

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



December 25, 2022
Christmas Day

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

One: As love enters into our world in a new way at Christmas, we celebrate the prophetic names of the Savior...

All: Wonderful Counselor, whose wisdom guides us to ask good questions.

One: Mighty God, whose power is revealed in vulnerability and the peace of a child.

All: Eternal Creator, whose earth and skies sing praise with their natural beauty.

One: Prince of Peace, whose way is one that rejects instruments of violence for instruments of nurture.

All: God of love, we give thanks for the hope of this story and for the love that enters-in, welcoming with the comfort of open arms.

Hymn #132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (vs. 1, 3)

Call to Confession

Time of Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you call us to celebrate the birth of our newborn savior. Yet we find the suffering and despair of our world overwhelming. Our hearts grow hard with hopelessness. What reason is there to rejoice? We question your power even on this Christmas day. Emmanuel, return us to faith. Help us resist the overwhelming forces that drag us down. Lift our spirits so we can see and appreciate the gift of God-with-us. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

...Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

Response of Praise

#110 (v. 1)

Love has come: a light in the darkness!

Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.

See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;

Hear how their song of joy arises.

Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!

Love! Love Glory to God on high.

Children's Chat

Hymn #115

Away in a Manger (v.1)

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky
looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Gospel Reading

John 1:1-14

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4

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

Meditation

“Imprints”

Rev. Chris Peters

Hymn #119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Moment of Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving / 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.

Hymn #136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

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

Today’s words in worship include liturgy and adaptations from *Presbyterian Outlook Liturgy for December 25, 2022* by Teri McDowell Ott.

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