



Christmas Services

Lessons and Carols Worship Service

Sunday, December 11, 11 am (No Sunday School)

You are invited to share in the story of Christ Jesus' birth through scripture reading and Christmas hymns.

Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service

Saturday, December 24, 7:00 pm (infant care provided)

Come early to get a seat for this advent classic. We gather to worship the newborn king and to celebrate the light of the world signified through the tradition of candlelighting.

Christmas Eve Communion Service

Saturday, December 24, 11:00 pm (no childcare provided)

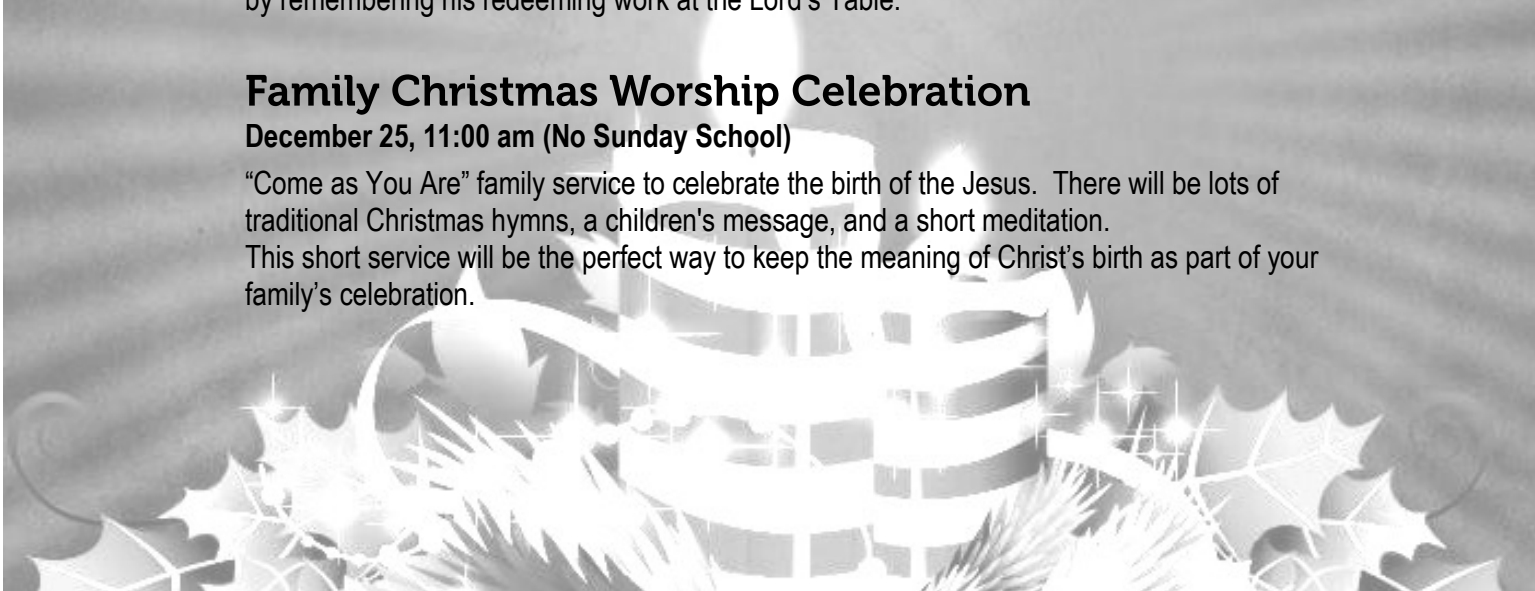
On this night we can only receive. We gather in the chapel to celebrate the birth of the Christ child by remembering his redeeming work at the Lord's Table.

Family Christmas Worship Celebration

December 25, 11:00 am (No Sunday School)

"Come as You Are" family service to celebrate the birth of the Jesus. There will be lots of traditional Christmas hymns, a children's message, and a short meditation.

This short service will be the perfect way to keep the meaning of Christ's birth as part of your family's celebration.



Music Ministry

by Boyce Wyrick

Hymn # 133: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
Author, Charles Wesley (1707 -1788),
Composer, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people." Luke 2:10

Upon his conversion, Charles Wesley immediately began writing hymns, each one packed with doctrine, exhibiting strength and sensitivity, both in beauty and theological brawn. He wrote constantly, and even on horseback his mind was flooded with new songs. He often stopped at homes along the road asking for "pen and ink."

