

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



February 6, 2022
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

"Improvisation on *Jesus Calls Us*"

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Minute for Mission: Souper Bowl of Caring

Call to Worship (Psalm 138 excerpts)

One: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

All: The Lord will fulfill God's purpose for me. Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

One: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love.

All: The Lord will fulfill God's purpose for me. Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

One: For though the Lord is high; God regards the lowly.

All: The Lord will fulfill God's purpose for me. Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

One: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies. You stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

All: The Lord will fulfill God's purpose for me. Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

Special Music

"Here I am, Lord"

Text and Music by Daniel L. Schutte

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I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

Call to Confession

Time of Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of the universe and Creator of all that is, we admit that we fail to be honest about our lives and in the politics of life. Sometimes we are deceitful; other times we judge ourselves harshly and feel unworthy of your call on our lives. Touch us with your grace and dispel our fear, that we may arise with renewed spirits to serve you, our true Sovereign. 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.

Children's Chat

Tom Pappas

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Gospel Lesson

Luke 5:1-11

N.T. pg. 62

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation "A Crowd... A Miracle... A Call... A New Community"

Rev. Chris Peters

Special Music

"Come, Follow Me" by Jay Althouse
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The kingdom of heaven is near.
As you have received, so, then you must give.
Be not afraid with the Lord at your side,
for Jesus died so we may live.

He said, "Come follow me.
Come by yourselves to a quiet place."
That someday we may see His face.

Those who are weary, take rest.
Look to Him for comfort, and He will soothe your soul.
For He is gentle and humble in heart,
and Jesus died to make us whole.

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

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Rev. Chris Peters

"The Feast Is Ready" arr. Aaron David Miller

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 Feb. 6, 2022

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

The **Spring Stated Meeting of the Congregation** will be held on Sunday, Feb. 20, following the worship service. The agenda includes the presentation of the 2021 annual reports, the presentation of the 2022 budget and the approval of the pastor's terms of call for 2022. The February Messenger, which contains annual reports from the committees at Westminster as well as other information, is available on the church's website—westminsterlincoln.org.

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 in Fellowship Hall.

The Future We Choose Community Book Discussion

Lincoln City Libraries is hosting a virtual book discussion of *The Future We Choose* on Saturday, February 5, 2-3 PM. This community discussion will focus on Lincoln's response to climate change with input from panelists Lynn Johnson, Director of Lincoln Parks and Recreation, Miki Esposito, Senior Policy Advisor to Mayor Gaylor Baird, and moderator Pat Leach, Director of Lincoln City Libraries. Registration is encouraged but not required. For more information see the library Facebook page, <https://fb.me/e/2Y08rXbl6>.

Faith to Forest Giving

February 6 marks the final week of Westminster's campaign to raise money for planting trees. **Ponder this:** We are losing rain forests at the rate of 30 football fields a minute! 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. Click

on “Give” and then “PDF Downloads.” 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.

Sunday Youth Group

The Sunday Youth Group will continue working with the "Faith in an Anxious World" series. We will discuss how feelings of pressure and anxiety can sometimes become more than we can handle on our own. God designed us to be part of groups and families who care, and at times to expand our circle to professional helpers. Reaching out to God and sharing honestly with others can keep us from facing anxiety alone.



VBS 2022: To Mars and Beyond

Join us on an exciting trip through outer space June 6-9 as we explore how to serve God and discover God's mission for our lives. Voyagers will spend time at the Bible Story Station, where interactive Bible lessons will reveal key learnings to equip them for an active life with God. They will expand on their discoveries by making

their own art projects at the Craft Station, exploring the wonders of creation at the Science Station, playing games at the Recreation Station, and enjoying tasty treats at the Snack Station. Along the way, they will hear about our mission project and respond to a call for action! Registration is \$15 per child/maximum \$45. Register your child or sign up to volunteer here <https://vbsmate.com/events/westminsterlincoln/21116>.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Join churches across the country on Feb. 13, Super Bowl Sunday, in collecting money for the hungry and homeless. Our collections will support Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach in Lincoln. Matt Talbot has served the homeless and near homeless for nearly 27 years, with feeding the hungry as the core of their mission. Please give generously—look for youth group representatives holding soup pots by the sanctuary exits. A gift in any amount is greatly appreciated and truly makes a difference.

Prairie Readers

Prairie Readers will meet via Zoom on Wed., Feb. 16, at 1 pm. Margaret Sprude will be the discussion leader for the book *Beloved* by Toni Morrison. Interested persons who are not regular attenders may call Faye Moulton for the Zoom site.

Matt Talbot Kitchen | New Service Opportunity

Westminster has a new opportunity to serve a meal at Matt Talbot Kitchen! Serving is simple – arrive at 5 pm to learn the ropes of setting out food and serving, work as a team to serve from 5:30 until 6:30 pm, and then help with basic clean-up before wrapping up around 6:45 pm. This is a great opportunity for a family or two households to partner together to follow the call of Jesus to “love our neighbor.” Please contact Susie Hughes (skh@eskays.com) with questions or to sign up to serve on March 6 (to start, we will serve during odd months).

Week Beginning February 6

<p><u>Sun. (6)</u> 9:15 AM Youth Sermon Set-up 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship 9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery 10:45 AM Confirmation Class 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 7 PM H.S. Youth Group</p> <p><u>Mon. (7)</u> 11 AM Explorers Study Group via Zoom 6:30 PM Scouts 7 PM Circle 4 via Zoom</p> <p><u>Tues. (8)</u> 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 5 PM Personnel 6 PM A & P</p>	<p><u>Wed. (9)</u> 1:30 PM Hearts & Hands 5:30 PM Wed. Activities 7 PM Acts Study, Zoom</p> <p><u>Thurs. (10)</u> 7 PM Scouts, Youth Room</p> <p><u>Sun. (13)</u> 9:15 AM Youth Sermon Set-up 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship 9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery 10:45 AM Confirmation Class 10:45 AM Heidelberg Study, FH 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 7 PM H.S. Youth Group</p>
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Week 5 Giving	\$8,155
YTD Giving	\$108,487
Weekly Budget	\$10,970
YTD Budget	\$54,859

Televised Worship

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

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