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“Where Hope Is Born”

You may see familiar faces on television this month. Presbyterians across the state are sponsoring a TV ad. Alongside of the Mormons, the Methodists and the Catholics, we have a message to share publically. Ours is a message of hope.

The message begins, “What do you think of when you think of hope?” Various people answer: “When I think of hope, I think of family, friends, community.” “Hope comes where people care.” “Hope is about expecting the unexpected.” “Hope is a passion for the possible.”

The follow-up question is more direct: “Where do you find hope?” The answer is, the Presbyterian church. Alongside of images of people at work in caring, sharing, joyful community together. The closing line is simply: “The Presbyterian Church – Where Hope is Born.”

Walter Brueggeman coined a phrase, calling people of faith, “authentic hoppers.” I love it! We have a message of authentic hope. Hope is born as we witness to the hope of the world in Jesus Christ.

The four weeks of Advent leading up to Christmas are a symbol of how hope works: it takes time. God does not work automatically. In the whole of scripture, things do not change immediately. God is at work in the mean time. God lifts up people like John the Baptist – people with the message, “Prepare the way of the Lord.”

Part of the reason why hope is possible is that we get ourselves ready. It’s an important message for us. Prepare the way. Does it mean to change our attitudes? Does it mean to live differently? Does it mean to open ourselves to new ways of thinking? Does it mean to open ourselves to new people? Does it mean to challenge ourselves in the values that guide our lives? Does it mean to open our eyes to what God is doing in the world?

John the Baptist questions people – so we should challenge ourselves. It loosens the lock binding our imagination. It helps us to see anew. Our identity and our call in a deadlocked world is this – it is up to us to be authentic hoppers, and get ready for the hope God is bringing.

Prepare the way! Where will hope happen? The Bible says it can happen in the most outcast, forlorn, rejected stable in a tiny country on the far side of the earth. If God’s hope can be born there, then there is hope for all.

It’s a message to celebrate! It’s a message to share. Someone you know needs hope. Bring them to church this Advent and Christmas. They will hear: In Jesus, hope is born – for us all!

Merry Christmas!

Andrew McDonald

HOLIDAY OFFERINGS FROM ADULT EDUCATION

The Birth of Jesus: A Twice Told Tale through December 18. Every Christmas, we remember with joy, thanksgiving, and hope the birth of Jesus. Which story do we remember? Matthew has its version; Luke has its version. The same good news, but told differently. Join us as Bob Snell leads us through these two compelling narratives.

Civic Visions and Civil Discourse: Community Conversations. After a brief holiday hiatus, Adult Education gets back into action on **January 8**. Join us for this new twist on Westminster tradition in which civic leaders **Sen. Kathy Campbell, Gov. Dave Heineman** and others share their sense of our community's exciting opportunities and pressing challenges. New for this year's series is a focus specifically on civic discourse and its importance to democracy. As part of this series, we're pleased to announce a visit the weekend of January 29 by **Rev. James Calvin Davis, Prof. of Religious Studies at Middlebury College and author of *In Defense of Civility***. **Mark your calendars now** and watch for details in future "Vines" and January Messenger."

WESTMINSTER BIBLE CLASS

Sundays, 9:00 a.m.—Parlor

Westminster Bible Class studies Christian Wisdom Literature, using "The Present Word". We are starting a new section entitled "God Establishes a Faithful People."

- December 4: "A Blessing of all Nations"
Genesis 12: 1-9
Rev. Ellen Davis
- December 11: "A Promise to Abraham"
Genesis 15: 1-6, 12-18
Greg Hershberger
- December 18: "The Lord Provides"
Genesis 22: 1-2, 6-14
Rev. Ellen Davis
- December 25: No Class
- January 1: No Class

CROSSROADS

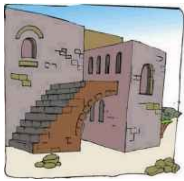
Sundays, 9:00 a.m. - Library

Looking ahead to the rest of 2011, we are studying Rev. Doug Wysocky-Johnson's "Call Waiting" seminar and taking part in a study leading into the holidays about the "Culture of Consumerism." We will participate in the St. Nick Project and complete an Advent study.

We cordially invite all young adults to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the library for study and friendship. We promise to have a full pot of coffee! If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Baltensperger or Maggie Stuckey. See you at Crossroads!

