners, sponsoring Christmas gifts for more than 50 families, and more.

Mission in Honduras: *Montaña de Luz*

WPC maintains a strong partnership with an orphanage serving Honduran children affected by HIV/AIDS. Ongoing support includes an annual mission trip to empower children and build international friendships, **June 12-19**.

Celebration of Sound Concert Series: *Muskingum University Concert Choir*

A free concert for the community, **Sunday, February 24** at 3 p.m. This outstanding ensemble, directed by Dr. Zebulon Highben, recently toured the United Kingdom, singing in worship at St Paul's Cathedral (London) and collaborating musically with the University of Glasgow Chapel Choir.