

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



February 20, 2022
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

"Prelude & Fugue in G Major, BWV 557" attrib. J.S. Bach

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Call to Worship (from Psalm 37)

Deacon Carolyn Harp

One: Take delight in the Lord, who satisfies the desires of your heart.

All: Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God's actions.

One: God will make your just cause shine like the light.

All: And the justice of your cause like the noonday.

One: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.

All: The Lord is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble.

Special Music

"O For a World"

Text by Miriam Therese Winter

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O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Call to Confession

Time of Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Oh Christ, the economy of your love is beautiful, expending goodness and extending lines of forgiveness beyond our imagination. The economy of our love is tight-fisted and crooked. We invest love where it can be repaid. We spend mercy where it yields gain. We advance blessing we can bank on. We hold grudges with interest. We do all of this when we lose sight of how deeply

indebted we are to you. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, we pray with our whole hearts with faith in Christ's forgiveness. 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

Karen Hoffman

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Prophetic Lesson Genesis 45:1-5

O.T. pg. 42

Gospel Lesson Luke 6:27-36

N.T. pg. 64

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

Sermon "Pay-Back Time?"

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Special Music

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

arr. John Carter

Jeremy Duck & John Ross, piano

Affirmation of Faith

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with humanity. Christ is the eternal Son of God, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. Christ is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humankind, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

Moment of Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Instrumental Response

Prayers of the People

Deacon Carolyn Harp

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. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Postlude

"Praise God, You Christians, All Together, BWV 609"
by J.S. Bach

Flowers are given in memory of Katherine Wild, by Diana Wild.

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.

Ministers: The whole congregation

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

Liturgist: Deacon Carolyn Harp

Music Directors: John & Laura Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere



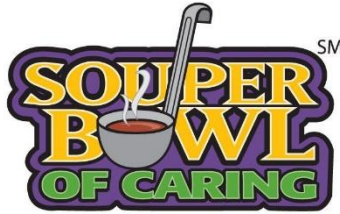
*"I am the vine,
you are the branches . . ."*

The week of Feb. 20, 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 today 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. There are also a limited number of copies on the table at the west entrance.

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HUNGER

Many thanks to everyone who supported this year's Souper Bowl of Caring! Through your generosity, we were able to raise an amazing \$1,100 to help tackle hunger right here in Lincoln. If you did not have the opportunity to donate at church on Sunday, you can give directly to Matt Talbot at the following link: <https://www.mtko.org/soup/soup.html>



Heidelberg Catechism Class

Westminster Adult education will continue the six-week series about the 1563 Heidelberg Catechism 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.

Prayers of Comfort

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Leah Gaston, including her parents George and Harriet Peterson, and her brother and sister-in-law, Todd and Amy Peterson, and their children, Abby and Graham. Leah's funeral was held recently at WPC.

Sunday Youth Group

During our Sunday youth group session, we will be focusing on fellowship. Join your church friends to talk, play games, do homework together, or hang out. All Youth Group members are invited to attend Wednesday evenings, 5:30 pm - 7 pm and Sunday evenings, 7 pm - 8:30 pm.

Wed. Night Meals are Back

We will once again include a meal during our Wed. night activities, served by the Zanders. Join us!

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>.

2022 Youth Group Mission Trip

We are working on plans for a summer mission trip. If you have a child in middle or high school, please complete the interest form to help us in our planning process.

<https://forms.gle/LUDpo81Zn2ui2Fwg6>

The 2022 summer trip for the youth group would entail:

- Attending a performance of *Jesus: Live Onstage* at the Sight and Sound Theater in Branson, Missouri
- Spending a weekend at Ferncliff for recreation and service at the Disaster Service Center near Little Rock, Arkansas
- Visiting *Worlds of Fun*

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.

Hand Warmers/Foot Warmers? YES, PLEASE.

The Mission/Outreach team has heard from the Gathering Place that there are concerns about guests being prepared for frigid winter temperatures that may still be ahead. Currently, the most-needed items are **hand warmers** and **foot warmers**. Please consider donating hand warmers and foot warmers and bringing them to church on **Sunday, Feb. 27**. There will be a collection box in the Garden Room for your donations.

Week Beginning Feb. 20

<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 Youth Group</p> <p><u>Mon. (21)</u> 11 AM Explorers Study Group via Zoom</p> <p><u>Tues. (22)</u> 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Deacons via Zoom 7 PM Circle #6 7 PM Faith & Cancer</p>	<p><u>Wed. (23)</u> 1:30 PM Hearts & Hands 5:30 PM Wed. Activities 6:30 PM Hearts & Hands 7 PM Acts Study, Zoom</p> <p><u>Sun. (27)</u> Scout Sunday 9:15 AM Youth Sermon Set-up 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship/ Ordination & Installation of Elders and Deacons 9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery 10:45 AM Confirmation Class 10:45 AM Heidelberg Study, FH 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 7 PM Youth Group</p>
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Week 7 Giving	\$11,000
YTD Giving	\$137,389
Weekly Budget	\$10,970
YTD Budget	\$76,799

Televised Worship

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

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