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FAITH VILLAGE

(K-5th grade) 9:00 and 10:45 am

Memory verse:

“To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.” (Luke 2:11)

Faith Villagers begin each morning in their class groups. Please watch the board at the base of the stairs for each classes’ location. We will wrap up our learning time with songs and to thank God for our blessings with an offering. Offering envelopes are available in Faith Village to take home. Parents are encouraged to help their children make this a regular part of their Sunday morning routine.

Regular attendance at church and Sunday school is very important for children as they are creating the building blocks of their faith. Regular attendance creates a feeling of comfort, routine and lasting friendships. Faith Villagers with perfect attendance will be recognized at the end of each month.

People in Bible times waited with anticipation for the coming of the Savior. During Advent, we wait and prepare to celebrate the birth of the promised Savior, Jesus. The coming of Jesus is the gift of Christmas, something we can remember and celebrate all year. This advent Faith Villagers will:

- learn that Old Testament prophets foretold the coming of the Messiah;
- hear that as Christians we believe that Jesus is the Messiah;
- recognize Advent as a special time in the church year;
- discover what it means to say that God is with us.

A BUTCHER, A BAKER, A CANDLESTICK MAKER?

In Faith Village kids learn about God’s amazing love for us through all 5 of their senses. There are currently openings for loving adults to lead workshops in January, February and March. Please consider a spirited response to this call to use your God gifted talents to help our children build the blocks of their faith. Contact betsy@westminsterlincoln.org.

Kindergarten of Eden (preschool age) Room #210 10:45 am

Using the Wee Believe curriculum, nurturing adults help children build a foundational understanding of God’s love for them. In December the children will explore stories of “Jesus’ Big Family” and how Elizabeth rejoiced when she saw Mary, the mother of Jesus. An offering for the Food Pantry will be collected each week and children are encouraged to bring non-perishable items.

Mark Your Calendars! Please note the following schedule changes:

Sunday, Dec 18 - 9:00 am Faith Village as usual

No Faith Village or Kindergarten of Eden at 10:45. Enjoy the Children’s Musical together with your family.

Sunday, Dec 25 - There will be no children’s or youth Sunday school.

Sunday, Jan 1, 2012 - There will be no children’s or youth Sunday school.

Sunday, Jan 8 - Sunday school classes resume for children and youth.

SAVE THE DATE:

Spring Break Drama Camp for K-8th grade.

Kids will help create, act, sing, stage and perform a complete drama production! Performance is scheduled for Sunday, March 18 during 10:30 worship. Look for more information and sign up opportunities soon!

Our Wish List –

Everybody has a wish list. Often our wishes come true, but only if we ask. The Westminster Foundation has a wish list. The Foundation has special areas of ministry we are seeking to support. The following wishes would help make our dreams come true.

The Great Commission Endowment was established to support the growth of the church and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. To reach our current goal, we need gifts totaling \$4,000.

The Youth Mission Endowment has started an endowment for youth mission travel. These can be life-changing events for young people, but they are expensive. Through eight years of giving and tithing their fund-raising projects, the youth have raised over half of their initial goal. We need additional gifts which will help them grow. The Youth Mission Endowment would be helped significantly with gifts totaling \$10,000.

Special music programs. Music is such an important part of our life together – at Christmas, Easter and throughout the year. We want to share more joy in wonderful sacred music. However, these marvelous events require hiring professional musicians, and that is a growing expense. We have great dreams of what we could do. To increase our special music programs, our wish is for gifts totaling \$20,000 to \$80,000.

We have dreams for every area of the life and mission of this great church. The Westminster Foundation is grateful for all the endowment gifts given in the past. We look forward to a strong and wonderful future.

Every gift – large or small – takes us up the ladder of success. If you would be interested in a current gift, or in a gift through your will or estate plan, we would be happy to talk with you.

Thank you for helping us share our wishes, and for turning our dreams into reality. For more information contact Cheryl Rennick @ 402-475-6702 or Jon Jackson 402-430-1943.

Merry Christmas!
The Westminster Foundation.



Soul Connections
Relax - Renew - Rejoice!

