

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



Live Streamed on October 31, 2021
Stewardship Season: Giving with Gratitude
All Saints Sunday
Reformation Sunday

Prelude

"Suite Gothique: Introduction & Menuet" by Boëllmann
John Ross, organist

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Rev. Chris Peters

Stewardship Moment: Church Life

Elder Glenna Haller

Call to Worship (Psalm 89:1, 14, 52)

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

One: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

All: With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

One: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;

All: Steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

One: Blessed be the Lord forever.

All: Amen and amen.

Special Music: For All the Saints

Text by William Walsham How, 1864

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Time of Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, before you generations rise and pass away. Before you, we are invited to a journey of faith and questioning in community. Still, we miss the mark of your dreams for our lives. At times we see worship as another to-do list item. We spend time on pursuits that are not life-giving. We do damage to your natural world. We resist growth and plant our feet in our own ways and opinions. Lord, redeem and rescue us. By your grace, shape us into people who live more and more like Jesus – welcoming the stranger, nurturing children, and changing the world in the image of your holy kingdom. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

... Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

Passing of the Peace

Please greet those around you with a wave, peace sign, or by making eye contact repeating this response:

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

First Lesson Psalm 24:1-5 O.T. pg. 502

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

Sermon “Why Westminster?”

Marybell Avery, Rob Baltensperger, Rachel Hoffman, Rob Otte

Special Music: How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

by Carter
Jeremy Duck, soloist

Psalm 84:1-4

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul longs, yea faints for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.
Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young.
At the altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my god.
Blessed are those who dwell in Thy house,
ever singing Thy praise!

Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Chris Peters

Moment of Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Instrumental Response

"Suite Gothique: Priere" by Boëllmann

Prayers of the People

Rev. Chris Peters

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

"Suite Gothique: Toccata" by Boëllmann
John Ross, organist

A Litany for Reformation Sunday

This litany for Reformation Sunday is composed of excerpts from the Creeds, Catechisms, and Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Nicene Creed (325 – 381)

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
Apostle's Creed (180 – 8th Century)

the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints.

Scots Confession (1560)

This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal,
because it contains the chosen of all ages,
of all realms, nations, and tongues,
Heidelberg Catechism (1563)

**We believe that,
each member should use the gifts of Christ
readily and joyfully for the service
and enrichment of the other members**

Westminster Shorter Catechism (1647)

What is the chief end of man?
Man's chief end is to glorify God
And enjoy God forever.

Theological Declaration of Barmen (1934)

**The church's commission,
upon which its freedom is founded,
consists in delivering the message
of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead,
and therefore in the ministry of his own Word
and work through sermon and Sacrament.**

Confession of 1967 (1967)

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ

embraces the whole of human life;
social and cultural, economic and political,
scientific and technological,
individual and corporate.

Confession of Belhar (1986)

**We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit
Has conquered the powers of sin and death,
And therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred,
Bitterness and enmity,
That God's life-giving Word and Spirit
Will enable the church to live in new obedience
Which can open new possibilities
For society and the world.**

Brief Statement of Faith (adopted 1991)

With believers in every time and place
**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Deaths since All Saints Day, Nov. 1, 2020

For all the saints, who from their labors rest . . .

Name	Date of Death
Lorraine Dougherty	Nov. 8, 2020
Tom Potter	Nov. 8, 2020
John Wilson	Nov. 16, 2020
Susie Sup	Nov. 23, 2020
Fern Bieck	Nov. 27, 2020
Robert Magee	Dec. 10, 2020
Nettie Clark	Dec. 11, 2020
Willa Mussman	Dec. 21, 2020
Ted Forke	Feb. 11, 2021
Patricia Zanders	Feb. 22, 2021
Don Chandler	Mar. 13, 2021
Gerald Gibson	Mar. 14, 2021
Stan Wentz	Apr. 11, 2021
Steve Menke	Apr. 20, 2021
Lynn Davis	May 26, 2021
Bob Murphy	July 10, 2021
Tom Turner	July 19, 2021
Tom Olson	July 26, 2021
Kristyn Bennett	Aug. 5, 2021
Katherine Wild	Aug. 13, 2021
Chick Thorne	Oct. 2, 2021
Don Gould	Oct. 14, 2021

*For we on earth have union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic, sweet communion with those whose rest is won.*