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" is yet another of the more than 6500 hymns from the pen of Charles Wesley that have enriched Christian hymnody. It is thought to have been written approximately a year after his dramatic, Aldersgate conversion experience of 1738. The text of this carol along with the hymn, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" is considered to be among his finest. According to John Julian, a noted hymnologist (yes, there are such folks), this carol is one of the four most popular in the English language. It certainly has become one of the classic Christmas carols of the present, sung thousands of times every year all around the world. As many of Wesley's hymns, this text is a

condensed course in biblical doctrine in poetic form. Following the retelling of the angelic visit to the shepherds in the initial stanza, the succeeding verses teach such spiritual truths as the virgin birth, Christ's deity, the immortality of the soul, the second or new birth, and a concern for Christ-like living. The fourth stanza, sometimes included but not in our hymnal, is as follows:

Come, Desire of Nations, come! Fix in us Thy humble home;

Rise, the woman's conquering seed, Bruise in us the serpent's head.

Adam's likeness now efface, Stamp Thine image in its place.

Second Adam from above, Reinstate us in Thy love.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Eric Routley observed: "These [Wesley] hymns were composed in order that men and women might sing their way, not only into experience, but also into knowledge; that the cultured might have their culture baptized and the ignorant might be lead into truth by the gentle hand of melody and rhyme."

The hymn tune was contributed by Felix

Mendelssohn, one of the great composers of the early 1800's. Born into a Jewish-Christian home in 1809, he was a highly acclaimed child prodigy making his first public appearance as a concert pianist at age nine! Not only a performer and conductor, he was a prolific composer with works including symphonies, chamber music, concerti, organ and piano music and vocal music. His most popular work is still **Elijah** which was first performed in 1846.

The following will be on the quiz in January: the word "carol" is derived from the word "carola," which means a ring dance. Carols, then, have long been thought of as an early form of sacred folk music, dating to the middle ages. Early carols were used in medieval times during mystery and miracle plays as interludes (and, in that time as teaching tools) much the same way orchestras play during scene changes in modern day musicals. In 1627 the English Puritan parliament abolished the celebration of Christmas and other "worldly festivals." During the remainder of that century and well into the next there was a scarcity of these folk-like carol hymns in England. Charles Wesley's "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" represents one of the relatively few, important carol hymns to have been written during that time.

Sidelined Saints

Thank you to all the volunteers (20+) that in some way contributed to the Sidelined Saints Christmas sacks! We were able to fill and deliver 50 goody bags to some of our most special church members. Your time and talents make our job easy and a great blessing to all.

Thanks, Betty Schmitz and Ricki Feagan

Youth Ministry

by Shawn Mayo

Logan Bennett, our youth ministry Superhero is graduating. He has been working hard on a Personal Financial Planning degree and has accepted a full time internship in Arkansas. I am so grateful for his service to our teenagers, and I am proud of his academic accomplishment. Thank you, Logan, for all you've done. You are loved, and you will be missed. His last day in Lubbock will be Sunday, December 18th. We will have a 'roast' for him during the Sunday school hour- all are invited to attend. Please give him a note, a hug, a gift, or all three!

-Shawn Mayo

Worship Word

by Matt Spitsberg

An Evening Well Spent...

A huge "THANK YOU" goes out to everyone who made it to this year's Christmas dinner and musical, "For Unto Y'all". The evening's great meal was capped off by a wonderful performance provided by our musical cast and crew, whose hard work onstage and backstage truly made the night memorable.

Specific thanks are due to **Cheryl Sebastian** and the **Congregational Care Committee** for their amazing planning and preparations for dinner! Also, thanks to the Executive Production team for their input into this year's musical, including **Lindsey Spitsberg, Beverly Fleming, Michael Clark, and Jeff Kuhlers**. The show couldn't have gone on without the support from such a blessed group of people. Westminster is truly blessed to have such a top-notch group of volunteers willing to offer their time and talents for the benefit of all. Please join me in thanking these people whenever you see them!