2nd Westminster Presbyterian Church Women's Retreat
Saturday, January 14, 2012
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
8:30 a.m. Registration-Coffee & Muffins

*Make-Soul Connections-
with your choice of workshops:*

- Journaling
- Yoga
- Ask the Doctors
- Living Happy to 102
- Art Therapy
- Help! My Friend is Hurting
- Personality Assessment
- Art & Soul-A Creative Experience
- Entertaining & Decorating
- Meditation
- Praying with your Body & Soul
- Time Management
- Bible Study with Rev. Ellen Davis
- Cutting for Stone book discussion with Pat Leach

**A delicious lunch will be included
with the cost of registration.**

A Retreat for Women
of all ages and interests.
Join us to unwind after the
holidays and celebrate the new year.

Register in the church Garden Room
beginning Sunday December 4th, or
through the church office at
402-475-6702, or
www.westminsterlincoln.org
Your check secures your reservation.

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Crèche Display December 4

Nativity scenes from Westminster family and friends will be exhibited in Fellowship Hall.

Let us prepare our hearts to receive our Savior.

“Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown,

When Thou camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room for Thy holy nativity.

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for Thee.”

Hymn written by Emily E Eliot,
1864

Library News

If the lights, carols, decorations and shopping ads aren't enough to get you in the mood, try some of these Christmas titles from the library of Westminster. Some are old, some are new. Enjoy!!

Picture books:

Corduroy's Christmas -- Don Freeman
B is for Bethlehem - Isabel Wilner
Miracle in a Shoe Box - Franklin Graham
This is the Star - Joyce Dunbar
The Very First Christmas - Paul Maier
Father and Son - Geraldine McCaughrean
Journey to Bethlehem - Akiko Kageyama
The First Christmas Tree - Helen Haidle
Poems of Christmas - Myra Livingston, ed.
Kipper's Christmas Eve - Mick Inkpen

Adult titles:

The Most Beautiful Gift - Jonathan Snow
Norman Rockwell's Christmas Book
The Glory of Christmas - Charles Swindoll
The Christmas Train - David Baldacci
Christmas Past - Robert Vaughan
The Book of Christmas - Readers Digest Assoc.
The Christmas Quilt - Jennifer Chiaverini
Finding Noel - Richard Paul Evans
The Judge Who Stole Christmas - Randy Singer
The Christmas Box - Richard Paul Evans



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Church Circles meet in December as listed below. All women, young, old and new members are welcome! The Bible Study for the 11/12 year is *Confessing The Beatitudes*.

Just call the contact for the circle you prefer. *Please Come!*
Meeting places, times, and contacts are as follows:

- Circle 1** Wed., December 7- 9:30 am Church Lounge
Contact Marge Young 402-327-8190 *or*
Jane Fredrickson 402-792-2949
- Circle 3** Wed. December 7- 10:00 am 3025 Sheridan Blvd.
Contact Wendi Coffman 402-477- 8987
- Circle 4** Mon. December 5- 6 pm Pot Luck 901 Phillips Dr.
Contact Lois Katt 402-476-8879
- Circle 5** Tues. December 13- 10:00 am Church Lounge
Contact Frances Knosp, 402-420-2424
- Circle 6** Tues. December 13- 7 pm Church Library
Contact Ashley Lammers 477-0706

Anyone interested in sewing?! Mission Sewers meeting January 25 at 1 pm in the Church Lounge. Contact Martha McLeod 402-792-2774 or Jane Grabenstein-Chandler 402-483-6533.



WESTMINSTER MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS

During December, Westminster Men's Tuesday breakfasts will have a special Christmas Season flavor -- from Scrooge to the Wisemen. A Continental Breakfast (only \$2 and FREE for first timers) is available soon after 6:30 am. The program follows at 7:00; dismissal is by 8:00.

Here is the lineup:

- December 6th:** "The History of Christmas Carols" Dr. Bud Tenney
9th Annual Bob Rohrbaugh Memorial singing of "White Christmas" Piano by Jean Patoka
- December 13th:** 11th Annual Reading of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" Keith Ghormley, Youth Pastor,
Zion Presbyterian Church
- December 20th:** "A Journey with the Wisemen" Dr. Steve Carveth
- December 27th:** **No Meeting** - A time for you and yours to reflect on God's Grace and Love.

All Westminster men are cordially invited to come and enjoy these events that are guaranteed to help you get into the Christmas Spirit. Do come!

