

CHRISTMAS EVE 2009

Organ & Piano Prelude Matt Spangler & Karen Wells

† Hymn O Come, All Ye Faithful No. 234 (Stanzas 1, 3 and 6)

† Call to Worship

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**The light of the world has come!**

A child has been born for us. God's own Son has been given to us.

**We will call him Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David.

**Let the trees of the forest sing for joy! Let heaven and nature sing. Joy to the world the Lord is come!**

Opening Prayer

**Illumine us with your holiness, O God, we have dwelt too long in deep darkness. Like the shepherds of old we listen for news of great joy, in the words of the angels. You are coming into the world at last. Open our hearts and our souls, O God, that we may welcome your Son into our lives once again with joy! Amen.**

† Hymn Angels We Have Heard on High No. 238 (Stanzas 1, 3, and 4)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Christ Candle Diane Gregson & Barbara Hanke

Children's Message

Anthem Sing Lullaby Adult Choir

† Hymn O Little Town of Bethlehem No. 230 (Stanza's 1, 2 & 3)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Christmas Message Rev. Steve Wells

Christmas Prayer

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Offertory Jesu Bambino Mary Johnson

† Doxology Christmas Doxology (Sing to the tune of Infant Holy)

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, glory to the Three-in-One. Here we offer to you gladly, all the gifts that you impart, As we glory in your presence, giving from a grateful heart.**

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HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving Pg. 15

Receiving the Bread and Cup

*Communion will be served by intinction. You will be given a piece of bread and asked to dip it into the chalice and then receive it by faith. All who have faith in Christ are invited to the table. If you would like to kneel and pray, the altar is open.)*

Passing the Light of Christ

*(The Ushers will pass the light to persons sitting on the end of each pew. Carefully pass the light to those sitting next to you.)*

Merry Christmas!  
Thank you for worshipping with us this evening. It is our sincere prayer that you will be blessed and inspired as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

We invite you to join us for our worship service on Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

We also invite you to worship with us in the coming year. We will offer two services each Sunday:

- 8:30 a.m. Casual Service
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

If we can serve you and your family in any way, please do not hesitate to call upon us. Westover Hills United Methodist Church is here to serve the needs of the community in the name of Christ!

**Christ is born this night ~ come and worship.**

**F**orgiveness is born this night  
~ come and worship and at the stable  
find release from guilt and fear. Find  
love beyond all measure to make up  
for all you have done and left undone;  
all the ways you have failed, all the  
things you could be but haven't  
become.

**P**eace is born this night  
~ come and worship, and among the  
lowly animals find a warmth that even  
warms the soul. Find comfort for your  
grief, calm in the midst of the trials of  
your living.

**H**ealing is born this night  
~ come and worship and in the love  
that is present here find wholeness for  
all your brokenness. Find a balm for  
wounds of the body and torments of  
the spirit, a slave for every sin-sick  
soul.

**J**oy is born this night  
~ come and worship and the cries that  
echo forth find not just happiness but  
something far more precious. Find joy  
~ deep abiding joy that depends not on  
good times or pleasant circumstances  
find joy that only come in living as  
God's children.

**S**alvation is born this night  
~ come and worship, and in this  
manger rude and bare find everything  
that matters. Find life and love and life  
made new; find God, find even God.

† Hymn *Silent Night, Holy Night* No. 239

† **Benediction**  
Let your hearts be at peace. **Christ is born!**  
Let your hearts be filled with joy. **Christ is born!**  
Let your hearts be thankful. **Christ is born!**  
Let your hearts be hopeful. **Christ is born.**  
May the love of the newborn Christ, surround and nourish you now  
and forever. **Amen!**

† Hymn *Joy to the World* No. 246  
Stanzas 1, 2 & 4

† **Postlude**

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† **You are invited to stand if you are able.**  
**Hearing devices are available. Please see an usher.**

We extend a special thanks to Jean Kambourian for playing the trumpet  
this evening and to Mary Johnson for her special solo.

Liturgist: James Mays

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