

Westminster Presbyterian Church

“An Inclusive Faith Family”

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

**December 24, 2021
Christmas Eve**

Prelude

5 pm Peter Bouffard, guitar & Andy Hall, string bass
7 pm Rose Hunter, violin; Grace Lamb, violin; Christine
Widman, viola; Jessica Dussault, cello

Welcome and Moment of Gratitude

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Special Music

5 pm “Prelude on ADESTE FIDELES” arr. N. Papy
John Ross, organ
7 pm “O Come, All Ye Faithful” arr. Matthew Naughton
String Quartet

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

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 Candle Lighting: Christ Candle

5 pm Souliere Family
7 pm Schorr Family

...Together we say

In Jesus Christ we meet God’s light and love in human form.

Special Music

5 pm “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”
Bouffard Hall Duo
7 pm “Angels We Have Heard on High” arr. Matthew Naughton
String Quartet

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Holy God, you became God-with-us in Jesus Christ, valuing our humanity and
embodying divine love. We confess that we have turned from the path Jesus has
marked, failing to claim all you intend for us. We have withheld love from our
neighbors and ignored those who suffer nearby. Forgive us and be born anew
within us this night. Inspire us by your light and love, that our words and
actions might share the good news of great joy we meet at Christmas. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

... Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

Special Music

5 pm “Angels from the Realms of Glory” arr. Jay Rouse
Laura Ross, piano

7 pm “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” arr. Larry Sue
Handbell Quartet: Carolyn Harp, Nancy Leavitt, John Ross, Deb Schorr

Passing of the Peace

Please greet those around you with a sign of peace that is both welcoming and mindful of the comfort and safety of your neighbors.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Children’s Chat

5 pm Trish Souliere

Special Music

5 pm “What Child Is This?”
Bouffard Hall Duo

7 pm “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” arr. Hal Hopson
Hybrid Choir, Handbell Trio, String Quartet

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Prophets

Isaiah 9:2-7

O.T. pg. 638

Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

N.T. pg. 58

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

Meditation

“Good News of Great Joy”

Rev. Chris Peters

Special Music

“A Celtic Silent Night” arr. Patrick Tierney
John and Laura Ross, soloists

5 pm Harmony Tucker, violin, Peter Bouffard, guitar & Andy Hall, string bass

7 pm Grace Lamb, violin, Jessica Dussault, cello

Prayers of the People

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

(Pastors and ushers will light the candle of the person seated closest to the center aisle in each 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!)

Special Music

Silent Night, Holy Night!

Reading: John 1:1-5

Charge & Benediction

Postlude

“Joy to the World” arr. Craig Phillips
John Ross, organ

Offering Note

The Christmas Eve offering will be collected following the service. Please look for a festively decorated basket near an exit and place your offering within the basket as you leave. We are grateful you are here and share prayers for peace, hope, joy, and love for you this Christmas and New Year!

Westminster welcomes and values children in worship. If a parent feels a break is needed for their child during the service, our Infant Room is available. This is located off the narthex through the West/Sheridan-end sanctuary doors. When you enter the narthex, turn to your right, where the door will be open.

Many thanks to all the musicians who shared their gifts this Christmas Eve and throughout the year!

Ministers

The whole congregation.

Pastors

Rev. Chris Peters

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Liturgists

5:00 pm—Rachel Hoffman

7:00 pm—Deacon Joan Roberts

Music Directors

John & Laura Ross

Director of Children & Youth

Trish Souliere

*Merry
Christmas*



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

In loving memory of our parents, Tom & Eleanor Adamson, by Cathy Adamson & Nancy Leavitt.

In loving memory of my parents, Frank & Lydia Andrus & son Eric David Bigler, by Judith Andrus Bigler.

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 our family in heaven, by Kelly & Kay Burbach and family.

In honor of Randy Burbach, by Kelly & Kay Burbach and family.

In honor of Linda Burchard, by Eliza Sams.

In loving memory of Roland Campbell, and in honor of Charlotte Campbell, by Marybell Avery & Stan Campbell.

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

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

In loving memory of Robert C. Dawson, by Nancy Dawson.

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 Elizabeth Durisek, and in honor of Steve Durisek, by Jane Voorhies.

In loving memory of Ted & Marlene Forke, by the Maude family.

In loving memory of friends we lost in 2021, by Allen Wachter.

In loving memory of Frances Grenz, by Jessica Sandmeier and Catherine.

In loving memory of Chip Hackley, by Pat Hackley.

In honor of Pat Hackley, by Eliza Sams.

In loving memory of The Rev. Dr. Roger C. Harp, and in honor of Rachel Hoffman, by Carolyn Harp.

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

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

In loving memory of Macy Michelle Jagers, by Lesley, Kent and Kyle Jagers and Avery & Myles Eklund.

In loving memory of our parents, by Karen & John Janovy, Jr.

In loving memory of Jim Johnson, by Suzann Johnson.

In loving memory of Kim Johnson, by Mary Beth Johnson.

In loving memory of Rev. Bruce N. Katt, by Lois Katt.

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

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

In honor of Scott Lippstreu & Jessica Golden, by the Ron Wachter family.

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

In loving memory of Russell "Hunter" & Edna Maude, Dr. Merritt & Berniece Pedersen, by the Maude family.

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

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

In loving memory of Tom Olson, by Cynthia Olson.

In loving memory of Leo & Zetta Phillip, by Kathy M. Phillip.

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

In loving memory of our parents, Don & Katie Roberts and Neal & Naomi Jenkins, by Joan & Bill Roberts.

In loving memory of Carl & Babette Rogers, by the Ron Wachter family.

In loving memory of Craig R. Rogers (Vietnam 1970), by the Ron Wachter family.

In loving memory of Bob Rohrbaugh and in honor of Ginny Rohrbaugh, by the Rohrbaugh family.

In loving memory of Marilyn Rooney, by Mike Rooney.

In loving memory of Marilyn Rooney, by Bryan & Renee Jantz.

In loving memory of Marilyn Rooney, by Matt & Robin Norcross.

In loving memory of Marilyn Rooney, by Striker Detweiler.

In loving memory of Marilyn Rooney, by Harley Detweiler.

In loving memory of Opa Chuck & Oma GeeGee Schorr, by Allison Schorr Zach & Melissa Schorr.

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

In loving memory of Chip Smith, by Stacy & Colton Graham and Dustin, Amber, Bridger, Carly & Kennedy Smith.

In loving memory of Jean Stading, by Cynthia Olson.

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 loving memory of Muriel & Cliff Towers, beloved mother and stepdad, by Jim & Dorothy Smiley.

In loving memory of Bill & Doris Wachter, by the Ron Wachter family.

In honor of Valery, Allen & Eric Wachter, by Ron Wachter.

In loving memory of Helen Wagner, by Sally Butler.

In honor of Glenn Wagner, by Sally Butler.

In loving memory of Dr. & Mrs. James Weesner, by Julia Weesner.

In loving memory of our parents, Tom & Marjorie Welstead and George & Eloise Jacobs, by Tom & Janell Welstead.

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

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

In loving memory of Katherine Wild, by Gary & Faye Moulton.

In loving memory of Katherine Wild, by Diana Wild.

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