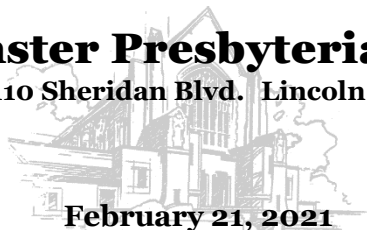


# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



February 21, 2021  
First Sunday of Lent

**Prelude**

John Ross, organ

**Welcome**

Rev. Chris Peters

**Call to Worship**

Deacon Michael Gregg

People of the covenant: God does not remember us according to our sins.

***God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!***

The God of our salvation teaches us right paths and leads us in truth.

***All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness; we put our trust in God today and throughout this journey of Lent.***

***\*Hymn #167      Forty Days and Forty Nights***

**Call to Confession**

**Time of Silent Confession**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

***God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own. We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others. Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us. Teach us your commandments; help us to turn from evil in its many guises, and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near. In covenantal love, remember us, we pray, and be for us, once more and always, an ark of safety and new life. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.***

**Response to the Confession**

***#471 O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
When I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
Come and listen to me.<sup>1</sup>***

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

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

**\*Response of Praise**

***#577 Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.  
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.***

*\*You are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

**Children's Chat**

Rev. Chris Peters

***Special Music***

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**

**Gospels Mark 1:9-15**

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

**Sermon "Wilderness"**

Rev. Chris Peters

**\*Hymn 422 Create in Me a Clean Heart**

**Prayers of the People**

Deacon Michael Gregg

**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**

**Postlude**

John Ross, organ