

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



**December 24, 2022**  
**Christmas Eve**

**Prelude** “Christmas Fantasy for Organ and Brass”

**Welcome** Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

**Choral Introit** On Christmas Night (Sussex Carol)  
Traditional English Carol, arr. by Dan Forrest  
Westminster Choir and Brass

**Advent Candle Lighting: Christ Candle**

5 pm Anderzhon Family  
7 pm Baltensperger Family

**\*Hymn #133**

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

**\*Call to Confession**

5 pm Elder Linda Burchard  
7 pm Deacon Joan Roberts

**\*Time of Silent Confession**

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

*Holy God, we admit—we don't fully understand the Christmas story. We are not familiar with angel choruses. We have not walked many miles to be counted in a census, and we don't always hear your voice in our dreams. We don't fully understand this story, so we admit, sometimes we hesitate to tell it. Instead of running out into the streets to shout that there is a love bigger than we could imagine, we whisper this good news. Instead of throwing open the doors and inviting people in, we simply leave them unlocked, hoping folks will figure it out. Instead of telling the next generation why this night matters so much, we stay quiet, afraid of creating pressure. Forgive us for our silence. Forgive us for our hesitation. Forgive us for the moments when we keep this story and this love to ourselves. Let your*

***story of love enter into our lives tonight, so that we cannot help but share it in word and action every day of the year. Amen.***

**\*Hymn #145**

**What Child Is This**

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

...Believe and share the good news!

***In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!***

**\*Response of Praise**

**#113; 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!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

**\*Passing of the Peace**

*Please share a sign of welcome and inclusion that is mutually comfortable (high five, handshake, fist/elbow bump) with your neighbors.*

May the peace of Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

**Children's Chat**

5 pm only

**Special Music**

"Mary, Did You Know"  
by Lowry & Greene, arr. Schrader  
Tatiana Eskridge, *soprano*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 9:2-7

O.T. pg. 638

New Testament

Luke 2:1-20

N.T. pg. 58

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

**Meditation**

"Love Enters In"

Rev. Chris Peters

**Choral Anthem**

"In the Bleak Midwinter"  
by Rossetti & Holst, Westminster Choir

**Prayers of the People**

5 pm Elder Linda Burchard  
7 pm Deacon Joan Roberts

## **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!)

**Reading:** John 1:1-5

### **\*Hymn #122**

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.

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!"

### ***Silent Night, Holy Night***

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.

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.

### **\*Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

### **\*Hymn #134**

(Congregation sings verses 1 and 4, choir only sings 2 and 3, inverting their order.)

### **Joy to the World**

## **Postlude**

"Flourish on 'Joy to the World'"  
by Robert A. Hobby, Brass and Organ

\*Please rise in body or spirit for these parts of worship.

Today's words in worship include liturgy and adaptations from *Words for Worship by A Sanctified Art LLC* | Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org), as well as original words by Rev. Chris Peters.

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 entry foyer through the Sheridan Blvd./West-end sanctuary doors. When you enter the foyer, turn to your right, where the door will be open.

### Offering Note

The Christmas Eve offering will be collected following the service. Please look for a giving 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!



**For online giving,** scan the QR code.

**Brass Ensemble:** Demetrio Lyle, *trumpet*; Katherine Schmit, *trumpet*; Daniel Helzer, *horn*; Joshua Blazek, *trombone*; Kason Fiedler, *tuba*  
**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

**Liturgist:** 5 pm Elder Linda Burchard  
7 pm Deacon Joan Roberts

**Music Director:** Ronnie Zanella

**Organist:** John Ross

**Director of Children & Youth:** Trish Souliere

**Ushers:** 5 pm Diana Wild, Martha Kingsbury, Gwen & Stan Thorpe, Shalla Young  
7 pm Joan & Bill Roberts, Mary & Mike Tomlinson

**Greeters:** 5 pm Josh Whitfield  
7 pm Joyce Douglas, Marilyn Hood

If you don't want to take your bulletin with you, please dispose of it in the recycling basket as you exit the sanctuary.



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

In honor of my sister Cathy Adamson, by Nancy Leavitt.