Reminders: Deadline for January Messenger will be December 15th.
Articles can be sent to: marge@westminsterlincoln.org

LIFETIME MINISTRY EVENTS

LUNCH BUNCH – December 8th at 12:30 pm

The Lunch Bunch invites guests to join them for lunch and conversation at Fortune Palace, 5740 Old Cheney Road, Suite 11. This fellowship group is open to both men and women. Lunch Bunch members carpool to restaurants while offering shut-ins transportation from their homes. Those needing rides, please contact the church office, 475-6702, by Wednesday, December 7th. A car leaves the church @12:10 pm.

PRAIRIE READERS – December 21st at 1 pm

Readers have chosen a seasonal book by John Grisham entitled *Skipping Christmas*. Martha Kingsbury will be the facilitator.

The story begins as the Crank family are at the airport sending their daughter away for a year. Luther, an accountant, checks his records and finds that the family spent \$6,100 dollars on Christmas the past year. The couple decides to skip the holiday: no tree, no presents, and most of all, “no rooftop Frosty” on their roof on Hemlock street. How does it end, read the book and see!

WESTMINSTER CLUB -Tuesday, December 13

We will meet in Cole Hall at 5:30 pm for punch and fellowship with a catered dinner to follow. Our program "A Christmas Carol", will be presented by Keith Ghormley. If you have not been contacted by a caller, a reservation can be made by calling the church office at 402-475-6702 by Friday December 9th. Please bring your own table service, and \$7.00 to cover the cost of dinner. We hope to see you there.



"How can you give a gift of hope to a family across the world?"

Heifer International has developed the areas of emphasis that must be addressed if we are to end world hunger and poverty. A charitable gift, purchased from Heifer International, will provide animals and training to help families build better futures for themselves and their communities. Join us in the Garden Room on December 4th and 11th to purchase a unique gift for your family and friends this holiday season. You can choose from goats, water buffalo, chickens, and much more! Please help us to make a difference!"

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES



Shopping for St Nick

Sunday, December 11, 6:30-8pm

Youth will adopt several families who otherwise wouldn't get Christmas presents this year. Meet at the Customer Service Desk at Shopko (27th and Pine lake). Please bring along tidings of great joy and up to \$20 you are willing to donate toward presents.

St. Nick Wrapping Party Tues, December 13, 6pm

The St. Nick Project needs our help! All the gifts purchased for Westminster's St. Nick Project need to be wrapped. Do you love to wrap presents? Can you imagine the entire Fellowship Hall *full of presents*? St. Nick Project will provide the tape, wrapping paper, bows, bags, tissue, etc...you bring your scissors and your creativity. There will also be treats for you to enjoy.

Reindeer Games Sunday, December 18, 6:30-8pm

Time for the 5th Annual Youth Reindeer Games! Get ready for some wacky activities, including: Name that Famous Holiday Personality, an Elf Obstacle Course, wheelbarrow races, Christmas Carol Charades, Deck the Halls with Boughs of Candy, Human Gift Wrap, and more! Dress for some very active games! This would be a great night to bring a friend to Youth Group!

Winter Lock-In Tues., December 27, 7 pm to Wed., December 28, 7am

Make plans to attend the Youth Group winter 2011 lock-in! Join us for a night of fun, gym games, Sardines (reverse hide-and-seek!), mission projects, great memories...and *some* sleep! Once you are at the lock-in, you will not be allowed to leave the church until 7 am the next morning... no late arrivals or early departures!

Ski Trip Monday, January 16

You asked for it...you will get it...if we can find 20 youth interested in tackling Mt Crescent Ski Area in Iowa, we will have a one day ski festival. Sign up now in the Youth Café. We also need parents.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Births: Congratulations to Katherine Gregg & James Mussman on the birth of Grant John, born November 16; grandparents Freda & Michael Gregg; great grandmother Willa Mussman.

Bereavements: Comfort for the family and friends of Dorothy Welchoff, who died on November 2, and Jean Hendry-Wedner, who died on November 13.



FOUNDATION BIRTHDAY CLUB

The following members celebrated birthdays during November and renewed or became members of the Foundation Birthday Club:

Sam Baird
Sonia Harford
Amy Hesse
Amy Peterson
Barbara Schliesser

The GFWC Heritage League Woman's Club



will celebrate its 39th annual Holiday of Trees fundraising event at Westminster on December 1st and 2nd from 10 am to 8 pm. The ticket price to attend the event is \$1.00 for those over the age of 8 and may be purchased at the door or from a Heritage League member. There will be twenty five beautifully decorated trees as well as a Coffee House for lunch or dinner, a Boutique, a Pantry with home baked goods and Attic Treasures with gently used items and a Raffle for a bicycle or a gourmet food basket. Santa Claus or Mrs. Claus will visit. Ticket proceeds from this year's event will be given to the Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska's Hilltop House Campaign. Westminster's Preschool will again decorate a tree. Co-chairs for this year's events are Janice Crewdson, Joyce Genoways and Donna Hilton.