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Friday, December 9th

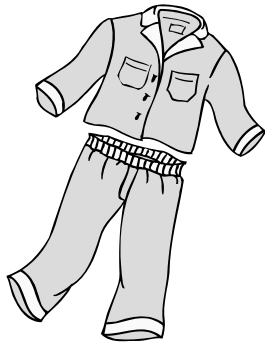
6-10:30pm

Ages: Birth-5th grade

Dinner served

Pajama Night!

\$8/child, \$16 max.



Adult Ministry

by Tyson Taylor

As the old saying goes, there are two kinds of people in this world; those who give life and those that take it. If your wondering how to tell the difference, just spend time with someone. If you leave feeling encouraged, challenged, or loved, then that person is the kind of person who gives life. If you leave feeling drained, suffocated, insulted, or abused, then that person has taken life. This exercise is not about categorizing others but asking ourselves if we are the kind of person who gives or takes life.

Personally, I want to be the kind of person who gives life. For years I have been striving to be a better encourager to those around me. To be honest, it does not come naturally to me. (It might be a result of the years I spent in youth ministry, but I am very good at sarcasm and not good at compliments.) Often times I will sit around the house and tell my wife how talented or wonderful other people are at this or that. She always has the same reply, "Have you told them that?" To which I often reply, "No, but I guess I should." I want to be the kind of man who encourages others. I want to be the kind of man who uses compliments liberally.

However, being a life giver is not simply about being good at paying compliments. Rather, it's about being aware of the needs of others as opposed to simply dwelling in our needs. In Philippians (2:3), Paul notes that we should "do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others more important than ourselves". When we take on this attitude, we become life givers. People enjoy being around life givers because their spirit is refreshed. Life givers enter into relationships with the posture of a servant leader. They lead by exercising humility. For them, relationships are not about getting affirmation from others but rather living as an example of the grace of Christ in that relationship.

I expect that we all will need to be takers at some point. We will need to be takers when we experience tragedy and loss, or when we are broken and battered by life. Let's just hope, on that day, we are surrounded by people who are focused on giving life and sharing grace.

How about it; do you give life or take it? Do you find yourself being one who uses community to build up others or as a place to build up yourself? I pray I can be one who gives life this week, and I pray you can as well.

Grace and Peace,
Tyson

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MARQUEES

An opening is now available for someone to manage the church marquees on 34th St. and on Indiana Ave. This involves changing out the lettering of four marquee sides once a week. If interested, please contact Bruce MacNair in the church office, 799-3621 or e-mail him at bruce@wpcclubbock.org.

Many thanks to Julann Curlee and Neil Curlee for faithfully serving in this endeavor for the past five years.



Christmas Joy

Please join the Women of Westminster
for a
Christmas Dessert & Coffee Open House
(come and go)

Sunday, December 11, 2011, 2:30 – 4:30 pm
In the home of Marcy Lawless, 4509 9th Street

Donations for the Voucher/Hygiene Ministry will be gratefully accepted in the form of cash or check (made out to WPC/Hygiene Ministry) or bring items for the Hygiene bags (shampoo, toothpaste, etc)

GIFFT Class Brunch

Christmas brunch

Sunday, December 18

10:00 am

Room 223/224

WPC

Announcements

ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Help us share the joy of Christmas with children less fortunate. Through your generosity, 150 children chosen by the Salvation Army will be able to celebrate Christmas morning with a gift. The Angel Tree graces the foyer with the names and gift requests of hopeful children. Pick an ornament from the tree, buy the suggested gift, and bring the gift (unwrapped) to the church with the name tag ornament attached to the gift, by Sunday, December 11.

PRIME TIMERS CHRISTMAS TOUR & PARTY

Join us on Thursday, December 15 in the evening for this annual event (to be held on Thursday this year)! Meet at the church at 5:45pm and we will depart to tour the Highland Oaks area (north of Woodrow Road and Slide Road) and enjoy great hospitality at the home of Mickey and Debbie Ramsey.

ADVENT CONSPIRACY SPECIAL OFFERING

Christmas can (still) change the world. Give presence. Consider a donation that will help Hope for Nica, Family Promise of Lubbock, the WPC Voucher Outreach Ministry, and Lubbock Family Guidance & Outreach. The offering will be received on Sunday, December 18. For more information about Advent Conspiracy, go to www.adventconspiracy.org.

