

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Mission Moment: Christmas Joy Offering

Carolyn Harp

Advent Candle Lighting

Bennett Family

*May this light be a reminder that Christ is coming.
God was with generations before, God is with us
today, and God will be with us tomorrow. Even now,
God is on the way. Amen.*

(Children in Grades 1 – 5 are invited to come to Faith Village following the Advent Candle Lighting or to sit with their parents. Parents can pick up their children in Faith Village following the service.)

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

by Hal H. Hopson
Westminster Choir

The congregation is invited to sing selected stanzas of the carols included in the program. Follow the instructions at the beginning of each carol.

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Postlude

Guest musicians: Dameer Gustafson, *violin I*; Susanna Aung, *violin II*; Gabriel Forero, *viola*; David Pira Florez, *cello*; Renae Cross, *handbells*

Thank you to all the musicians for providing the music for our service today.

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.

Giving to Westminster's Mission and Ministry

At Church: An offering to support Westminster may be placed in our Giving Baskets following the service. These are located by the Sheridan Blvd. doors in the narthex and the sanctuary elevator exit. Look for the signs that read "Giving Basket."

For online giving, scan the QR code.

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



Ministers: The whole congregation

Pastors: Rev. Chris Peters & Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Music Director: Ronnie Zanella

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Ushers: Carol Boehler, Kim Kubick, Diana Wild, Carol Shelbourn

Greeters: Karen & Rachel Hoffman

Advent/Christmas Schedule

Dec. 18, 9:30 AM	Service of Lessons and Carols by Children and Youth
Dec. 24, 5 PM & 7 PM	Christmas Eve Worship Services Brass, Choir and Candle Lighting Sanctuary and Live Stream
Dec. 25, 9:30 AM	Christmas Day Worship Service Live Stream Only (no sanctuary worship)
Dec. 26	Church Building Closed for Holiday
Jan. 1, 9:30 AM	Sanctuary Worship with Communion and Live Stream



*“I am the vine,
you are the branches . . .”*

The week of Dec. 4, 2022

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

Advent Workshop Today

We invite you to dive into the holiday season at the Advent Workshop. Today begins the second week of Advent, and we will gather immediately after church to make crafts, share coffee, cookies, and cocoa, taste a variety of chili recipes and vote for the best tasting, and enjoy time with friends.

Angel Tree Baked Goods Auction

The season of giving has arrived, bringing with it opportunities to spread good cheer with unexpected gifts. Today during the Advent Workshop, we will be auctioning off an array of delicious baked goods to raise money for the Youth Group's Angel Tree gifts. We will have "Kindness to Go" boxes, Sam's Famous Banoffee Pie, gourmet cupcakes, an elegant Paris Brest, and much more. Help the Youth Group out by bidding on an amazing treat, lovingly prepared by some of the best bakers at Westminster, to share with your family or to gift to anyone special, such as a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or postal worker. Proceeds go to raise money for Angel Tree presents.

Angel Tree

Christmas and holiday gifts are provided from the Angel Tree. These gifts are given to children from low-income families. Gifts, toys, clothing, and much more is provided for disadvantaged children that range in age from infant to age 12. Senior citizens who are 60 years and older can also benefit from the Angel Tree.

Look for the Angel tree at the top of the stairs across from the reception desk. Pick a tag from the tree and shop. Return the unwrapped gifts, with the tag attached to the bag, placing them under the tree. **Gifts must be returned to the church by Dec. 12.** Will you be someone's Angel? Thank you. Mission & Outreach

Sending Christmas Greetings to Fellow Members

Stop by the tables in the Garden Room today or next Sunday and add your name to the Christmas cards to be sent to fellow members of Westminster.

Dreams and Angels | Dec. 11 & 18

The Adult Education Series in the Lounge will feature “Fixtures in the Christmas Story: Dreams and Angels.” Pastor Jimmy will delve into the Hebrew Bible’s take on dreams during the Dec. 11 class; the following week do the same for “Angels.” The classes will be at 10:40 to 11:30.

Advent Study: A Branch Shall Grow

Have you ever thought of Advent as a time of growth? Have you ever wondered if your neighbor would welcome an invitation to attend church with you? Isaiah begins chapter 11 with “A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.” What if we understood that that shoot, the Messiah, was calling us to be sharers of the Word not just hearers?