AUDIO & VISUAL

HELP NEEDED

It is one of the quiet but very powerful ministries at Westminster. The AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY sets up lighting and sound for worship, records worship services for the church archives, and edits the recordings for broadcasting the services on TV. For some people, TV is the only way to worship.

Westminster recently installed a new system which simplified some maneuvers. Chris Pultz and Todd Eno have been serving in this ministry. They will help you master the system. "Running sound is not any more complicated than simple computer operation."

Did you miss our Military Ministry gathering on Wednesday, November 30? If you are a veteran, a member of the military or a family member or friend, we need your ideas. A survey is available from the receptionist regarding programs and activities available to us through local Lincoln resources. Please take the time to fill one out. Completed surveys may be left at the reception desk.

PANTRY CHALLENGE

Circle 4 has challenged the other circles and organizations of the church. Their circle is supplying enough food to fill boxes each week for the People's City Mission. Each week food for three families of two, two families of three and one family of four are packed. Their challenge to the church is for your group or circle to do the same. It will be difficult to determine the winner but we know for sure that the winners will be the hungry people of Lincoln. During this Holiday season, we hope that you will join in this challenge. The following is packed every week:

toilet tissue-10	Jello-13	Syrup-6
pancake mix-6	hand soap-9	dry cereal-6
Oatmeal-6	cooking oil-6	Sugar-6
soda cracker-6	peanut butter-6	Spaghettios-14
Spaghetti-8	Rice-7	Noodles-6
Tuna-19	macaroni and cheese-16	spaghetti sauce-6
stew or chili-7	Fruit-28	fruit juice-7
Vegetables-37	pork and beans-15	cream soup-9
other soup-13	potato flakes-6	



New Year's Resolution? Picture this:

You find yourself stuck in traffic on the way to church one sun drenched but slightly chilly May morning and you can't help but wonder what's going on! Then you see them. The runners. And you remember that it's Lincoln (Half) Marathon Day. Elite runners charge past, barely breaking a sweat. Athletic runners cruise along, taking it all in stride. Then come the rest of the runners, and the walkers, too. Tall, short, heavy, thin, old, young and every description in between. And you think to yourself, "Someday..." Well, that day is here!

Wingin' A Prayer

spiritual fitness group

Goals:

- Increasing fitness of Body, Mind and Spirit through reflection, training and education.
- Groups of bikers and runners who train together will participate in an event
- To promote WPC in the community, highlighting our dedication to the whole person each of us is as God's creation.

Training:

Body: weekly training schedules for people at all levels, and weekly group runs and rides. Estimated approximately 14 weeks.

Mind: Wednesday night sessions led by local experts in areas of fitness, nutrition, equipment, physical therapy, safety and more which will enhance the training experience.

Spirit: Scripture, study and music to encourage a spiritual awakening during the training process.

Beginning in January 2012. Watch for more information and sign up opportunities soon.



CALLING ALL 'ST. NICK ' ELVES!

It's time to rally the elves of Westminster to prepare for the 25th Annual St. Nick Project.

- For those of you buying gifts, gather your family and gear up for those big sales. You're going to make someone smile with a great gift chosen just for them. But don't forget... gifts are due back at the church **Sunday, December 11th**.
- For those elves cleaning their closets before Christmas guests arrive...did you find a few extra stocking stuffers, Christmas wrap or boxes? They'd make some great additions to the regular gift items! They too can be dropped off at the church.
- And don't worry, we only wrap the parents gifts!!

If you would like more information about the gifts or the party, give Freda Gregg (402-423-3236) or Teri Nelson

This year, the preschool children have been going to the chapel each week to participate in their Chapel chat sessions with Ms. Betsy. It has truly been a delightful experience and a joy to watch the children enjoy their experience of being in the chapel. One of their favorite experiences is their turn to be "candle lighter" and help to bring the light of God before us. The other day I overheard one little girl tell her mother "I love "apple chat" mom!" We are proud to offer children the opportunity to worship with us and learn about God each week.



