

September 4, 2015

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Advent season will soon be here and Christmas is just around the corner.

We write to invite you to Westminster College's annual Festival of Lessons and Carols. Lessons and Carols is a community worship service that seeks to celebrate the birth of Jesus through scripture and song. As we know all too well, it is so easy to be swept up in the stress and chaotic nature of the holiday season. Our hope is that you will join us for Lessons and Carols and find this time to be an opportunity for worshipful mediation and quiet remembrance of the sacredness that grounds us all.

Patterned after the festival held at Cambridge University, England, the service includes the reading of nine scriptures pertaining to the Christmas story and carols sung and performed by the Westminster College choirs and other area musicians. This year's service will take place at 5:00 PM on Sunday, December 6th. A reception will follow the service in the Churchill Memorial Museum.

Please share the following information about the Festival of Lessons and Carols with your congregation. Feel free to publicize by whatever means are best for you community. Electronic versions of the enclosed flyer and/or bulletin inserts can be provided upon request.

The Festival of Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 6th, 5:00 PM The Church of St. Mary, the Virgin, Aldermanbury Churchill Memorial, Westminster College Fulton, Missouri

We hope you will join us and look forward to worshipping with you!

Grace and Peace,

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