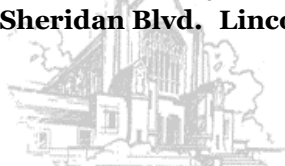


Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



August 8, 2021

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. Chris Peters

Call to Worship (Psalm 34:1, 3)

*I will bless the Lord at all times;
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.
O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt God's name together.
Let us worship God with gladness!*

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Hymn #729: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Call to Confession

Deacon Sarah Baltensperger

Time of Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges against others. We have hoarded the fruits of our labors rather than share our abundance with neighbors in need. We have not built up our friends with words of kindness but have indulged in gossip. We have not forgiven the wrongs others have done, even though we desire your forgiveness toward us in Jesus Christ. Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love as Christ loved us. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

... Believe and share the good news!
In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

Response of Praise

Hymn #649 (Amazing Grace; 2 verses)

Children's Chat

Trish Souliere

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Epistles

Eph 4:25-5:2

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

Sermon "Live in Love"

Rev. Chris Peters

Special Music

Affirmation of Faith (Apostle's Creed)

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

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

Prayers of the People

Deacon Sarah Baltensperger

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

Week Beginning August 8

<p><u>Sun. (8)</u> 9 AM Used Book Sale 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship, New Member Recognition 9:40 AM Faith Village 10:40 AM Nominating Committee 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> <p><u>Mon. (9)</u> 10 AM – 4 PM Used Book Sale 11:30 AM – 3 PM Preschool Meeting, Lounge 5:30 PM Mission & Outreach, Lounge 5:30 PM Worship & Music, Zoom 5:30 PM Church Life Ministry, Library 6 PM Children & Youth, Zoom 7 PM Recovery Group, Parlor</p> <p><u>Tues. (10)</u> 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 10 AM – 4 PM Used Book Sale 10:30 AM Stewardship & Finance, Lounge 5:30 PM A & P Meeting, Zoom</p>	<p><u>Wed. (11)</u> 10 AM – 4 PM Used Book Sale 6:30 PM Knit & Sit, Library 7 PM Ephesians Study, Zoom</p> <p><u>Thurs. (12)</u> 10 AM – 4 PM Used Book Sale 6 PM Preschool Parent Orientation</p> <p><u>Fri. (13)</u> 10 AM – 4 PM Used Book Sale</p> <p><u>Sun. (15)</u> 9 AM Used Book Sale 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship, Blessing of Backpacks 9:40 AM Faith Village 10:40 AM Christian Life, Cole Hall 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 4 PM Cornhole Tournament</p>
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Week 31 Giving	\$9,404
YTD Giving	\$382,457
Weekly Budget	\$ 11,250
YTD Budget	\$348,750



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

The week of August 8, 2021

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

EPHESIANS: Encouragement for Today and Tomorrow

Worship Series Continues

August 15: Thanks At All Times, Pastor Chris

August 22: Make Known the Mystery, Pastor Chris

New Member Recognition

New Member Recognition is today during the 9:30 am worship service. We welcome Marilyn Hood, Trish and Ron Souliere and Toby Lammers.

Faith Village Continues

Elementary age children will be dismissed to Faith Village following the Children’s Chat. The nursery will also be operational. Faith Village is on the lower floor by the east entrance. The nursery is located across from the reception desk by the east entrance.

Faith Village/Youth Group Volunteers

We still have a few spots available for volunteers in the nursery, Faith Village, and Youth Group. Opportunities are available on Sundays from 9:30 -10:30 am and on Wednesdays from 5 -7 pm. If you are interested in serving with the children or youth this year, please complete the online form found in the eVine or contact Trish Souliere, trish@westminsterlincoln.org or 402-475-6702. Author Os Guinness once said that “God did not direct His call to Isaiah— Isaiah overheard God saying, ‘. . . who will go for Us?’” How is God calling you to serve?

Westminster Used Book Sale | Aug. 8- 15 | Fellowship Hall

Stop by to browse the eclectic selection of books and games! There’s something for everyone. The hours for the book sale: Sun., 9 am to 2 pm, Mon.-Fri., 10 am to 4 pm. Proceeds go to support the Westminster Library.



Christian Life: Inward, Outward, Together

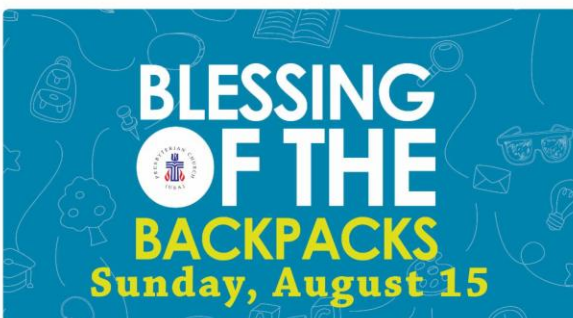
Sun., Aug. 15, 22, 29 | 10:40-11:30 am | Cole Hall

Pastor Chris will lead a three-week series exploring Spiritual Disciplines that Christians practice Inwardly, Outwardly, and Together as God’s people (using the distinctions modeled by Richard Foster in Celebration of Discipline). Each session will balance teaching time with exploration of at least one spiritual discipline that you can also “take home.” All are welcome, and this class will be modeled for adults and youth, high school-and-up.

Social Media Connections

Connect with us on social media! We have two separate groups to allow parents, children, and youth to connect with us and each other. Follow us on Facebook or Instagram for inspiration and information. Our private Facebook group for kids is www.facebook.com/groups/westminsterlincolnkids. Our private Facebook group for youth is www.facebook.com/groups/westminsterlincolnyouth. You can find us on Instagram at @westminsterlincolnkids and @westminsteryouth. Also, we have a new group me chat set up for the High School Youth Group. If it works better for you to get your information via text, you’re invited to join the group "Westminster Lincoln High School Youth Group" on GroupMe. There is a link in the eVine.

Blessing of the Backpacks | Aug. 15 | Sanctuary



We’ll be doing a *Blessing of the Backpacks* on Sun., Aug. 15. If you are a student or educator of any kind, come receive your blessing for the coming year. Students of all ages are encouraged to bring their backpacks to receive blessings to begin the school year with the positive energy of prayers for their safety, health, happiness and continued growth.

Could you serve as an usher? There is a sign-up poster in the Garden Room. Add your name and contact information on the Sundays that work best for you. Question? Contact Diana Wild at 402-440-0699.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the landscaping workday yesterday. We appreciate your efforts to keep the church property looking good!

Westminster Social Hour Is Back!

August 15 | 4pm | Parking Lot at WPC

The first ever Westminster Team Corn Hole Tournament to be held on the WCP parking lot or in Fellowship Hall, if raining. This is for all ages! Teams of 2 people will be drawn, and the games begin! Bring a chair, and something to drink (non-alcoholic). We will provide a hot dog meal. Enjoy an evening of Corn Hole! As always, there are prizes!

Wanted!! Looking for people to share their cornhole game that evening. Would like them to be at the church Sunday, Aug. 15 in the morning. Please mark with your name, address and phone #. We will make sure they get back to the correct people. Any questions...contact Kathy Rohwedder at kathrohwa@yahoo.com or (402) 202-9889.



Calvin Crest Fun Day | Sat., Aug. 21 | 9 am to 5 pm

Sat., Aug. 21, is Calvin Crest Fun Day. Plan to take the whole family out for a day of fun in the sun, to relax after the first week of school.

Televised Worship

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

Channel 1302/Spectrum & Channel 13/Windstream.

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