WESTMINSTER ON WEDNESDAY

*Join your friends at WOW
for Dinner, Fellowship & More!*

5:45 - 6:30 pm in Cole Hall

\$3 children, ages 3-12 yrs; \$4 Adults; \$14 max/family

Dress
rehearsal
for the
Children's
pageant is
Saturday,

December 17th
9:00 to 11:00 am.

WOW MENU FOR DECEMBER

7th—Chicken enchiladas, beans and rice

14th—Sloppy Joes and chips

21st—Creamed turkey

KNIT TOGETHER

Drop in at the church library 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays to learn to knit, work on craft projects, find inspiration for creative expression, and enjoy fellowship! Everyone welcome!

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SCROOGE

Dickens' A Christmas Carol is a much beloved Christmas classic. We all know the story well. Let's re-read this perennial favorite and discuss it over four Wednesdays in Advent (**Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, 14, & 21**). It will help us, too, awaken on Christmas morning and "chuckle till we cry." In the lounge from **6:30-7:30 p.m.**, after WOW's night dinner. Copies of the book available free of charge. Rev. Bob Snell will lead our discussion.

December 2011

Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 6:30 am Koop Group 9:30 am Bible Study 10:00 am Holiday of Trees	2 10:00 am Holiday of Trees	3
4 2nd Sunday of Advent 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Adult Education Sunday School Confirmation Class The Birth of Jesus 10:30 am Worship	5 11:00 am Bible Study Chapel Chat 1:00 pm Chapel Chat 7:00 pm Recovery Group	6 6:45 am Men's Fellowship 11:00 am Chapel Chap 12:00 pm OA 1:00 pm Chapel Chat 4:30 pm Personnel 5:00 pm Adult Ed Committee 5:15 pm Women's Retreat 6:00 pm Outreach Comm. Admin & Planning PS Parent Adv Mtg 7:00 pm Deacon Meeting	7 9:30 am Circle 1 5:00 pm Youth Bells 5:45 pm WOW Dinner 6:20 pm Carillon 6:30 pm Children's Choirs Salt & Light Knit Together Gospel According To Scrooge 7:00 pm Women of Faith 7:30 pm Westminster Choir ACOA	8 6:30 am Koop Group 9:30 am Bible Study	9 No events scheduled	10 No events scheduled
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25 Christmas Day 10:30 am Worship	26 Building Closed	27 Building Closed 7:00 pm Youth Lock In	28 7:00 am Youth Lock In	29 No Events Scheduled	30 No Events Scheduled	31 No Events Scheduled



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

December 4 (Advent II)

John the Baptist calls you “Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord” from “Godspell” (Matthew 3)
 Westminster Carillon’s anthem based on “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” (Isaiah 11:1)
 Westminster Choir’s Advent anthem, “E’en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come (Revelation 22)
 Jr. String Ensemble “The First Nowell”

December 11 (Advent III)

“GLORIA in D Major” RV589 by Antonio Vivaldi with Summit String Quartet

The text is from Luke 2:14, the angel praising God and saying “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men” and greater Doxology. This delightful “Good Tiding” is delivered by the Westminster Choir and the Summit String Quartet. Summit String Quartet is funded by the generosity of Rae Hamilton in honor and loving memory of family and friends.

December 18 (Advent IV)

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN’S PAGEANT

“FOLLOW THE STAR”— the Scripture Reading and Christmas Carols from the world.

Christ called little children to come forward. They will be our evangelists who will bring us the Good News.

SING “HALLELUJAH CHORUS” TOGETHER

At the end of the worship service, we will sing Händel’s “Hallelujah Chorus.” Please meet at 10 am in the sanctuary on December 18 and we will warm-up together. “Hallelujah Chorus” will be the Choral Response.

A WESTMINSTER CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE



Christmas Eve
SERVICES

- 3pm Family Service with Youth Ensemble, Handbell Ensemble
- 5pm Family Service with All Children’s Choirs, Children’s Handbell, Jr. String, Nebraska Brass, Westminster Brass
- 7pm Contemporary Style service featuring Westminster Band with guest musicians
- 9am Traditional Candlelight Service with Nebraska Brass, Westminster Carillon, Westminster Choir