

**Celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ at
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Sheridan at South Lincoln, Nebraska**
Spiritually Alive, Broadly Inclusive, Growing in Mission

**2017 CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP
3, 5, & 9 p.m.**

PRELUDE**3:00** *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

English Traditional/arr. Purvis

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Willis/arr. Purvis

“Prelude on ‘God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen’”

English Traditional/arr. Rutter

John Ross, organ

5:00 & 9:00*“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”*

English Traditional/arr. McGregor

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Holst/arr. Ramm

“Carol of the Bells”

Leontovych/arr. Snell

“Christmas Fantasy”

Raney

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Mendelssohn/arr. Marhonic

Nebraska Brass

INTROIT**3:00** *“Psallite”*

Praetorius/arr. Robinson

Good Life Chorus

5:00 *“Once in Royal David’s City”*

Gauntlett/arr. Ross

Youth Strings

9:00 *“O Come, Little Children”* German Traditional/arr. Dobrinski

Westminster Carillon

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

God of glory,
 your splendor shines from a manger in Bethlehem.
 In the birth of Jesus
 your boundless love
arkness and death.

Christ is born in love and light!
Praise to God, all the choirs in heaven and earth!
Glory to God's holy name!

***#133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vss. 1, 3 & 4)**

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
& CANDLE OF CHRIST**

3:00 *Jon and Kristyn Bennett Family*

5:00 *Loy and Julie Olson, and Matt and Niki
 Olson Families*

7:00 *Owen & Emily Killham Family*

9:00 *David & Alice Szabat*

#110 “Love Has Come” (vs. 1)

(Please remain seated)

**Love has come: a light in the darkness!
 Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
 See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
 hear how their song of joy arises:
 Love! Love! Born unto you a Savior!
 Love! Love! Glory to God on high.**

“NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS” Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn***#119 “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” (vss. 1 & 3)*****PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

Barbara Hipple

#113 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

(Please remain seated)

OFFERING

3:00 “*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*” Praetorius/arr. Baker
 Good Life Chorus

5:00 “*Away in a Manger*” Murray
 Alleluia! Amen! & Cherub Choir

9:00 “*Gloria*” from *Christmas Cantata* Pinkham
 Westminster Choir; Nebraska Brass

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
 Come, one and all, to own Him.
 The King of kings salvation brings;
 Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
 This, this is Christ the King,
 Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
 Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
 the Babe, the Son of Mary!*

Luke 1:26-38

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

ANTHEM

3:00 *“The First Noel”* Traditional/arr. The Blenders
 Good Life Chorus

5:00 *“Mary, Did You Know?”*
 Lowry & Greene/arr. Martin & Angerman
 Westminster Choir;
 Kaylee Adamson, Brielle Anderson & Grace Hemmerling, soloists

9:00 *“O Holy Night”* Adam/arr. Rutter
 Westminster Choir; Megan Anderson, soloist

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

#123 *“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” (vss. 1, 2 & 5)*

Luke 2:1-20

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

“Tell Me a Story”

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

SHARING OF THE LIGHT

(The pastors will light the candle of the first person in the pew; light is then passed until all candles are lit. Please be very careful to keep candles away from hair and clothing. God bless you on this special night!)

#121 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (vss. 1 & 3)
(Please remain seated)

***O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.***

***How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him,
still the dear Christ enters in.***

***#122 “Silent Night”**

(Please remain seated)

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright.
 Round yon virgin mother and child.
 Holy Infant so tender and mild,
 Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night!
 Shepherds quake at the sight:
 Glories stream from heaven afar,
 Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
 Christ, the Savior, is born!
 Christ, the Savior, is born.*

*Silent Night, holy Night!
 Son of God, love's pure light,
 Radiant beams from Thy holy face
 With the dawn of redeeming grace.
 Jesus, Lord at Thy birth,
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.*

*Silent night, holy night!
 Wondrous star, lend thy light;
 With the angels let us sing,
 Alleluia to our King;
 Christ the Savior is born,
 Christ the Savior is born.*

*#134 “Joy to the World”

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature, sing
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world! The Savior reigns;
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy,*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, and wonders of His love.*

CHARGE AND BLESSING**POSTLUDE**

3:00 “Fanfare on ANTIOCH”

John Ross, organ

Hancock

5:00 & 9:00 “Flourish on ‘Joy to the World’”

Nebraska Brass; Westminster Carillon

Hobby

Special thanks to Scott Lippstreu and Jessica Golden and to The Westminster Foundations Anderson and Howe Endowments in support of the music tonight. Thank you to all our musicians for sharing your talents during this Christmas season and throughout the year!

