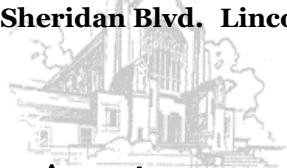


Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



August 15, 2021

Prelude

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Rev. Chris Peters

Call to Worship (Psalm 34:11, 14)

Deacon Sarah Baltensperger

*Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.*

Hymn #647 Give Thanks

Call to Confession

Deacon Sarah Baltensperger

Time of Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

*Merciful God, we confess that we have not been faithful followers.
We have not lived by your law; we have remained silent in the face of
injustice; we have not refrained from deceit; we have not followed in
the way of peace; and we have not honored all that is true and good.
We have been foolish and immature people who seek easy answers
while resisting your holy wisdom. Forgive us our sin, O God, and
lead us to sincere repentance through Jesus Christ. 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)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Epistles Ephesians 5:15-20

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

Sermon "Thanks at All Times"

Rev. Chris Peters

Special Music

Affirmation of Faith (Apostle's Creed)

Deacon Sarah Baltensperger

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

We extend our condolences to the Bennett family following the death of Kristyn last week. We ask that our church family join in prayer in this time. Service information will be shared at a later date.

Pastor Jimmy is away to supply preach for United Presbyterian Church in North Bend 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 narthex through the West/Sheridan-end sanctuary doors. When you enter the narthex, turn to your right, where the door will be open.

There is a blue metal box near the Sheridan Street doors where your offering can be placed.

Please dispose of your bulletin in the recycling basket as you exit the sanctuary.

Week Beginning August 15

<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> <p><u>Mon. (16)</u> Preschool Classes Start 7 PM Recovery Group, Parlor</p> <p><u>Tues. (17)</u> 9:15 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p><u>Wed. (18)</u> 1 PM Prairie Readers 1:30 PM Hearts & Hands (formerly Knit-N-Sit), Library 6:30 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 7 PM Acts Study, Zoom</p> <p><u>Sat. (21)</u> 10 AM Presbyterian Women Kick-Off, FH 9 AM Calvin Crest Fun Day 10 AM Presbytery Meeting, Zoom</p> <p><u>Sun. (22)</u> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship 9:40 AM Faith Village 10:40 AM Christian Life, Cole Hall 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p>
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Week 32 Giving	\$11,168
YTD Giving	\$393,625
Weekly Budget	\$ 11,250
YTD Budget	\$360,000

EPHESIANS: Encouragement for Today and Tomorrow

Worship Series Continues

August 22: Make Known the Mystery, Pastor Chris

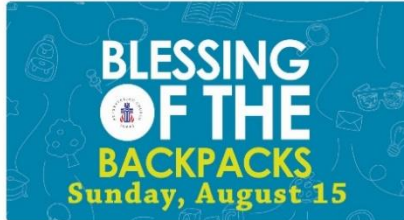


*“I am the vine,
you are the branches . . .”*

The week of August 15, 2021

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

Blessing of the Backpacks | TODAY | Sanctuary



We'll be doing a *Blessing of the Backpacks* during the worship service today. Students or educators of all kinds and all ages, whether you brought your backpack or not, are encouraged to receive blessings to begin the school year with the positive energy of prayers for your safety, health, happiness and continued growth.

Westminster Used Book Sale | TODAY | Fellowship Hall

Today is the last day to stop by to browse the eclectic selection of books and games! There's something for everyone. Proceeds go to support the Westminster Library.

Library Leadership Opportunity

We are looking for some on-going help in the church library. Martha Kingsbury has been keeping watch over it for a number of years, and she would like to share her expertise with someone. Is the library an area where you would like to help out? Talk with Martha if you have an interest or questions about what is involved, or call the church office.

Bible Study via Zoom | Wed. Evenings | 7 PM

Our Wed. night Bible study on Zoom will focus on the Book of Acts, beginning this Wed. It's lively, it's informative and you can join us from the comfort of your own home! Look for the links in the eVine.

Faith Village Continues

Elementary age children will be dismissed to Faith Village following the Blessing of the Backpacks. 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.

Hearts & Hands (formerly Knit-N-Sit)

We hope our new name for the group reflects our desire to be more inclusive in terms of offering a second session (Wed. afternoon, 1:30-3 PM) to our original meeting time (Wed. evening, 6:30-8 PM). It is also our hope that the new name will encourage participation by those who do all types of handwork. Please join us! Questions? Call Franci Scheele at (402) 310-4212.



Christian Life: Inward, Outward, Together

TODAY & Aug. 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.

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.

Westminster Social Hour Is Back!

TODAY | 4 PM | Parking Lot at WPC

The first ever Westminster Teamcorn Hole Tournament to be held on the WPC parking lot. 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 Cornhole! As always, there are prizes!



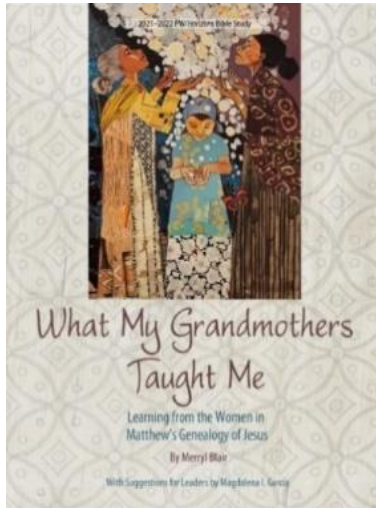
Faith Village/Youth Group Volunteers

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?

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.

Presbyterian Women | Sat., Aug. 21 | 10 AM



The PW Study starting this Fall is *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*. The study was written by Merryl Blair. All women are invited to join in. Westminster has four Presbyterian Women groups, meeting on different days and different times. If you are interested in joining in on this study, please come to the Fall Kick-off which will be Sat., Aug. 21, 10 AM at the church. If you have questions about PW or the Bible study, call or email Glenna Haller at 817-757-2885 or glenna0952@att.net.

Tour the Wild Side | Sat., Aug. 21 | 10 AM – 3 PM

“Native” refers to the plants and animals best suited to a particular locale, and there is growing recognition of the importance of these natives to the health and well-being of all of us. Wachiska Audubon has planned some wonderful opportunities for us to visit native yards on Sat., Aug. 21, and public spaces on Sun., Aug. 22. Visit with homeowners, check out community gardens, and ask questions at a local nursery—free and at your own pace, 10 AM – 3 PM. For all the details, go to <https://www.wachiskaaudubon.org> and look for the August newsletter.

Televised Worship

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

Channel 1302/Spectrum & Channel 13/Windstream.

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