

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



January 30, 2022

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

"Nachtstück No. 4" by Robert Schumann

Welcome

Call to Worship (Lectionary Scriptures: Psalm 19, Nehemiah 8, Luke 4)

One: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

All: God calls us to be builders as well.

One: God calls us to build our lives:

All: to restore broken places and continue to grow.

One: God calls us to build our faith:

All: to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.

One: God calls us to build our community:

All: to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

One: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

All: to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.

Special Music

"Live into Hope"

Text by Jane Parker Huber

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Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!

Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity,
removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be,
the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.

Call to Confession

Time of Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God, our Deliverer, we confess that we are too reluctant to speak and to live according to your truth. We grow comfortable with the way things are, passively condoning injustice. We see ourselves as "insiders," excluding those we consider "outsiders." We find it easier to pluck up and pull down, to destroy and overthrow, than to build and to plant. Forgive us, O God, for being lukewarm disciples. Empty us of fear, and fill us with love that spills out through our words and deeds. We pray this in the name of the One who humbled himself, Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

...Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

Children's Chat

Trish Souliere

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Hebrew Prophets

Jeremiah 1:4-10

O.T. pg. 698

Gospel Lesson

Luke 4:14-30

N.T. pg. 61

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation "Rejection or Transformation"

Rev. Chris Peters

Special Music

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" arr. Lloyd Larson

Text by Sebastian Temple

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Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

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

Instrumental Response

Prayers of the People

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

"Trumpet Tune" by Pietro Cattaneo

Ministers

The whole congregation.

Pastors

Rev. Chris Peters

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Music Directors: John & Laura Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere



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

The week of Jan. 30, 2022

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

Community Conversations

Dr. Bob Rauner, Founder and President of *Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln* will be presenting to us via Zoom on Jan. 30 at 10:45 am. Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81401905826?pwd=OXdUQWpkRDURdVBaMjkzWFpNDA5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 814 0190 5826

Passcode: 198812

Volunteer Opportunity for Habitat for Humanity

We have an opportunity to help out Habitat for Humanity to put together a team of people to help paint the interior of their new Restore location. If you would like to volunteer to help paint, please let Steve Hughes know via email at skh@eskays.com or phone at 402-450-2524. There are openings in the weeks of February 6 or 13. Also indicate if you would prefer a weekday or weekend time frame. We don't have a specific date set yet so it will be helpful to know when the most people would be available.

Faith to Forest Zoom Series—Week 4

The Faith to Forest Zoom series concludes this week as Pat Leach, Director of Lincoln City Libraries, and Dr. Martha Shulski, Director of the Nebraska State Climate Office, review and share their reactions to the community reading selection, *The Future We Choose—The Stubborn Optimist's Guide to the Climate Crisis*. This short book has been described as a cautionary but optimistic story and is available at most local bookstores in addition to the city library.

Faith to Forest Giving

February 6 marks the final week of Westminster's campaign to raise money for planting trees. Mark your choice (I'd give anything not to . . .") on the pledge form in your bulletin, make out your check to Westminster and write "Tree Planting" in the memo. The pledge form can also be found at westminsterlincoln.org. Our donations will plant the right trees in the right places, locally through the Lincoln Parks Foundation and in the tropics through One Tree Planted.

Ladies' Night Out via Zoom

The decision has been made to cancel our in-person gathering at Billy's for Monday, Jan. 31. However, to start the year off with a bang, we would like to invite you to our LNO virtual gathering starting at 5 pm, Jan. 31. If you do plan to participate, please RSVP Robyn at robynu2@hotmail.com and get the Zoom link. And, if you so choose, don't forget to have your favorite beverage and snack in hand. As a conversation prompt, let's share one thing we are looking forward to for 2022.

Heidelberg Catechism Class



Two years ago, Westminster Adult Education began a series about the 1563 Heidelberg Catechism. One lesson into the 6-week series and COVID hit; the class was suspended. We plan to return to that series, beginning again with Lesson 1, on Feb. 13 at 10:45 am (after worship).

It is based on the book *Body and Soul; Reclaiming the Heidelberg Catechism* by M. Craig Barnes, President of Princeton Theological Seminary. The catechism is a deeply personal statement of faith with surprisingly contemporary guidance for Christians today.

Pastor Jimmy will lead the class. Alternate plans will be made if we are not back to in-person worship by Feb. 13.

Preschool Registration

Registration has begun for Westminster Preschool's '22-'23 school year for current families and Westminster Church members! Registration opens for the community on Feb. 1. Please join us at our Registration Open House on Tues., Feb. 1 from 6-7 pm to tour the preschool. Contact Rachel at rachelh@westminsterlincoln.org for more information!

YOUR SESSION IN ACTION

January 2022

- Thanked outgoing elders for their service and asked them to reflect on their experience on the Session.
- Approved the 2022 Budget for recommendation to the Congregation at the February 20, 2022, congregational meeting. As in last year, will review financial position mid-year to fund other initiatives not in the 2022 Budget.
- Ended 2021 well from a financial standpoint, ahead of budget. This will give us a good start in 2022.
- Approved the new Wedding Policy as recommended from Worship and Music Committee.
- Approved the Session meeting and communion dates for 2022.
- Elected Elders Glenna Haller, Kathy Rohwedder and Margaret Sprude as commissioners to the February 19, 2022, Homestead Presbytery meeting. Another commissioner will be named.
- Approved our Annual Statistical Report, which is filed annually to PC(USA) and Homestead Presbytery.

Week Beginning January 30

<u>Sun. (30)</u> 9:30 AM Worship on Live Stream 10:45 AM Community Conversations, Dr. Bob Rauner via Zoom 10:45 AM Confirmation Class, Fellowship Hall <u>Mon. (31)</u> 11 AM Explorers Study Group via Zoom 5 PM Ladies' Night Out via Zoom	<u>Tues. (1)</u> 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 5 PM Adult Ed 6 PM Preschool Open House <u>Wed. (2)</u> 10 AM Circle 3 & 5 5:30 PM Wed. Activities 7 PM Acts Study, Zoom
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Week 4 Giving	\$4,841
YTD Giving	\$100,331
Weekly Budget	\$10,970
YTD Budget	\$43,889

Televised Worship

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

Channel 1302/Spectrum & Channel 13/Windstream.

Faith to Forest Fund—Pledge Card

Trees are badly needed—in Lincoln, to replace the 1000 that are lost every year—and even more in the tropics, where deforestation increasingly contributes to climate change. Contributions to Westminster’s Faith to Forest Fund will be distributed locally to the Lincoln Parks Foundation (25%) and globally to One Tree Planted tropical locations (75%).

Use this form to indicate the level of your pledge:

- _____ \$100 not to hear Jimmy’s bagpipes outside my home at 5 am.
- _____ \$ 85 not to dog sit for Chris and Lauren Peters’ pups.
- _____ \$ 75 not to host a Westminster Preschool playdate.
- _____ \$ 50 not to have Tom Pappas raid my yard for Hostamania.
- _____ \$ 35 not to do the Children’s Chat or sing a solo in church.
- _____ \$ 25 not to change the sanctuary chandelier bulbs.
- _____ \$ 10 not to entertain Green@Heart for dinner.

Please make your check payable to Westminster and write “Tree Planting” on the memo line. Pledges are due by the week of February 6th. Mail your check and this form to:

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Attn: Dennis
2110 Sheridan Boulevard, Lincoln, NE 68502

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Donor’s names (but not pledge amounts) will be included in a future Messenger article. Please indicate here how you would like your name to appear.

Donor name/s _____