Nebraska Brass

Dean Haist, trumpet
 Brad Obbink, trumpet
 Ric Ricker, French horn
 Ken Meints, trombone
 Alex Serwatowski, tuba

Westminster Brass

Christy Dempsey, trumpet
 David Anderson, French horn
 Ruth Diedrichsen, tuba
 Rob Bennetts, timpani

Westminster Choir

Carolyn Harp	Steve Hughes	Megan Anderson
April Kaul	Jim Kinkennon	Margo Gamet
Martha Kingsbury	Scott Nelson	Susie Hughes
Rita Kinkennon	Dan Wherry	Brenda Wristen
Cyndy Maddux	Larry Wieskamp	Betsy Zander
Claire Titus	Bob Leavitt	Susan Zander
Jane Voorhies	Erik Nore	Hans Zander
Darin Anderson	David Ricart	Henry Zander

Alleluia! Amen!

Evan Adkins	Rachel Hoffman	Rylee Bennett
Jacob Adkins	Louisa McConnell	Skyler Bennett
Julian Anderson	Mircalla McCune	Taylor Bennett
Addie Baltensperger	Austin Peterson	Juleigha Bennett
Reese Baltensperger	Olivia Hoffman	Charlotte Cline
Sam Baltensperger	Aspen Hemmerling	Henry Cline
Isaac Hemmerling	Colton Graham	Holden Anderzhon
Evie Shelstad		

Youth Strings

Brielle Anderson
 Eliza Cline
 Aspen Hemmerling
 Mathew Killham
 Henrika Schubert
 Betsy Zander

Sarah Baillie
 Henry Cline
 CJ Jurgens
 William McConnell
 Johanna Schubert

Emma Braswell
 Liam Dempsey
 Noa Jurgens
 Annemarie Schubert
 Henry Zander

Westminster Carillon

Sarah Baltensperger
 Megan Anderson
 April Douglas
 Juli Jurgens
 Martha Kingsbury
 Jim Kinkennon
 Mary Orth
 Claire Titus
 Nancy Levitt
 Rita Kinkennon
 Carolyn Harp
 Grace Hemmerling
 CJ Jurgens
 Noa Jurgens

Cherub Choir

Hadley Anderzhon
 Annabelle Lovell
 Revan McCune
 Rhett Peterson
 Oliver Shelstad
 Elliot Shelstad

Acolytes:

3:00 Derrick Burrage and Georgia Wood

5:00 Aspen Hemmerling and Julian Anderson

9:00 Julian Anderson

Usher Teams:

3:00 Penny Ford, Lisa McConnell, Steve McConnell, Christina Nevitt,
 Noah Nevitt, Larry Peach, Ed Plander, and Roger Van Cleave.

5:00 Josh Lovell, Sara Lovell, Matt Olson, Dorothy Smiley, Steve
 Larson, John Paul Wirrick, and Sydne Wirrick Knox.

9:00 Carolyn McCall, Samantha Lowery, Patty Sita, Rock Sita, Rock
 Sita, Jr., Steve Titus, and Shalla Young.



The poinsettias arranged in the chancel for Christmas and donations for the library are given by members and friends as a living tribute.

In loving memory of Frank and Lydia Andrus, given by Judith and David Bigler, children and grandchildren.

In honor of Jane Allman, our dear friend, by Joan and Bill Roberts.

In loving memory of all of our loved one who have gone before us, by Todd, Judi, Trevor and Tanner Yorges.

In loving memory of my mother, Emma Beaird, by Linda Burchard.

In loving memory of Norma Carveth, Bill and Rachel Carveth, and Tom Harrington, by Beth and Steve Carveth.

In loving memory of Dr. Henry Cech, by Lesley and Kent Jagers and Sydney and Steve Uthoff.

In honor of Don Chandler and Jane Grabenstein-Chandler, by Chan Tyrrell.

In loving memory of John Arthur Clinton, by Mary Ann K. Clinton.

