

## **Westminster Luminaries**

*Illuminating Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love*

Advent is a time of waiting, anticipating, and yearning for God's peace, hope, joy, and love to arrive in real and tangible ways. As we journey through Advent toward the Good News of the incarnation of God's Love, we remember together the surprise of such news to people longing for joy, justice, and God's *shalom* (peace).

We invite you to take home a white luminary bag and ponder these questions on your own or with your family:

- *Where do you notice signs of Christ's peace in a conflicted and violent world?*
- *When have you ever been surprised by God's grace?*

### ***Question specifically for families with young children:***

- *Who or what has brought you joy when the world feels scary?*

Share your response to one of these questions with a drawing or collage on your bag. It could be words, it could be symbolic images, it could be a collage of color. Make sure to leave space in your drawing or collage so that light can shine through. (see examples on back)

Return your bag by Sunday, December 22 for our volunteers to assemble the luminaries. These luminaries that carry our community's expressions of longing or surprise or wonder will light the entrance of our church parking lot, welcoming all who come to worship with us on Christmas Eve!

*"All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."*

*-John 1:3-5*