USED CHILDREN'S BOOKS NEEDED

Used children's books for grades 1-4 are needed for the book-less children of Sierra Leone. This project is being sponsored by Teethsavers. Please bring your donations to the church. Books will be shipped overseas soon.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING RESCHEDULED

A cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Offering envelopes will be included in your worship bulletin in January during Epiphany. Undesignated gifts will be distributed equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to support scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

MISSION TRIP TO ROMANIA

Palo Duro Presbytery will be sponsoring a mission trip to Romania, June 14-26, 2012. Cost per participant is \$1,600.00. Anyone interested in being a part of the trip should contact Rich Schempp at the presbytery office (797-2417) ASAP.

Upcoming Chimes Article/Announcement Deadline

December 16, 2011

Please email your news to kerri@wpclubbock.org

Directory Updates

Darin & Carla Cash

New address: 3706 48th St./79413

John & Ann Holt

Correct phone: 928-9492

Richmond Lee

Correct Address: 4815 10th St/79416

Carol Moore

New Address & Phone:

3124 76th St./79423

Phone: 777-7987

Mike & Becky Orndorff

New Mailing Address: PO Box 93944/79493

Dave & Peggy Sucsy

New Address: 4506 102nd St./79424

Mark your Calendar

Single Service Sundays

Service Time: 11:00am (No Sunday School)

December 11, 2011

December 25, 2011

January 1, 2012

Christian Concerns Westminster Cares

Please phone Jan in the church office (799-3621) to notify WPC of birth, death, illness, or hospitalization. We care, and we want to know!
(Please remember that HIPAA regulations do not permit the hospitals to share patients' names with WPC staff.)

Church-wide Prayer Team "My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." —Isaiah 56: 7. Sign up to pray for an hour on any Sunday from 8:00-Noon in the prayer room. Anyone is welcome to join us or to come in and ask for us to pray for their needs. Contact: Debbie Hurt, 792-0014 or dlhurt@suddenlink.net, Bev Day, 794-0038, Leslie Roach, 799-3621, ext. 219, or sign up on the calendar outside the prayer room.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED: Don Bartlett, Marian MacNair

CONGRATULATIONS TO: David & Aime Fuambo, in the birth of a son, Neba Sanyi Fuambo, on 11/28 in Lubbock.

SYMPATHY TO: Dona Nussbaum and family in the death of her father, Harold Laverty, age 94, on 12/6 in Lubbock. A memorial service will be held on 12/10 at WPC; the family and friends of Juanell Johnson, age 86, who died on 12/6 in Lubbock. A memorial service will be held on 12/12 at WPC.

HEALTH & GENERAL CONCERNS

Marc Adams, David Biddle, Dee Brooks, Anne Bulls, Walt Clark, Fay Carter, Norma Couch, Egie Crozier, Maureen Davis, Maxine Day, Eunice Dersch, Monica Dunlap, Mae Egbe, Barbara Ewalt, Todd Faison (Al and Sue Faison's son), Rob Farrer, Jake & Leah Fluitt, Eugenia Gray, Dana Hale, Reesa Hamilton, Jack Helms, Wallace Hess, Charles & Wilhelmina Hiemstra, Anne Huffman, Len Hutchison, Ann Jenson, Amy Kidwell, Brandy Langston, Bertha Lemaster, Wilma Leslie (Memphis, TX), Don & Marion MacNair and family, Harvey & Micky McEachern, Helen McGarrett, Chad & Kristin Montgomery (expecting new baby), Barret Noble, Margaret Pappas, Mabry Peel, Helen Price, Joyce Russell, Donna Smith, Betty Schmitz, Hannah Thomas, Treyton Tubbs (heart murmur is back), Betty Turner, Peggy Vannoy, and Helen Walker. Erik Herrera needs prayer for strength as he goes through therapy for Myasthenia Gravis and medical expenses.

FRIENDS & FAMILY

(We will list friends and extended family for a month. Following that time, please call the office if you wish for them to remain on the list.)