In honor of Mark K. Clinton, by Mary Ann K. Clinton.

In loving memory of Robert & Gentry Colborn, by Scott Colborn and family.

In loving memory of Dana F. Cole, Pat Sinkey, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Koepke, and Kevin Keopke, by Dana C. Cole family

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Daniels, by Jo Daniels.

In loving memory of Ken Daniels, given by Jo Daniels.

In loving memory of Leigh K. Davis, by the Davis family.

In loving memory of Richard Dawson, by Elly Dawson.

In loving memory of Robert C. (Bob) Dawson, by Nancy Dawson.

In loving memory of Jud Douglas (husband), Gwendolyn Trumbo (grandmother of Justin), Vern Trumbo, and Bud Wetmore, by Joyce Douglas, Justin, April, Alexandra and Jacquelyn Douglas.

In loving memory of Vernon and Elnor Dunn, by Ray and Karen Stevens.

In loving memory of Elizabeth Durisek, by Jane Voorhies.

In loving memory of Marlene Forke, by Ted Forke, Kris and Kent.

In loving memory of Dean, Judy and Anthony Fowler, by Julie and Jennifer Fowler and Daniel McCollough.

In loving of Larry Fowler, by Norma Fowler, Denise Flesner, Patty Nichols, Sue Kirk and families.

In honor of friends and family with us in spirit this holiday season.

In loving memory of the Rev. Robert L. Giles, pastor and Stated Clerk, Homestead Presbytery, 1961-1999, by the Robert Giles family.

In loving memory of Marlene Glen, by Dorothy and Carl Glen.

In loving memory of Sam and Eileen Gould, by Jack and Harriet Gould and Don Gould.

In loving memory of Dick Groff, by Marilyn Palmer.

In loving memory of Chip Hackley, by Pat Hackley.

In loving memory of James Hancock, by the Dempsey family and Marlene Hancock.

In loving memory of Clifford and Martha Hardin, by Larry and Sue Wood.

In loving memory of the Rev. Roger C. Harp, by Carolyn Harp.

In loving memory of the Hasselbalch family, by Chan Tyrrell.

In loving memory of John and Claire Hoppe, by John and Susan Hoppe.

In loving memory of George and Marian Howard, by Dale Young.

In loving memory of Bernice and John Janovy, by Karen and John Janovy.

In loving memory of Michael Jeffery, by Matt and Jennifer Kirkland.

In loving memory of Jim Johnson, by Suzann Johnson.

In loving memory of her brother, Ronald D. Hinrichs, by Mrs. David (Barbara) Jones.

In loving memory of Dan Kuszak (Judi's dad) and Bob Yorges (Todd's dad) by Todd, Judi, Trevor & Tanner Yorges.

In loving memory of Howard Linch, by Marilyn DeWalt, Patsy and Ken Vancill, and Jean and Eldon Schoonveld.

In loving memory of Irvine Linch, by Marilyn DeWalt, Patsy and Ken Vancill, and Jean and Eldon Schoonveld.

In loving memory of Earl and Florence Luff, by Art and Earlene Knox.

In loving memory of Ted Maude, by Marilyn Maude and the Maude family.

In honor of Jared and Alyssa McBride, by Dave and Lavon McBride.

In loving memory of Joe & Pat Metzgar, by Jack and Harriet Gould and Don Gould.

In loving memory of Gerald D. Myers, by Ray and Karen Stevens.

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Sigfried North and Jacob, by William L. North.

In honor of Clark Jacob Ogilvie and in loving memory of Bill and Mary Swanson, by Shalla Young.

In loving memory of Genevieve and Glenn Oneth, by Karen and John Janovy.

In loving memory of our grandparents, by the Cline family.

In loving memory of our parents, by Jim and Nancy Hlava and Gwen Hlava.

In loving memory of Don Patoka, by Jean Patoka and family.

In loving memory of Arnold and Henrietta Refshauge, Marie Jacobs, Vernon Jacobs, Orin and Mary Hayes and Robert Hayes, by Helen and Bob Hayes.

In loving memory of Jonathan Reiber, by Layne and Carrie Sup and family.

In loving memory of our parents, by Joan and Bill Roberts.

In loving memory of Bill Palmer, by Marilyn Palmer.

In loving memory of Gordon Pauley, by Phyllis Pauley.

