

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



August 22, 2021

Prelude

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Rev. Chris Peters

Call to Worship (Psalm 84:1-2)

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;

My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Special Music: *Standing on the Promises*

Call to Confession

Deacon Michael Gregg

Time of Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Watchful God, you know our plight. Offended, we have not believed your words. Complaining, we have betrayed your love. We are weak, estranged, wandering, and lost. Seeking to stand in our own strength, we fall. Strangers to your holiness, we wander. Defenseless against evil within and without, we are lost. Showing us amazing grace, turn us from sin, and guide us back to our place in you. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

... Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

Children's Chat

Trish Souliere

(Children in Grades 1 – 5 are invited to come to Faith Village following the Children's Chat or to find and sit with their parents. Parents can pick up their children in Faith Village following the service.)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Epistle Ephesians 6:10-20

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

Sermon "Stand Firm"

Rev. Chris Peters

Special Music

***Affirmation of Faith** (Confession of 1967 9.21 / 9.25)

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They, therefore, accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than human schemes, will finally prevail.

Moment of Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of Katherine Wild who passed away Aug. 13. We ask that our church family join in prayer in this time. Service information will be shared at a later date.

The flowers this Sunday are given by Helen Hayes in memory of her husband, Bob and her son, Robert David.

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 22

<p><u>Sun. (22)</u> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship 9:40 AM Faith Village 10:40 AM Christian Life Class 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 12 Noon Teacher Training, Fellowship Hall</p> <p><u>Mon. (23)</u> 6 PM Session 7 PM Recovery Group, Parlor</p> <p><u>Tues. (24)</u> 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Deacons, Zoom</p>	<p><u>Wed. (25)</u> 1:30 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 6:30 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 7 PM Acts Study, Zoom</p> <p><u>Sun. (29)</u> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship 9:40 AM Faith Village 10:40 AM Christian Life Class 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p>
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Week 33 Giving	\$8,616
YTD Giving	\$402,241
Weekly Budget	\$ 11,250
YTD Budget	\$371,250

Faith Village | Nursery

Elementary age children will be dismissed to Faith Village following 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.

Televised Worship

Thurs. at 12:30 pm/Sat. at 1 pm.
Channel 1302/Spectrum & Channel 13/Windstream.

Faith Village

We invite children in Grades 1-5 to join us this week as we begin to investigate the story of Jacob and Esau, arguably the best poster children for sibling rivalry ever. We will talk about the week, make Red Lentil Stew, learn what happened between the brothers, and craft a clay soup bowl.



*"I am the vine,
you are the branches . . ."*

The week of August 22, 2021

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

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.

Book of Acts Study via Zoom | Wed. Evenings | 7 PM

Our Wed. night Bible study on Zoom will focus on the Book of Acts, beginning this Wed., Aug. 25. This is a great time for new people to join the group. Look for the links in the eVine.

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.

Book Sale

Proceeds from the Book Sale totaled \$1,000. Thank you to all who donated, purchased and helped to set up the sale.

Christian Life
Inward, Outward, Together

August 15
Inward

August 22
Outward

August 29
Together

10:40-11:30am Sundays, Cole Hall
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, NE

Christian Life: Inward, Outward, Together

TODAY & AUG. 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.

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.

Children & Youth Program Volunteers

Muhamad Ali said "Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth." As we begin a new school year, consider where you are being called to serve. Working with children and youth is an incredibly rewarding, incredibly fun opportunity to get involved in serving others. We can still use volunteers for our children and youth programs on Sunday from 9:30-10:30 AM, for high school youth group on Sunday from 5:30-6:30 PM, and on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 PM. We invite parents, non-parents, grandparents, non-grandparents, and youth to accept the call to work with us this coming year. To get started, please complete the online form found in the eVine or contact Trish Souliere, trish@westminsterlincoln.org or 402-475-6702.

Kick-Off Sunday | Welcome Home to Westminster | Sept. 12

Save the date and plan on coming to church on Sept. 12 when we kick-off our fall programming. We are looking for a few volunteers to help with games – there is a link on the eVine to sign up.

Current Guidelines Update

At this time Westminster's Sanctuary Task Force highly recommends members wear masks to worship and other events. This is due to the rising cases of the COVID Delta variant and what we are learning about "break-through" infections amongst the vaccinated. We continue to require those working with children in Faith Village and the Nursery to wear masks as we seek to be faithful caregivers of our children under 12 who are unable to be vaccinated. Session will review any further recommendations this coming Monday evening, with follow-up communication in next week's eVine and social media.

First Week of School

We hope your first week of school went well. We blessed all our students and education staff last week during the service, including those who were present with us and those who were at home. We invite any of our students and education staff who did not get a beginning-of-school gift to stop by and pick one up from the Garden Room. The crystal globe will serve to remind you this year that you are loved, you are part of a larger family, and that you are called to be the light of the world.

Communication Connections

Connect with us on social media! We have two groups to allow parents, children, and youth to connect with us and each other. Our private Facebook group for kids is www.facebook.com/groups/westminsterlincolnkids. Our private Facebook group for youth is www.facebook.com/groups/westminsterlincolnyouth. We are also on Instagram at @westminsterlincolnkids and @westminsteryouth.

If texts are a better way to reach you, we have a GroupMe chat set up for the High School Youth Group, and you are invited to join the group "Westminster Lincoln High School Youth Group" on GroupMe. https://groupme.com/join_group/69532433/6MsxZbKN. If you are a middle school student, you are invited to join my group "Westminster Lincoln Middle School Youth Group" on GroupMe. https://groupme.com/join_group/69672381/6dRqND1K

Family Challenge

This week's family challenge is to do a craft something together! Share your family challenge photos in our Facebook kids' group or on Instagram.

Youth Challenge

This week's youth challenge is to join us on Facebook, Instagram, or group me, and start a conversation about your first week of school.

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