Gina Anderson (Beth Lee's daughter-in-law) Aggressive breast cancer diagnosis; family of Kersey Block (Melissa Tucker's friends) Comfort after her death; Scooter Clark (Bretza Mooty's mother) Declining health; Jeanne Cunningham (Mike & Alice Cunningham's son-in-law's mother) Recent double mastectomy; Holly Easley (Monica Dunlap's friend) severe health problems; Kason Green (Saffel family friend) 3 years old, awaiting surgery; the Bill Hellums family (Julann Curlee's friend's uncle & family) Grandson accidentally killed; Aaron Kinslow (friend of Woodruffs) Stage 4 cancer; Happy Lane (Bill & Terri Lane's daughter) Recovering from heart surgery; Louella Lee (Richmond Lee's grandmother) Declining health; Katie Leed (Tamara Gilreath's sister) Prayer for healthy baby; Jim McKee (Mary Zickefoose's brother) Undergoing chemo and radiation treatments; Melanie Neal (Friend of many at WPC) diagnosis of pancreatic cancer; Eriq & Anna Neale (Ken & Sharon Romines's son & daughter-in-law); Endurance for Eriq's cancer treatments; families Mike Neven and Antony Hancock (Carolyn Cruse-Farrer's friends' fathers) Comfort after recent deaths; Jennifer Roberts (Don and Chris Jones' granddaughter) Home after surgery at Dallas hospital; John Simmons (Phillip Saffel's father) Hospitalized, awaiting liver transplant; family of Leslie Vardy Underwood (Monica Dunlap's friend from Wolfforth) Comfort after her recent death; Weber family (Robert Hook's sister and brother-in-law) Year-long adoption fell through;

SEMINARY STUDENTS

Emily Roberts, Dillon Ferguson, Jessi Chrisp, Max Hochenedel

MISSIONARIES

Katie Mathis (iGO Global) Middle East

Keith & Kelly Rodgers (Hope for Nicaragua), Nicaragua

Jack Rudd (Teethsavers) Teethsavers in Africa & Central America

Doran & Amy Schoenhals (Campus Crusade) Texas

Brandon & Jenny Scott (CAM International) Guatemala

Billy & Jess Streu (Operation Mobilization) Bosnia

Tim Tam (Amarillo office), Beth Garner, Kenny Logan, Pedro Perez (Word at Work Ministry) Belize

MILITARY PERSONNEL

AIR FORCE Jonathan Hogan (Doug Hogan's son) Texas, Adam Keith (Stan & Kathy Tucker's son) Italy, Zachary Laird (Ruth Huffaker's grandson) Arizona.

ARMY Keith Anderson (Beth Anderson Lee's son) Texas, David Hale (Becky Benson Hale's husband) Afghanistan, Rick Miller (Martha Daniel's nephew) Germany, Aaron Taylor (Jordan Sims's brother, Jenny Watson's nephew) Afghanistan, Zane Wilson (Lynnette Wilson's son) S. Carolina, Garrett Zuerker (Mike Zuerker's cousin), Afghanistan

MARINES Beau Babcock (Mike Zuerker's cousin) Afghanistan, Bryan Perry (John & Betty Schmitz's grandson-in-law) California, Paula Sepeda (Todd Faison's sister-in-law) California, Nick Sims (John & Debbie Sims's son) Rhode Island, Sean Vannoy (Peggy Vannoy's grandson) California

NAVY Jeff Benson (Becky Benson Hale's brother) Japan, Jay English (Jerry & Paulette English's grandson) Japan, Mark A. Gilreath (Tamara Gilreath's husband) Colorado, Jonathan Loper (Stan & Kathy Tucker's son-in-law) Washington, D.C.



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Shawn Mayo.....Youth Director
JR Cochran.....College Ministry Director
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Matt Spitsberg.....Worship Arts Director
Beverly Fleming.....Children's Choir Director
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Linda Middleton.....Part-Time Financial Secretary
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Kerri Thompson.....Part-Time Media Coordinator
Freddie Bryant.....Custodian
Rosa Aleman.....Housekeeper
Joe Sarratt.....Part-Time Custodian
Robert Sanders.....Night Sexton

Worship Times

Sundays

9:00am.....Contemporary Worship
 10:00am.....Sunday School for Children
 Fellowship Time for Adults
 10:15am.....Sunday School for Adults
 11:00am.....Traditional Worship

Wednesdays

5:30pm.....Supper (with reservation)
 Family Ministry Center
 6:00pm.....Wednesday Nite Live

Return service requested.

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