

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

December 27, 2020

First Sunday after Christmas

Welcome

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Rev. Chris Peters

Prelude

String Trio

Call to Worship *(from A Sanctified Art)*

Deacon Tami Wellmann

One: Here on the heels of Christmas,

All: We speak of love. We speak of joy. We speak of candlelight and fireside.

One: We speak of dreams being fulfilled.

All: We speak of "glorias" and angel choruses.

One: We speak the words, "Do not be afraid."

All: Here on the heels of Christmas, we are called to speak, for the world needs a light.

One: A light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.

All: Let us worship and listen for Christ's call. Then, let us speak and act. Amen.

***Hymn #134 Joy to the World**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Merciful God, you love righteousness, yet we have not lived our lives with integrity and truth. We have failed to honor you. Your word became flesh to save us, yet we have placed our trust in other sources of security. Christ taught us to treat others as we would hope to be treated, yet we have hurt and harmed others. We have failed to honor our neighbors. Forgive us of these faults as we turn to you with hopeful dreaming for what can be. Guide us in the ways of righteousness, faithfulness, and love. In Christ we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

... Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

*Response of Praise

***#113**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing vs. 1

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king."

Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;

With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king!"

Children's Message

Rev. Chris Peters

Special Music

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Gospel Luke 2:22-40

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Sermon

“Those Who Dream... Will Not Keep Silent”

Rev. Chris Peters

*Hymn #136

Go, Tell It On the Mountain

Prayers of the People

Deacon Tami Wellmann

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.

Moment of Gratitude

*Charge & Benediction

Postlude

John Ross, organ
