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Sunday, December 25, 2011, 10 a.m., Friendly Avenue Campus

Welcome! Westminster is a community of people gathering at two locations for worship, fellowship, and service; and we are glad you are with us today.

We trust you will receive warmth, compassion, hope, challenge, and encouragement.

MUSIC AS WE GATHER (Gathering music words will be on the screen.)

Oh Come and Join the Dance Graham Kendrick¹
Angels from the Realms of Glory Montgomery/Smart
On this Christmas Day Joe Newberry
Jesus Oh What a Wonderful Child Larson

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SONGS OF PRAISE**

Angels We Have Heard on High Chadwick/Barnes²

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains;
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.

Chorus: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav'nly song? **(chorus)**

Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. **(chorus)**

What Child Is This? William Chatterton Dix³

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?

Chorus: This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear for sinners here The silent Word is pleading. **(chorus)**

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, one and all, to own Him.
The King of kings, salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone Him. **(chorus)**

Worship Leaders

Mark Brainerd
Lynn Turnage

Worship Band

Jack Atchison, drums
Tal Fish, vocals
Betsy Hyslop, piano
Greg Hyslop, guitar
Garth Miller, bass
Kris Schoolfield, vocals
Pamela Wilkie, vocals

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PRAYER AND RESPONSE

Away in a Manger

William James Kirkpatrick

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

A STORY FOR CHRISTMAS

“I Am Christmas”

by Nancy White Carlstrom

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

RESPONSE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

John Francis Wade

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
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!

OFFERING

SONG OF OFFERING

Love Is Christmas

Sara Bareilles

SCRIPTURE

John 1:10-14

RESPONSE

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Love... No Season Can Contain It

Mark Brainerd

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Joy to the World

Watts/Handel/Mason⁴

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.
Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns;
Let us our songs employ.
While fields and floods,
Rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy. (continued)

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.
He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

*BLESSING AND RESPONSE

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

John W. Work, Jr.⁵

Chorus: Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born.

Down in a lowly manger, the humble Christ was born
And brought us God’s salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

(repeat chorus)

*Those who are able please stand.

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us! We invite you to participate in the many activities, small groups, classes, and fellowship opportunities at Westminster. If you would like to join Westminster, new members are received each Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. & Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m. in the Conference Room (Friendly Ave. - the first room on the left in the upstairs hallway, next to the church office & Connecting Point or Lake Brandt – the room to the left as you exit the sanctuary). You may join by profession of faith, transfer of church letter, or reaffirmation of faith.

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