In loving memory of Leo and Letta Phillip, by Kathy Phillip.

In loving memory of Clinton and Lelah Rediger, by Bob and Stanley Rediger.

In loving memory of Kenneth Riley, by Ramona Riley.

In loving memory of Vance and Barbara Rogers, by Karl and Lou Fredrickson.

In loving memory of my Dad, Tom Roberts, by Christine Roberts.

In loving memory of Sally Roper, Max and Kay Roper, Reg Roper, Jack and Sue Wilson and Charles Dolezal, by Lou Roper.

In loving memory of Sally Roper, by Cynthia Olson.

In loving memory of Elizabeth Rubendall, by John and Susan Hoppe.

In loving memory of Dr. Reed Schaefer, by Dorothy and Carl Glen.

In loving memory of Dr. Greg Schieman, by Jean, Nancy, and Jim Patoka and Carol Schieman.

In loving memory of Ted Schirmer, by Regi Schirmer.

In loving memory of Opa Chuck and Oma Gee Gee Schorr, by Allison and Melissa Schorr.

In loving memory of H. Darrell Shanklin, by Jimmy and Carol Shelbourn.

In loving memory of Aimee Snapp, by Jason and Margaret Tomlinson.

In loving memory of Bob and Jo Stephens, by Jerry and Barbara Solomon.

In loving memory of Ray and Mary Esther Stevens, by Ray and Karen Stevens.

In loving memory of Paul and Jean Stryson, by Bob and Stanley Rediger.

In loving memory of Cliff Towers, beloved stepfather, by Jim and Dorothy Smiley.

In loving memory of Nancy Tyrrell, by Chan Tyrrell.

In honor of Mary Lou Voorhies, by Jane Voorhies.

In loving memory of James and Nancy Weesner, by Amy and Tim Clare and family.

In loving memory of Elaine and Carl Welch, by Bob and Sheri Michaud and family.

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Wells and Lucy Miller, by Jo Daniels.

In loving memory and appreciation of Jeannie and Bus Whitehead by Sydney, Steve and Brittany Uthoff; Lesley, Kent, Kyle and Avery Jagers; and Mark, Chris, Maddie and Katie Whitehead.

In loving memory of Dick and Sand Wood, by Cyndy Maddux, Gretchen Middleton, Brian Wood, Mac Wood and their families.

In loving memory of Maynard and Georgia Wood, by Larry and Sue Wood.

In loving memory of Mary Garrison Wright, Lucile Garrison, and Ed and Polly Mallowney, by Don and Dianna Wright.

In loving memory of Norma Young, by Dale, Shalla and Phil Young.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Drama Camp

March 12-17, 2018 | 9 am-3 pm, K-6 Grade

Over spring break, children are welcome to join WPC's 7th annual Drama Camp! The Little Mermaid, is produced in partnership with Missoula Children's Theatre. Children will enjoy education in theatre topics such as: characterization, music, staging, movement, and more! Register online at www.westminsterlincoln.org.

Sudanese Clothing Drive

During 2018

Continue to bring clothes (men's, women's, and children's), to place in the plastic bins in the Garden Room. We will have a shipping container that needs to be filled.

Vacation Bible School

June 18-22, 2018 | 3 Years — Grade 5

The Rolling River Rampage

Join Romper the River Otter for a week of learning, fun and games.

Presbyterians in the Park

June 24, 2018 | 10:30 AM Worship

Join with us as we worship in Antelope Park.

Creative Arts Camp

June 23-27, 2018 | Grade K-5

Lohmen Youth Trip

July 2018

Middle and high school youth will travel to Lohmen, Germany to visit our sister church.

Building Unity in an Era of Polarization

Community Speakers during January 2018

Join us on Sunday mornings in January for our Community Conversations. Dialogue with national, state, and local leaders who are guiding our country and communities through this era of polarization.

Building Unity Within Our Organizations **Sunday, January 7th**

Marilyn Moore – Former President of BryanLGH College of Health Sciences and LPS Associate Superintendent of Instruction.



Building Unity Across Our State **Sunday, January 14th**

Patty Pansing Brooks – Nebraska State Senator, District 28 and Lincoln Attorney.



Building Unity Within Our City **Sunday, January 21st**

Tom Casady – Director of Public Safety and former Chief of Police for the City of Lincoln



