

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



February 13, 2022
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

"Somebody's Knocking at Your Door" arr. John Kember

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Minute for Mission: Souper Bowl of Caring

WPC Youth

Call to Worship

Deacon Jim Kinkennon

One: Jesus comes down from the mountain, to the level place with a crowd.

All: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is in the Lord.

One: Jesus stands with those who are poor, who hunger, and who weep.

All: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is in the Lord.

One: Jesus stands with those who seek hope, who wrestle with sin, who pray for grace.

All: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is in the Lord.

One: Jesus stands alongside us in places of pain, heartache, and suffering.

All: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is in the Lord.

Special Music

"Blest Are They"

Text and Music by David Haas

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Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. [Refrain]

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God. [Refrain]

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.

Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. [Refrain]

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.

Rejoice, be glad; yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. [Refrain]

Call to Confession

Time of Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding. You call us to reorder our lives by the kingdom you are bringing in Jesus Christ. Yet we still pass by the ones you are quick to notice: people who are poor and hungry; people who weep. We have not stood with those who are hated, bullied, and excluded. Comfortable with the way things are, we are too complacent, even complicit with injustice and prejudice. Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to your gospel. We pray this now, for our sake, and for the sake of your world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Rev. Chris Peters

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Hebrew Prophets

Micah 6:6-16

O.T. pg. 866

Gospel Lesson

Luke 6:17-26

N.T. pg. 64

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

Sermon

"Blessings and Woes"

Rev. Chris Peters

1) What emotion(s) do these passages bring up for you?

2) What do you agree or disagree with in these scriptures?

3) What is one new or helpful idea you learned about these scriptures?

4) What is one way we can show Christ's value for "the poor, the hungry, the weeping, the excluded, the reviled?"

Special Music

"Together We Serve"

Text and Music by Daniel Charles Damon

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Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending God's love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.

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

Deacon Jim Kinkennon

The Lord's Prayer

Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

"I Want to Be Ready" arr. John Kember

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 large basket near the Sheridan Street doors where your offering can be placed following the service.

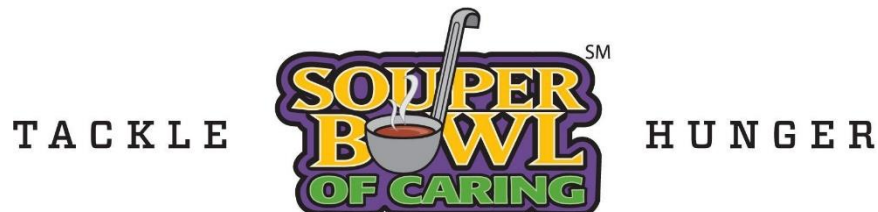
If you don't want to take your bulletin with you, please dispose of it in the recycling basket as you exit the sanctuary.



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

The week of Feb. 13, 2022

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



One in six teens are hungry. 47% of families are looking for their next meal. Over 48 million Americans are food insecure. Westminster's Youth Group is taking on the Tackle Hunger Challenge this year and making a difference. Our youth are collecting money to support the efforts of Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach. They will be stationed at the sanctuary exits with large soup pots to collect your donation after the worship service.

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, today 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.

Green@Heart Recycling Deadline

Don't send Styrofoam to the landfill. We will gather these items at the church and deliver them to special recycling centers for YOU! **The final day for collection will be Thurs., Feb. 17.** Thank you for sharing your recycling needs with us again this '21-'22 holiday season!

Continuing Education

Pastor Chris will be out of the office from Tues., Feb. 15 to Thurs. Feb. 17 for continuing education.

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. Registration is \$15 per child/maximum \$45. Register your child or sign up to volunteer here <https://vbsmate.com/events/westminsterlincoln/21116>.

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.

Thank you to the front desk volunteers who are so faithful about covering the receptionist desk by greeting folks who stop by or call, and assisting them with their requests, and by helping staff with projects. We are able to keep the door unlocked during the middle of the day because of your presence. Thanks to Susie Hughes for scheduling the group.

Ministers: The whole congregation

Pastors: Rev. Chris Peters & Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Liturgist: Deacon Jim Kinkennon

Music Directors: John & Laura Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Week Beginning February 13

<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> <p><u>Mon. (14)</u> 11 AM Explorers Study Group via Zoom 5 :30 PM Church Life Ministry 5 :30 PM Worship & Music 6 PM Mission & Outreach</p> <p><u>Tues. (15)</u> 5 PM Ladies' Night Out 7 PM Faith & Cancer Support Group</p>	<p><u>Wed. (16)</u> 1 PM Prairie Readers via Zoom 1:30 PM Hearts & Hands 5:30 PM Wed. Activities 6:30 PM Hearts & Hands 7 PM Acts Study, Zoom</p> <p><u>Sat. (19)</u> 10 AM Presbytery via Zoom</p> <p><u>Sun. (20)</u> 9:15 AM Youth Sermon Set-up 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship 9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery 10:30 AM Spring Stated Meeting of the Congregation 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 6 Giving	\$17,902
YTD Giving	\$126,389
Weekly Budget	\$10,970
YTD Budget	\$65,829

Televised Worship

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

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