



“I am the vine,
you are the branches . . . “

The week of Dec. 8, 2019

Westminster Presbyterian Church is an inclusive faith family, inspired by Jesus Christ, to call, nurture, and empower disciples.

Come next Sun., Dec. 15, to hear the **Christmas Cantata** entitled, *O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is*, presented by Westminster Choir and friends. The piece was written by Dr. David Von Kampen, composition professor at UNL, and will be premiered by 15 choirs throughout the USA. Come and enjoy the music!

Hallelujah Chorus Reunion Choir—On Sun., Dec. 22, join the choir at 8:45 am for a brief rehearsal of Handel’s *Hallelujah Chorus* to be sung later that morning for worship. This beloved tradition is open to anyone who has previously sung this piece in any choir. We hope you’ll join us!

Andrea Scott is starting a new position as a para at St. Joseph’s Catholic School on Dec. 9. We thank Andrea for her work here at WPC and wish her well in her new position.

All information for **The Messenger** is due to Tracy Hoffman at tracy@westminsterlincoln.org by the 18th of the month. All announcements for **The Vine** are due to Joanne Gabriel at joanne@westminsterlincoln.org by 5 pm on Tuesday each week.

Blue Christmas Service: Embrace God’s Hope in a Time of Loss and Sadness

For those of us experiencing loneliness, sadness, or loss, the Christmas season can be difficult. You may feel outside of those who see the happiness of “the most wonderful time of the year.” You are not alone. All of us have experienced loss and sadness, and during the Christmas season these feelings can be difficult. Please join us in a worship service of song, readings, and reflection of God’s hope for us and God’s presence with us as we walk together toward Christmas. We will gather on Tues., Dec. 17 at 6 pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome.

Pastor Val Putnam
Musician Andy Pappas

Sunday Adult Education at 10:45 am:

Bible Class: Parlor Dec. 8 – Matt. 3:1-12; Isaiah 11:1-10	Forum: Lounge Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn, Dec. 8 – <i>A Promise of Justice</i>
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Broken tree lights? Bring them to church! Dec. 1 through Jan. 13 Westminster will be participating in the Eastridge School drive to recycle strings of tree lights, extension cords, and other wiring. You'll find a collection box in the reception area.

Another stocking stuffer Idea: Since the memory of having fun times together lasts longer than things . . . consider a note promising to go to a concert, out to eat, to the zoo, or trying a new sport together. No wrapping paper involved! *--From Green @ Heart*

Ministers: All Members

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Val Putnam

Parish Associate: Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Parish Associate for PW: Rev. Ellen Davis

Interim Children's Ministry Coordinator: Sandi Larson

Organist/Pianist: John Ross

Choir Director: Laura Ross

Sound: Steve Braswell and Dale Minter

Ushers: Gwen Thorpe, Penny Ford, Steve Larson, Carol Shelbourn, Ron Wachter, and Walker Zulkoski

Greeters: Kathy Anderson, Dave Anderson

Acolytes: Sammy Killham, Kendall Woita

Thank You to Our Volunteers This Week!

Sandi Larson, Joan Roberts, Barb Andersen, Bob Rediger, Josh Whitfield, Carol Bishop, Jim Bishop, Jim Kinkennon, Jim White, Dale Minter, Andrew Finkner, Leslie Miner, Wes Putnam, Steve Larson, Jane Hines, Susie Hughes, Marybell Avery, Linda Pabst

2019 Poinsettia Order Form

Share the joy of Christmas! Order a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one to be displayed in the chancel. Orders are due in the office by Thurs., Dec. 12 to be included in the order of worship. Cost is \$15. Please make checks payable to Westminster and write POINSETTIA on the memo line. Complete the information on the form below and return it to the church office.

PLEASE PRINT:

_____ I would like to purchase _____ poinsettia(s).
and/or

_____ I would like to make a cash donation to the
Westminster Library.

Given by:

In memory of:

In honor of:

Amount enclosed \$ _____

_____ I will take my poinsettia home.

_____ The Deacons may deliver my poinsettia to the elderly.

Week Beginning Dec. 8

Sun. (8) Advent 2

9 AM Fellowship Time
9 AM Middle School Class
9 AM High School Class
9:30 AM Worship
9:45 AM Faith Village, Kids of Eden (KOE)
10:40 AM Confirmation Class
10:45 AM Adult Forum, A
Promise of Justice, Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn
10:45 AM Bible Class,
Matt. 3:1-12, Isaiah 11:1-10
12 Noon Sudanese Worship

Mon. (9)

5:30 PM Mission & Outreach
7 PM Cub Scouts
7 PM Recovery Group

Tues. (10)

10:30 AM PW Circle 5
5:30 PM Building and Grounds

Wed. (11)

5 PM Parents Night Out
5:30 PM Westminster Carillon
6:30 PM Westminster Choir
6:30 PM Knit and Sit
7:30 PM Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA)

Thurs. (12)

6:30 AM Koop Group
10 AM Thurs. AM Bible Study
7 PM Cub Scouts
Poinsettia Forms Due

Fri. (13)

Sat. (14)

9 AM History Buffs
9:30 AM Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Cantata
1 PM Worship & Music

Sun. (15) Advent 3

9 AM Fellowship Time
9 AM Middle School Class
9 AM High School Class
9:30 AM Worship
9:45 AM Faith Village, Kids of Eden (KOE)
10:40 AM Confirmation Class
10:45 AM Adult Forum,
Encouragement in the Desert,
Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn
10:45 AM Bible Class,
Matt. 11:2-11; Luke 1:46b-55;
Isaiah 35:1-10
12 Noon Sudanese Worship