Westminster and First Presbyterian Churches

Wooster, Ohio



FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

December 26, 2021 — 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE — *Cradle Song* — *David Williams*
Eric J. Gastier, organ

WELCOME — Reverend David Rice

*GATHERING WORDS — Karolyn Rice

One: Glory to God in the highest.
All: Peace and good will on earth.
One: O come, let us adore him.
All: Christ, the Lord of all creation.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 133 — ***O Come, All Ye Faithful*** — *ADESTE FIDELES*

CALL TO CONFESSION — Joel Chupp

PRAYER OF CONFESSION ++

All: Immanuel, God with us, we have seen your stars in the sky
and yet turned away from your light.
We have heard the songs of creation praising you
and yet ignored your call to follow.
In your mercy, forgive us,
so that our voices will join with all creation
in glorifying and praising you. Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

MUSICAL RESPONSE ***Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*** *ES IST EIN' ROS'*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Reverend Dr. Enikö Ferenczy

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:1-17

HOMILY *A Genealogy of Grace*

*HYMN 137 ***He Came Down*** *HE CAME DOWN*

JOYS AND CONCERNS Reverend Rice

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

*HYMN 134 ***Joy to the World*** *ANTIOCH*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Noël – Chant du Roi Rene* *F. Alexandre Guilmant*

++ Prayer of Confession written by Paul Galbreath

* The asterisk indicates places in the service where those who wish may stand.

The flowers today are given by Don Beane in loving memory of his wife, Marjorie.

Westminster Presbyterian Church strives to be an "Intentionally Inclusive" community of believers and seekers, following the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. Through worship, study, and acts of compassion aimed at peacemaking, we seek to bring about God's kin-dom in how we express our faith.

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