



Christmas Eve
Westminster Church
The United Church of Canada

Organ Recital of Carols
10:30 pm

Choral Candlelight Service
11:00 pm

As this is a service of worship, we ask everyone to please turn off your cell phones during the service, please no photo-taking or video-recording while the service is taking place, and please refrain from talking/conversation once the service has begun.

**Westminster Church
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Christmas Eve, 2019**

Minister

Rev. Sherri McConnell

Director of Music in Worship

Nathan Poole

Organist

Donald Menzies

Westminster Soloists

Rebecca McIntosh, Soprano

Jennifer Turner, Soprano

Erica Wiebe, substitute alto

Fred Simpson, Bass

The Choir of Westminster Church

A Warm Welcome to all who are worshipping with us
at Westminster this Christmas Eve.

If you are a visitor and would like to know more about our congregation or to introduce yourself to us, please drop us a line at info@westminsterchurch.org or visit us at www.westminsterchurch.org.

As we prepare for worship, we hear an

Organ Recital of Carols

Donald Menzies, A.R.C.T., L.T.C.L., L.M.M.

Choral Candlelight Service

Lighting of the Advent Candles

By Ted Barnett and Rev. Sherri McConnell

Processional Hymn “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” VU 48

Words: CHARLES WESLEY; Music: FELIX MENDELSSOHN; vs. 3 arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

Please rise as you are able for the processional hymn.

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th’ angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem.”
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”*

*Christ, by highest heav’n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th’ incarnate deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!*

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***Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”***

***Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
ris’n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”***

Greeting and Opening Prayer

By Rev. Sherri McConnell

CAROL “Carol of the Bells” by Peter J. Wilhousky

First Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Read by Susie Conrad

Hymn “O Little Town of Bethlehem” VU 62

Words: Philips Brooks; Music: FOREST GREEN Arranged by R. Vaughan Williams and Thomas Armstrong

***O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie,
above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.***

*For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.*

*O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.*

*How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessed gift of heaven.
No ear may hear his coming; but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.*

*O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray,
cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.*

Second Lesson Micah 5: 2-5

Read by Annette Kletke

SOLO I Wonder as I Wander Appalachian Carol by J.J. Niles
given by Fred Simpson

CAROL “In the Bleak Mid-winter” by Harold Darke

Third Lesson Luke 1: 26-35,38

read by Doug Abra

CAROL “A Maiden most Gentle” by Andrew Carter

Fourth Lesson Luke 2: 1, 3-7

Read by John Mort

Lighting of the Christ Candle

CAROL “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” by Mack Willberg

Fifth Lesson Luke 2: 8-16

Read by Rita Menzies

Offering

After the offering is introduced, the offertory hymn will begin and the collection taken. Thank you for your gift, whether given this evening or through other means of supporting ministry at Westminster Church.

Offertory Hymn “The First Nowell” VU 91

Words: ENGLISH TRADITIONAL; Music: ENGLISH TRADITIONAL, arranged by JOHN STAINER and HEALY WILLAN

The congregation will remain seated for the offertory hymn.

***The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay akeeping their sheep
on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.***

***Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.***

***They lookèd up and saw a star,
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.***

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.**

**And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.**

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.**

**This star drew nigh to the northwest;
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.**

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.**

**Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.**

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.**

**Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heav'n and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.**

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.**

Sixth Lesson Matthew 2: 1-12

Read by Nathan Poole

CAROL “A Christmas Blessing” by Philip Stopford

Seventh Lesson John 1: 1-4, 9-14

Read by Bob Gold

Hymn “O Come, All Ye Faithful” VU 60

Words: LATIN, translated by JOHN F. WADE; Music: JOHN READING, Arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

***O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:
Come and behold him,
born the King of Angels;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.***

***God of God, light of light,
lo, He abhors not the virgin’s womb;
very God, begotten, not created:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.***

***Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above;
Glory to God in the highest:
O come, let us adore him,***

**O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n;
word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

The congregation may be seated.

Christmas Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

given by Rev. Sherri McConnell

**Our Father/Mother,
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 trespasses,
 as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn

“Silent Night! Holy Night!”

VU 67

Words: JOSEPH MOHR, Translated by JOHNF. YOUNG; Music: FRANZ X. GRÜBER

Choir alone:

*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.*

Choir and congregation:

***Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight:
glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing Hallelujah,
Christ the Saviour 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.***

Benediction

Given by Rev. Sherri McConnell

Christmas Carols on the Schulmerich Carillon

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Tickets at the door:
Single Adult - \$25
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The **Bell Tower Community Café** invites you to our **holiday dinner Friday, December 27th at 6:30. All are welcome to join.**

In December we launched the 6th annual Making Good Things Together 2020 fundraising campaign for Bell Tower and you can join today! To learn more, go to: fundly.com/making-good-things-together-2020

We are very grateful for the generous support of Westminster Church!



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Nathan Poole
Rev. Sherri McConnell
and members of the Church Board and Committees.

The special gifts that Christmas brings
never did consist of things!
But all the peace and hope and caring
that grow in size with love and sharing.

Sundays at Westminster

We worship as a community every Sunday, at 10:30 am. All are welcome.
If you'd like to be a part of our mailing list, send a shout-out to
info@westminsterchurch.org.

Our choir rehearses and presents music from September to June. If you or somebody you know would like to join the choir, please contact Nathan Poole, director of music in worship at nathanpoole@westminsterchurch.org

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