



# Westkirk PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Weekly

**This Week's Activities**  
**December 9-16, 2018**

## **Today**

Communion Sunday  
First Service - 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School Classes - all ages - 10:15 a.m.  
Second Service - 11:15 a.m.  
Glen Oaks, 2:00 p.m.  
High School Ministry, 4:30 p.m.  
Coram Deo Housekirk, 6:00 p.m.

## **Monday**

Commission/Committee Deacon Meeting, Lounge, 5:30 p.m.  
Omega Housekirk, 6:30 p.m.  
Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

## **Tuesday**

Lunch and Learn, Great Hall, Noon  
Bible Study Fellowship, 6:30 p.m.  
Koinonia Housekirk, 6:30 p.m.  
Best Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.

## **Wednesday**

WOW Supper, 5:30 p.m.  
Worship, Sanctuary, 6:15 p.m.  
Classes for Children, Middle School Students and Adults, 6:30 p.m.  
Choir, Great Hall, 7:30 p.m.

## **Thursday**

Dorcas Circle, Hospitality Room, 12:00 p.m.  
Faith Seekers Alliance Housekirk, 6:30 p.m.  
Cookie and Favorite Things Swap, 7:00 p.m.

## **Saturday**

*Shepherd* Articles Due  
BSF Leader Meeting, CWC, 6:00 a.m.  
Children's Christmas Program Practice, Sanctuary, 9:30 a.m.  
Game Night, Hospitality Room, 4:00 p.m.

## **Sunday**

Children's Christmas Program, 10:15 a.m.  
High School Ministry, 4:30 p.m.  
Coram Deo Housekirk, 6:00 p.m.

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**Our Weekly Concerns.** New additions will be listed in bold print, and names will be removed upon request. Names left on for more than 3 weeks will be removed at the discretion of the office. Please keep these friends in your prayers: **Pastor Glen Blumer and Crossroads Church of Norwalk**, Beth Boeckemeier, Judy Gaumer, Don Gravit, Audrene Hansen, Eunice Hofmeyer, Ellen Kinaird, Marilyn Lanham, Kevin Masemann, Paul Meinen, Nancy Morris, Evan Opman, Vicky Shaver, Sharon Wyckoff Willard. Condolences to: Irene Reed and Family on the death of Dick Reed.

**WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Question of the Week (answer on the back)

Q: Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath?

**Westkirk Lunch and Learn.** On December 11 at noon, we will meet for a meal of ham and other good things. We will also have an opportunity to laminate those cards and things that tend to wear with age — so bring what you need laminated. Since it is December, we will also sing some Christmas Carols. Please sign up on the Connect Card **TODAY**.

**New Hymn.** Today during first service, we sing a new hymn of confession (see insert). It is based on Luke 1:78 - "The rising sun will come to us from heaven." We will be singing this for the next few weeks, so PLEASE place this copy in your hymnal to be used for these weeks of Advent.

**WOW Menu**

**Chef's Choice, Salad, Fruit and Cookie**

**Calling all Cookie-makers!** After Westkirk's Christmas Eve service, we will have cookies and hot drinks in the Hospitality Room. Because the service has so many attendees, we need your cookies! Whether it's chocolate chip, ginger snap, or Grandma's secret recipe, please consider volunteering to bring cookies to be shared after service. We need your help! Please contact Reece or Cassie Lewellen if you are able to help, or sign up on the Connect Card! Thank you.



**December Communion Offering.** Today's communion offering will be given to the Robert Morrison Project. This is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to legally translating and publishing reformed literature in China and South East Asian Countries. Their aim is to fill the vast publishing vacuum in Asia with God-glorifying literature resources using multiple publishing platforms (paper, ebook, web, smart phone app). Initial efforts so far have been extremely encouraging. To do more, they need our help. Thank you for helping us support this very important ministry!

**When Do Children Take Communion at Westkirk?** Please show discernment in leading your children during communion. You may certainly take your children with you to go forward for communion. At that time, you should indicate to the server if your children are to receive the elements. Since Paul encourages us (1 Corinthians 11:23-34) to examine ourselves in order not to take the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner, we do not subscribe to the partaking of the elements by infants, toddlers or young children (paedo-communion). We do encourage parents to talk with their children about the Gospel, about communion, and bring them to meet with one of the pastors to help them discern if their child is ready to partake. A child who is ready to take communion is also ready to publicly profess his or her faith and be baptized, if they have not already done so.

**Dorcas Circle.** This is the month for our noon potluck, and we look forward to having a great time of fellowship as we share our favorite luncheon dishes. Judy Hahn and Cynthia Fisher will be our hostesses. We continue our study about angels. Donna Nelson will share about angels as "Earthly Enforcers", probably something we've never thought about. Come and join us with your food at 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 13, in the Hospitality Room.



**Little Hearts, Prepare Him Room.** Our Christmas program is next Sunday, December 16, at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary! Kids age 2-5th grade will be singing and sharing a gospel-centered Christmas message. Plan to come for both worship and the program! (Kids, remind your parents that we'll practice for the program at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 15!)

**Church Directory.** The Westkirk online directory is for the use of members and friends of the church. Once you have access through [www.westkirk.org](http://www.westkirk.org), you can view it and/or print it out on your own. Because of security reasons, only those who are actually in the directory can receive the password. To get the password, contact the church office. To be included in the directory, email Chuck Holcomb at [cholcomb@holcombcorp.com](mailto:cholcomb@holcombcorp.com).

## Nativity

*By Elaine Erickson (2018)*

A woman on a donkey,  
led by a man weaving  
through darkness,  
sings in the stinging cold,  
her voice ancient bells.  
She feels like a flickering  
flame about to vanish,  
her breath pale planets  
floating upward.

She collapses on a bed of hay.  
Animals lick her face,  
her scream reaching the stars.

She holds her new baby,  
then kneels by a manger  
where he lies.  
Does she know he will  
one day redeem the world?  
A nearby choir of angels  
thrills the hearts of shepherds.

Suddenly everything outside  
turns to green —  
the green of grass, of fields,  
the green of Bethlehem.

## Westkirk Holiday Schedule

December 16	Children's Christmas Program (10:15)
December 16	No Sunday School Classes
December 19	No WOW
December 24	Candlelight Service - 5:30 p.m.
December 25-26	Office Closed
December 26	No WOW
December 31-January 1	Office Closed
January 2	No WOW



A: From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly Sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian Sabbath.