

**December 27, 2009**

10:30 a.m.



*\*Please stand, if able*

THE PRELUDE

Organ

GREETINGS, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please record your presence today on the friendship pad in your pew,  
that we may greet one another by name when we pass the peace.*

INTROIT

Organ

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 96:1-9

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

**People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.**

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

**People: Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

Leader: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

\*HYMN #22

*"Angels, From the Realms of Glory"*

**Welcome to worship at Westminster!** We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. We hope you will return often. If our pastor, Ellen Brantley, can be of any service to you or if you're interested in church membership, please contact her at the church (866-2711) or by email at westminster2@sbcglobal.net. Child Care is provided during worship in the nursery room downstairs. Preschool age children have supervised learning activities downstairs during the worship hour. Kim Thornhill is our preschool teacher. Rebekah Blanton and Mikel Catlett are our nursery attendants. If you have any questions, please ask an usher before or after the worship service. They are wearing usher tags and are available to help you. Large-print bulletins and hearing assistance aids are available from an usher.

### **Opportunities for Spiritual Growth and Service**

**2010 Pledge cards** — are available in the Narthex. Please consider completing one today if you have not yet done so. You may leave it in the office. Thank you.

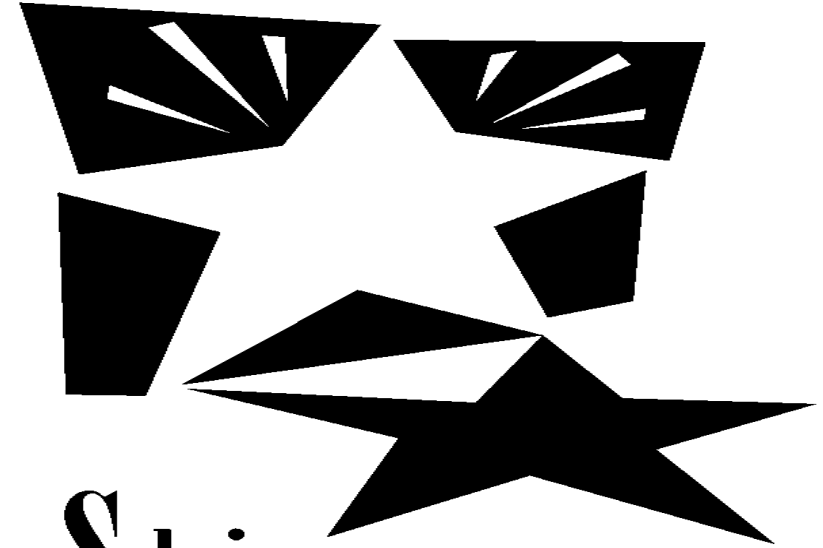
**Poinsettias** — if you ordered a poinsettia, you may take it home with you today after worship.

**Many thanks to all from the office staff** — for all the Christmas gifts and goodies we received!!

**Missouri State University Concert Chorale** — will perform in our sanctuary at 7:00 p.m., Sunday January 10th.

**Well of Life Food Pantry** — (Center City Christian Outreach program)- located on the grounds of St. Agnes Cathedral is our local mission program. **Volunteers are desperately needed on Fridays. They are open from 10 until 2, although one hour of help would be great.** You may make a monetary donation to Westminster with the memo "Well of Life" or pick up some items while you are shopping. Current items needed are: **Cookies and cake mixes.**

**The LIGHT**



**Shines in the  
darkness  
& the darkness  
did not  
overcome it**

**John 1:5**

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**Westminster Presbyterian Church**

**THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER**  
**December 27, 2009 — January 2, 2010**

**Today:**

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
AA	7:00 p.m.

**Monday:**

**OFFICE CLOSED\***

Boy Scouts	7:00 p.m.
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**Tuesday:**

**OFFICE CLOSED\***

**Friday:**

**Happy New Year—OFFICE CLOSED**

**Sunday, January 3— Epiphany:**

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Blood pressure checks before and after worship	
Friends and Fellowship	
Worship— undecorating the sanctuary	10:30 a.m.
AA	7:00 p.m.

**\*In case of emergency contact Janey Martin (881-2639 or 848-5692) or Janet Cavener (773-0621).**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Faithful God, we rejoice that you have sent your promised Christ. And yet, O God, we confess that we are still not ready for Christ's coming; we are reluctant to live as if the whole earth were your domain. We know the story— the shepherds, the angels, the magi— but we don't fully understand what it means. Awaken us to your Spirit, let Christ's birth make a difference in our lives, and grant us your peace, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: This is the good news in Jesus Christ:

**People: We can stand before God, not through our own goodness, but through God's great kindness and mercy.**

Leader: Rejoice and be glad, for God comes to you!

**\*RESPONSE:**

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**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**\*IN PRAISE OF GOD #50**

*"Rise Up Shepherd and Follow"*

**A SHARING TIME**

Carolyn Hughes

**ANTHEM OR SPECIAL MUSIC**

Organ

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

Hebrews 1:1-4  
John 1:1-14

**SERMON**

"A Rose By Any Other Name..."

**HYMN #48**

*"Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"*

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING  
OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY #592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #40

*"Joy to the World!"*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #29

*"Go Tell It on the Mountain"  
(v. 1)*

\*POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders and Contributors	
Pastor.....	Rev. Ellen Brantley
Liturgist .....	Nancy Piston
Organist .....	Christopher Kiepper
Director of Music.....	Eric Eichenberger
Acolyte .....	Shelby Brantley, Adriana Hughes
Hospitality/Greeting Teams.....	Matt Bayless, Louise Harmon,
.....	Doug Esselman, Tom Wyrick
Sound Tech.....	Bill Piston

**Special Needs**

Matt Bayless

Doug Buck, grandson of Virginia Buck, serving in Afghanistan

**Health Concerns**

Len Curtis, friend of Betty Caughlan, test results

Kathy Lindstrom, friend of Janey Martin, cancer

Jason, nephew of Carol Taylor, complications from lung transplant

Sara Parrish, broken ankle

Paul Rollinson, medical testing

Jane Lages, Pam Burrier's daughter, herniated disc in her neck

Allen Carter, Virgie Hankins' brother-in-law, cancer

Duane Addleman, at home, recovering from surgery

Lela Mae Caldwell, Louise Rook's aunt, under hospice care

Rose Chaloux, PDO substitute and lunch volunteer, on going health issues

Hardy Baker, The Maples, under hospice care

Donald Harris, David Harris' father

Gary Shearholdt, cancer, recovering from surgery

Joanna Coonrod, cancer

Scott Snelgrove, Stuart Brantley's cousin, cancer

J.R. Richardson, cancer

Lesa Eichenberger, Eric's mother, cancer

Elsbeth Osgood, Vivian Osgood's mother in Germany, leukemia, (friend of the Trotters and Ingrid Schumacher)

Luther Pogue, Dick Pogue's father, moved to a nursing home

Robert (Scott) Smith, husband of PDO teacher, Lori Smith, cancer

Joe Caughlan

Eli Reagge, 2 year old with leukemia, friend of Eichenberger family

Suzan Tarwater, friend of Lechlitters, brain cancer

Joann Ryan, friend of Louise Harmon, cancer treatment

