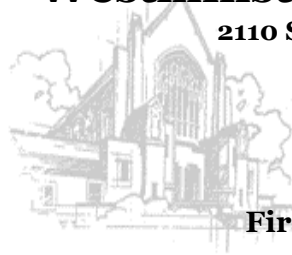


Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



December 26, 2021
First Sunday of Christmas

Prelude

O Little Town of Bethlehem arr. Richard Purvis

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Call to Worship

One: God commanded and we were created...

All: Let us praise the name of the Lord who draws near to us!

One: Leaders and followers, young and old – all of God's beloved children...

All: Let us praise the name of the Lord who draws near to us!

One: All people everywhere, as with the messengers of God...

All: Let us praise the name of the Lord who draws near to us!

One: Let us praise the name of the Lord, who grew in wisdom and stature from a newborn infant in Bethlehem to a youth in Nazareth...

All: Let us praise the name of the Lord who draws near to us!

Special Music: Once in Royal David's City

John Ross, soloist

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild; Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

Jesus is our childhood's pattern; day by day like us he grew;
He was little, weak and helpless; tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Call to Confession

Time of Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of wonder, you surround us with signs of your glory and surprise us with your presence, yet we often miss the marvels you place before us. We focus on screens rather than the natural world. Our eyes quickly shift away from those who suffer. Forgive our dullness and make us alert to the ways you make yourself known, that we might be witnesses to your good news and proclaim your extravagant love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

...Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

Passing of the Peace

Please greet those around you with a wave, peace sign, or by making eye contact repeating this response:

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Children's Chat

Prayer for Illumination

Storybook Reading: Refuge

Scripture

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:41-52

N.T. pg. 59

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

Meditation

"Finding Refuge in the Stories of Jesus"

Rev. Chris Peters

Special Music:

Sussex Carol arr. Larry Sue
John and Laura Ross, handbells

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Moment of Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Instrumental Response

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.

Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

What Child is This arr. David Music
John Ross, piano
Laura Ross, harpsichord

Ministers

The whole congregation.

Pastors

Rev. Chris Peters

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Music Directors

John & Laura Ross

Director of Children & Youth

Trish Souliere



*"I am the vine,
you are the branches . . ."*

The week of Dec. 26, 2021

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

Greeters

The Church Life Committee is looking for individuals who would be willing to welcome worship attendees, one Sunday, every other month in 2022. Click on the link in the eVine or contact Pam Wealand at pjwealand0983@gmail.com to sign up.

Usher Teams

The Worship & Music committee is looking for volunteers who are willing to commit to ushering once a month as a four-member team. We are hoping to have a total of 16 volunteers to usher once a month for a commitment of 6 months starting in January. Email Kim at kim.kubick@hotmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

Ladies' Night Out

The next Ladies' Night Out will be held on Thurs., Dec. 30, from 5-7 PM at Napoli's South 48th (48th & Hwy 2). As always, feel free to bring a friend, sister, aunt, daughter or mother to all our gatherings. Please RSVP today to twellmann50@hotmail.com.

Green@Heart Recycles Again!

Don't send Styrofoam or non-functional Christmas lights to the landfill. We will gather these items at the church again and deliver them to special recycling centers for YOU! There is a designated drop-off box at the east entrance.

Reverse Advent Calendar Food Donations

The church will be open to bring your Reverse Advent Calendar box of food for the pantry (an office paper-sized box would be ideal) during the following times below:

Sun 12/26 (or any Sunday morning)
Mon 12/27 - 10am-6pm
Tues 12/28 - 10am-6pm
Wed 12/29 - 10am-6pm

***If you could mark your box with the words "Reverse Advent Calendar", this will help us to track the participation for this meaningful event.*

If you prefer not to collect items, the pantry is always accepting donations! Please make your check out to Westminster Presbyterian Church, note the Food Pantry in the Memo line, and mail to the church at: 2110 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln, NE 68502

Candy Cane Olympics

Congratulations to the Rockin Reindeer, the 2021 Candy Cane Olympic champions! An exciting new event took place on Sunday at the Youth Group Christmas Party -- the first ever Westminster Candy Cane Olympics! The competition was fierce, but in the end, the Rockin Reindeer team handily took the prize. The Reindeer, Lucy, Barrett, Austin, and Sam, will hold the title until next year's exciting event. Congratulations, Rockin Reindeer!

Wednesday Nights

Whatchamacallit Wednesdays will be taking a holiday break. We will resume activities on January 5, 2022.

Youth Sermon Set-up

There will be no Sermon Set-up on Sunday, December 26. Sermon Set-up will resume on January 2, 2022.

Youth Group

Youth Group will not meet on Sunday, December 26, but there will be a lock-in, Covid permitting, beginning at 8 pm on January 2 and ending at 8 am on January 3.

Faith Village

Faith Village kids will take a holiday break December 26, 2021. Plan to celebrate the new year with pancakes and games on January 2, 2022.

Week 51 Giving	\$23,564
YTD Giving	\$604,886
Weekly Budget	\$ 11,250
YTD Budget	\$573,750

Televised Worship

Thurs. at 12:30 pm/Sat. at 1 pm.
Channel 1302/Spectrum & Channel 13/Windstream.

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Week Beginning December 26

Sun. (26)

9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship
12 Noon Sudanese Worship

Mon. (27)

10 AM – 6 PM Deliver Reverse
Advent Calendar food for
pantry

Tues. (28)

10 AM – 6 PM Deliver Reverse
Advent Calendar food for
pantry

Wed. (29)

10 AM – 6 PM Deliver Reverse
Advent Calendar food for
pantry
No Wed. activities this week

Thurs. (30)

5 PM Ladies' Night Out,
Napoli's South 48th

Fri. (31) New Year's Eve

12 Noon Building Closed

Sat. (1) New Year's Day

11 AM Sudanese Gathering

Sun. (2)

9:15 AM Youth Sermon Set-up
9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship
with Communion
9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery
12 Noon Sudanese Worship
8 PM Youth Group Lock-In