Join us in an exploration of the message for us this Advent 2022. We will meet in the Parlor at 10:40 AM.

Dec. 11 *The Holy Highway*: Isaiah 35:1-10 - Luke 1:46b-55

Dec. 18 *Immanuel, God with Us*: Romans 1:1-7 – Matt. 1:18-25

Poinsettias

We will be ordering poinsettias to place in the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve services again this year. You can make a donation in memory or in honor of a loved one, to be included in the bulletin for Christmas Eve. Complete the pink order form and return it to the office by Dec. 13. The donation level is \$15. Order forms are located in the narthex and at the east entrance.

LiNK Neighborhood Caroling | Dec. 14

Join us for a meal at 6 PM in Cole Hall and then go caroling with us through the neighborhood. We’ll finish up with hot cocoa back at the church. Share with our neighbors the HOPE, LOVE, JOY and PEACE of Advent.

Lunch Bunch will meet at Tico's, 317 S 17th St, on Dec. 6 at 11:30 AM. RSVP to Jim Kinkennon at 402-290-5888 or jimkinkennon@gmail.com.

Lessons and Carols | Dec. 18

Westminster's children and youth invite you to attend the children and youth led Lessons & Carols service on Sun., Dec. 18 at 9:30 AM. The Lessons & Carols service tells the story of God's plan for God's people, begun so long ago. It is a beautiful story told in narration and song.

Christmas Eve Worship

There will be two worship services at WPC on Christmas Eve, 5 pm and 7 pm. Both services will have brass, Westminster Choir, and candle lighting. The services will be live-streamed and also available to watch later. The worship service on Christmas Day will be available on our YouTube channel beginning at 9:30 AM. There will not be a service in the sanctuary on Christmas Day.



Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach Family Service Opportunity

Are you are looking for an opportunity for your family to serve? Sign up your family to volunteer here:

<https://forms.gle/gqmdsmiWbdRqVJJW8>.

Questions? Contact Susie Hughes at skh@eskays.com.

Join Others in Reading the Bible in a Year

Join with fellow Westminster-ites in small groups to read the Bible in the year 2023. There will be sign-up sheets in the Garden Room through early December. Marijane England will be the facilitator and serve as a resource for group leaders. Check the Garden Room on Sundays or contact Marijane England at marijane.england@gmail.com. More information can be found in *The November Messenger*.

The Gathering Place, located at 1443 E Street, provides a nutritious evening meal seven days a week for people who may have few resources. Westminster has had this as a mission for a number of years, with a team who serves the meal, which is prepared by the Gathering Place staff. This mission is part of Mission/Outreach's response to "When were you hungry?" in our community. Each month, on the 2nd Friday, we send our team of 6 to 8 volunteers to serve from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. We are inviting YOU to join our team. To volunteer or for information, contact Carolyn Harp, charp3@neb.rr.com or 402-261-6897.

Week Beginning December 4

<p><u>Sun. (4)</u> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship/A Festival of Lessons & Carols 9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery 10:30 AM Advent Workshop, FH Craft Projects Chili Cookoff YG Baked Goods Auction 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 3 PM Messiah Concert, Union College Orchestra & Choir, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Mon. (5)</u> 5:45 PM Circle 4, Venue 6:30 PM Scouts Den/Pack Meetings, Cole Hall</p> <p><u>Tues. (6)</u> 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch, Ticos 5 PM Preschool Christmas Program, Sanctuary 5 PM Adult Ed, Lounge 6 PM Welcoming Task Force, Parlor 6:30 PM Building and Grounds, Zoom</p>	<p><u>Wed. (7)</u> 10 AM Circle 3, Lounge 1:30 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 5:30 PM Westminster LiNK, Cole Hall 6:30 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Thurs. (8)</u> 7 PM Lincoln Choral Artists Concert, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Sun. (11)</u> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship 9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery 10:40 AM Advent Study—A Branch shall Grow, Parlor 10:40 AM Advent Study— Dreams, Lounge 10:40 AM Rehearsal for Children & Youth Lessons & Carols 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 6:30 PM Youth Group</p>
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Week 47 & 48 Giving	\$25,461
YTD Giving	\$510,524
Weekly Budget	\$10,970
YTD Budget	\$526,569

Televised Worship

Thurs. at 12:30 pm/Sat. at 1 pm.

Channel 1302/Spectrum & Channel 13/Windstream.

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