

## Adult Education | Lounge | 9 am

Imagine the first Christmas... for Mary and Joseph... the bewilderment and confusion they experienced, the faithfulness and trust in God they exhibited, and ultimately, the wonder, awe, and joy they shared.

**December 10** – “Christmas through the Eyes of Mary” by Ernie Hines.

**December 17** – “Christmas through the Eyes of God” by Rev. Dr. Shelbourn.

## Westminster Bible Class | Parlor | 9 am

### The Early Church Proclaims Faith in Christ:

Faith is central to Christian faith. Christ is the basis of salvation, how we live life no matter what it brings.

**DECEMBER 10:** Faith to Discern | Acts 13:1-12 | led by Kent Wolfe.

**DECEMBER 17:** Faith to Preserve | Acts 14; Colossians 2:6-7 | led by Gary Haller.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschool Story Time | Rm 210 | 9 AM

10:30- Children age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade who are not in the musical will watch a video in Cole Hall. Children will join their parents during the second hymn so they may enjoy the pageant.

### Do you play a brass instrument?

Westminster Brass wants you! Contact John at 402-475-6702 or [john@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:john@westminsterlincoln.org).

This Sunday’s worship will be televised on digital Channel 71.13 on Thursday at 12:30 pm and regular channel 13 on Saturday at 1 pm. Listen to this week’s sermon on KFOR 1240 AM on Sundays at 10 am, and any time online at [www.westminsterlincoln.org](http://www.westminsterlincoln.org).

If you or someone you know has been admitted to the hospital, please contact the church office at 402-475-6702 to notify our pastors. It’s helpful to know the hospital and length of stay, so calls can be made as requested.

### Serving Today:

**Ushers:** Josh Lovell, Sara Lovell, Matt Olson, Dorothy Smiley, Eric Wachter, John Paul Wirrick, and Sydne Wirrick Knox.

**Greeters:** David Anderson and Marybell Avery.

**Acolytes:** Colton Graham and Henry Cline.

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<i>Administrative Secretary:</i> Marge Tomlinson	x 102
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*"I am the vine, you are the branches...."*

**December 10, 2017**  
**Advent II**

## Welcome to Westminster!

We are so glad you are here today! There are refreshments in the Garden Room before and after worship.

Please take time to sign Christmas cards in the Garden Room to whom our Deacons visit.

The Mitten Tree is now up in the Garden Room to help spread kindness and warmth this Christmas season. The purpose of our Mitten Tree is to collect cold weather apparel and accessories for those in need as the winter season’s sub-zero temperatures set in. Acceptable items include new mittens, gloves, hats, scarfs, and earmuffs; please no previously used items.

## Westminster Choir Cantata

### Sunday, December 17th - during 10:30 AM Worship

4 trumpets. 2 French horns. 1 trombone, 1 baritone, 1 tuba. 35 Singers. Feel the exhilaration and the sublime in Daniel Pinkham's Christmas Cantata. The Westminster Choir and Brass, with special guests the Goodhue Brass Ensemble, sing out the Christmas story through the surprising harmonies and driving Renaissance dance-inspired rhythms of one of the 20th Century's choral masterworks. Bring your family and invite your friends to worship, you don't want to miss this Christmas event.

## The Rising Band invites you to "Carols & Cold Ones"

### Cottonwood Café — 440 S 11th Street

#### Sunday, December 17 | 7 - 9 PM

Please join the Rising Band of Westminster Presbyterian Church at Cottonwood Cafe for a Christmas Sing-a-long with your favorite beverage! We will sing as many holiday favorites as we can, while enjoying fellowship with friends and family. The venue has a nice dinner menu, and a wide selection of coffee drinks as well. Just as Westminster is inclusive, we encourage inviting guests for this special night. We consider this a family friendly event and we can't wait to sing with you!

## Youth String Ensemble Rehearsals

We rehearse on Sundays 10:00-10:20 am in the Chapel. Youth that play string instruments are invited to join. This group will perform a variety of musical styles several times.

## Presbyterian Women of Westminster Circles

Circle Groups engage in monthly Bible study, mission, prayer and nurturing of one another. Women of all ages are welcome.

**Circle 5:** December 12 at 10 AM in the Lounge.

**Leader:** Pat Hackley. **Circle 6:** No meeting in December.

## Christmas Eve Worship December 24th

The glorious culmination of our Advent journey. Celebrate Faith, Hope, Joy and Love this candlelight worship with Westminster.

**10:30 AM—** Advent IV—"O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie." In the winter stillness, we anxiously await the birth of Love incarnate.

**3:00 PM—** Come carol the Good News with The Good Life Chorus, a new professional men's "a capella" chorus who have made Westminster their home.

**5:00 PM—** Join with children's voices, Youth Strings and the Nebraska Brass to welcome the Christ child.

**7:00 PM—** Celebrate a rockin' Christmas Eve with the Rising band.

**9:00 PM—** Proclaim the Good News of Jesus' birth with the Westminster Choir, Carillon, and the Nebraska Brass.

## Children Sing & Ring on Christmas Eve!

The Alleluia! Amen! and Cherub Choirs will sing "Away in a Manger" for the 5:00pm Christmas Eve service, and they'll accompany themselves with handchimes! Rehearsal on Wednesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Room 210.

## Ladies Night Out— Tuesday, December 12| 5-7 PM

### Billy's—1301 H Street

Invite your friends for an evening of fun & getting to know Westminster Presbyterian Church ladies over food and drinks. All ladies are welcome to join. \$10 appetizers + tip and tax. No RSVP required; drop in at your leisure and bring a friend. Non-Westminster members welcome! Contact person: Robyn Uebele.

## WOW! Westminster On Wednesday

Join us for WOW—Westminster on Wednesday where you will find great food, education, music, and more.

### WOW Dinner

Dinner is served from 5:45 to 6:15 PM Cole Hall. \$4/children, \$6/Adults, \$17 max per family.

### DECEMBER 13th Meal:

**Ham slices, hot spiced apples & potato casserole, salad, dessert & fruit soup**

**Adult Ed- Dec. 13 | 6:30-7:30 PM** — Gather in the Westminster Theater to watch "A Christmas Carol" on the big screen.

### WOW XL | Youth Café at 6:30 PM

Youth in grades 6-8 meet weekly during the school year for

XL fun, activities and to grow in faith together.

### WOW! MUSIC Rehearsals on Wednesdays

Westminster Carillon | Sanctuary | 6:20 PM  
Alleluia! Amen! | Grades K-5 | Room 210 | 6:30 PM  
Cherub Choir | Pre-K | Room 210- East | 6:30 PM  
Westminster Choir | Sanctuary | 7:30 PM

### Parenting Life Group: is now on break.

We will resume the second Wednesday of January 2018.

### Sausage, Eggs & Scripture

#### Sat, Dec. 16 | 8 AM | Scooter's 2901 S 84th Street

Men's Bible Study & Breakfast led by Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn. Questions? Contact Jimmy— 402-475-6702.

### Year to Date Pledge Comparison: % of Pledges

	<u>Paid to Date</u>	<u>Pledged Amount</u>	<u>Paid to Date</u>
2017	\$541,937	\$709,474	
2016	\$601,304	\$759,257	76.39 %