

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

December 24, 2020

Christmas Eve

Prelude

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
John Ross, organ

Richard Purvis

Sing We Now of Christmas
String Trio

French Traditional

Welcome

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Rev. Chris Peters

Call to Worship (from Isaiah 9:2,6)

Deacon Susie Hughes

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

All: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.

One: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us.

**All: Authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

Rusty, Penny, Josie, Ella and Phoebe Ford

Hymn #133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of love made-flesh, we confess that with the shepherds, your glory stops us in our tracks, for in your glory's light we clearly see all that is wrong in the world : how oppression still enslaves, how garments of war are still worn, how those seeking refuge find no place of safety. We also see what is wrong in us : how passionately we pursue material gain but forget to ponder the mystery of faith ; how we do not practice the peace you intend in our relationships, our community, or even in the church. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to not be afraid. Like the shepherds, we want to follow and find you. In the name of Christ, our Lord, we pray.

Response to the Confession

***#113 *Angels We Have Heard on High* vs. 1**
Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
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Assurance of Forgiveness

... Believe and share the good news!
In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

*Response of Praise

**You are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

#121 Joy to the World
*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room
Let heaven and nature sing;
and heaven and nature sing;
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.*

Children's Chat

Rev. Chris Peters

Carol Sing

Jean Patoka

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Prophets Isaiah 9:2-7

Gospel Luke 2:1-20

Holy Words to awaken us. ***Thanks be to God.***

Sermon "Tonight We Are Those Who Dream"

Rev. Chris Peters

Special Music

A Christmas Lullaby
Handbell Quintet

arr. Bill Ingram

Prayers of the People

Deacon Susie Hughes

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sharing of the Light

John 1:1-5

***#122 Silent Night, Holy Night!**

***1 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!***

***3 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.***

***2 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.***

***4 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.***

**You are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
String Trio

Traditional

Thank you to the musicians who shared their gifts with us this Christmas!

Megan Anderson
Lauren Breed
Jeremy Duck
Dan Howell
Mary Howell

Carol Singers

Susie Hughes
Steve Hughes
Jim Kinkennon
Rita Kinkennon
Nicholas Lee
Cyndy Maddux

John Ross
Laura Ross
Claire Titus
Dan Wherry
Susan Zander

String Trio

Rose Hunter, violin
Kirsten Wissink, violin
Jessica Dussault, cello

Handbell Quintet

Sarah Baltensperger
Jeremy Duck
Nancy Leavitt
John Ross
Laura Ross

And special thanks to Jean Patoka for leading us in song
as she has for years during the Christmas season.



**Donations for the poinsettias
arranged in the chancel for
Christmas and for the church
library are given by the following
members and friends.**

In memory of our parents and our dear
friend, Jane Allman, by Joan & Bill
Roberts.

In loving memory of Ed & Elena
Armstrong, by Carol & Jim Bishop.

In loving memory of Betsy Ashenbach,
by Layne & Carrie Sup and family.

In loving memory of Isaac T. Avery, Jr.
& Caroline L. Avery, by Marybell Avery
& Stan Campbell.

In loving memory of our son Mark, by
Bob & Becky Bockrath.

In loving memory of Roland Campbell,
by Marybell Avery & Stan Campbell.

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

In honor of our parents Dana & Kay Cole, and our children, Keller Lindberg, McKinley Dement and Brooks Dement, by Mindy Cole & Katie Cole Dement.

In loving memory of Leigh Kevin Davis, and in honor of Rev. Doug & Linda Davis, Mark & Vicki Davis, Robin Stone, our nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, by Lynn & Ellen Davis.

In honor of Wally Gilmore Dickson and Howard A. Dinsdale, by Barbara Dinsdale.

In loving memory of Liz Dorisek, by Jane Voorhies.

In loving memory of Gwendolyn Trumbo Wetmore, Justin's grandmother, by Justin, April, Alexandra and Jacquelyn Douglas.

In loving memory of Judson B. Douglas, III, by Joyce Douglas.

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

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

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

In loving memory of our parents, by Michael & Freda Gregg.

In loving memory of Sarah Grimes, sister-in-law, by Max & Lillie Larsen.

In loving memory of Chip Hackley, by Pat Hackley.

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

In loving memory of Sonja Holdorf, by Cliff & Marcia Hollestelle.

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

In loving memory of Keith Koepke, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Koepke, Mr. & Mrs. Dana F. Cole, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Cole, & Pat Sinkey, by the Dana C. Cole family.

In loving memory of Irvine & Howard Linch, by Shirley & Wayne Coulter, Marilyn DeWalt, Patsy & Ken Vancill, and Jean & Eldon Schoonveld.

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

In loving memory of Bernie & Marylu Nider, by Susie & Don Kreiter; Chris Nider; Laurie, Andy, Natasha, Maggie & Travis Glenn; Julie, Joe, Josh, Rachel & Jason Madsen; Pat & Natalie Nider.

In loving memory of Katie Nissen, granddaughter, by Ginger & Jim Nissen.

In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. J. Sigfried North & brother Jake, by Bill North.

In loving memory of our parents, Evelyn Oneth and Bernice Janovy, by Karen & John Janovy, Jr.

In honor of Prairie Readers Book Group, by Linda Burchard.

In loving memory of Dr. Orin R. (Bob) Hayes, spouse; Robert David Hayes, son; Arnold & Henrietta Refshauge and Orin & Mary Hayes, parents; by Helen Hayes.

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

In celebration of our 50th anniversary (12-12-70), by Joan & Bill Roberts.

In honor of Eliza Sams, by Pat Hackley.

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

In loving memory of Susie Sup, by Layne & Carrie Sup and family.

In memory of Harriett Johnson and John & Althea Thorpe, and in honor of Christy, Tom, Jordyn & Makayla Champoux, & Aaron, Darby, Conlee,

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Merry
Christmas