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

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 my brother Trip Blair, by Deb Schorr.

In honor of Linda Burchard, by Eliza Sams.

In loving memory of Judy Buss, by Justin, April, Alexandra & Jacquelyn Douglas.

In loving memory of Roland Campbell, and in honor of Charlotte Campbell at 103 years of age, 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 and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sinkey, by the Dana C. Cole family.

in loving memory of Lynn R. Davis and Leigh K. Davis, by Mark & Vicki Davis.

In loving memory of Robert C. (Bob) Dawson, by Nancy Dawson.

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

In loving memory of Ted Forke, by The Maude Family.

In loving memory of Charles Foster, by Richard & Donna Wyatt.

Given to the glory of God, by Ken & Kathryn Govaerts.

In honor of Pat Hackley, by Eliza Sams.

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

In honor of Rachel Hoffman, by Carolyn Harp.

In loving memory of Cliff & Alice Hollestelle, by Cliff & Marcia Hollestelle.

In loving memory of John & Claire Hoppe, by John L. Hoppe, Jr.

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

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

In honor of our mothers, by Karen & John Janovy, Jr.

In loving memory of Jim Johnson, by Suzann Johnson.

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

In honor of the Katt children, grandchildren, and the great ones, by Lois Katt.

In loving memory of my husband Charles Kingsbury and his sister Sue Reeves, by Martha Kingsbury.

In honor of Martha Kingsbury, by Linda Burchard.

In honor of Leroy & Dorothy Lee, by Cliff & Marcia Hollestelle.

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

In loving memory of Ted Maude, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, by Marilyn Maude, Susan & Mike Christensen, Pete & Cathy Maude, and Matt & Kristen Maude, and Families.

In loving memory of our parents, Jack & Jean McBride and John & Mildred Fossler, by Dave & Lavon McBride.

In honor of Jared & Alyssa McBride, by Dave & Lavon McBride.

In loving memory of Gates & Daisy Minnick, by the Minnick Family.

In honor of Rylee Grace Moulton and Lyra Esteli Romera-Reynolds, by Gary & Faye Moulton.

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 Thomas Olson, by Cynthia Olson.

In loving memory of Karen Paulson, by Kent & Jaime Hemmerling & Family.

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

In honor of Presbyterian Women's Honor Circle 1: Eliza, Jo, Dorothy, Ginny & Jean, by Linda Burchard.

In loving memory of Don & Alyce Purvis and John & Marianne McCown, by Ross & Lynn McCown.

In loving memory of Our Parents, by Bob & Stanley Rediger.

In loving memory of Arnold & Henrietta Refshauge, Dr. Orin R. (Bob) Hayes, and Robert David Hayes, by Helen and Janet Hayes.

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

In loving memory of our parents, by Bill & Joan Roberts.

In honor of our 52nd Anniversary, by Bill & Joan Roberts.

In loving memory of Marilyn Rooney, by Michael Rooney, Renee & Bryan Jantz, Robin & Matt Norcross, Striker Detweiler and Harley Detweiler.

In honor of Sally Roper, by Cynthia Olson.

In honor of Eliza Sams, by Pat Hackley.

In loving memory of Ted Schirmer, by Regi Schirmer.

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 Ray & Mary Esther Stevens, Elnor & Vernon Dunn, and Gerald D. Myers, by Ray & Karen Stevens.

In loving memory of Susie Sup, by The Sup Family.

In loving memory of our parents, John & Althea Thorpe and Bob & Harriett Johnson, by Stan & Gwen Thorpe.

In honor of our family, Tom, Christy & Makayla Champoux; Jordyn & Jordan Peters; Aaron, Darby, Conlee, Colette & Sam Carver; by Stan & Gwen Thorpe.

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

In loving memory of Ron Wachter, by Valery Wachter.

In loving memory of those we lost in 2022, by Allen Wachter.

In loving memory of Helen (RuRu) Wagner and Glenn Wagner, by Sally Butler.

In loving memory of James & Nancy Weesner and Dean & Marion Petersen, by Tim & Amy Clare & family.

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

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

In loving memory of Kurt T. Yost, my best friend and love of my life, by Marcia Yost.

