

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

March 13, 2022  
Second Sunday in Lent

## Prelude

"Aria: Song of Triumph" by Robert Train Adams  
from "Partita on Lift High the Cross"

## Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

## Minute for Mission—World on a Plate

Elder Glenna Haller

## Call to Worship (Psalm 27)

Sarah Baltensperger

*One: The psalmist sings, one thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after...*

**All: To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

*One: To behold the beauty of the Lord,*

**All: And to inquire in God's sanctuary,**

*One: Siblings in Christ, God is good.*

**All: In love and mercy, God greets us here.**

## Special Music

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"  
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Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
granted in what he ordaineth!

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

## Call to Confession

### Time of Silent Confession

### Unison Prayer of Confession

***Merciful God, we raise our voices in hope, knowing your mercy meets us.  
Lord, you are our light and salvation, but often our actions hold back our  
neighbor's potential to shine. Christ, you are the giver of mercy, but we deny  
care for those we label as 'different.' Spirit, you empower us in faith, yet we  
reserve our expressions of praise for Sunday mornings. God, Christ, Spirit,***

***we seek renewal in this Lenten season. We seek renewal this day, giving thanks that you give mercy even when we do not deserve it. In Christ we pray, Amen.***

### **Response to the Confession**

“You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!  
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You are the Lord, giver of mercy!  
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!  
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

...Believe and share the good news!  
***In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!***

### **Passing of the Peace**

*Please share a sign of welcome and inclusion that is mutually comfortable (high five, handshake, fist/elbow bump) with your neighbors.*

May the peace of Christ be with you.  
***And also with you.***

### **Children’s Chat**

Sarah Baltensperger

### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **Scripture**

Psalm Reading  
Gospel Lesson

Psalm 27  
Luke 13:31-35

O.T. pg. 503  
N.T. pg. 77

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

**Sermon** “God Moves...Past All Obstacles”

Rev. Chris Peters

### **Special Music**

"Cross of Christ Medley" by Larry Shackley  
Jeremy Duck & John Ross, piano

### **Affirmation of Faith (PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith)**

***We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.***

## **Moment of Gratitude**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **Instrumental Response**

## **Prayers of the People**

Sarah Baltensperger

## **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.*

## **Hymn #450**

## **Be Thou My Vision**

## **Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

## **Postlude**

"Improvisation on CRUCIFER"

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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 entry foyer through the Sheridan Blvd./West-end sanctuary doors. When you enter the foyer, 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:** Sarah Baltensperger

**Music Director:** John Ross

**Director of Children & Youth:** Trish Souliere



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

**The week of March 13, 2022**

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

### **Coffee and Conversation Returns Today**

Join us for Coffee and Conversation, our time to connect between worship and education opportunities. To celebrate our first time back, we are having a cookie contest. The prize is a choice of a parking lot spot in the parking area closest to the church for the service of their choosing on Easter Sunday.

### **Fellowship Hour Gratitude Scavenger Hunt | Wed., March 30**

- Gratitude - the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.
- Scavenger Hunt - a game in which players try to acquire without buying specified items within a time limit.

Put those words together and you have "Gratitude Scavenger Hunt."

Join us, Wed., March 30, for a Westminster Gratitude Scavenger Hunt! This event is for all ages. You are invited to a spaghetti dinner at 6 pm in Cole Hall. Afterwards, let the HUNT begin! Join us for Food, Fellowship and Fun!



### **Heidelberg Catechism Class | Feb. 13 – March 20**

Westminster Adult education will continue the six-week series about the 1563 Heidelberg Catechism today at 10:45 am (after worship). Pastor Jimmy will lead the class in Fellowship Hall.

### **World on a Plate is BACK!!!!**



**FOOD!!! FELLOWSHIP!!! FUN!!!**

On Friday, March 25, join us as we pay tribute to Ukraine and their culinary delights. Start searching for recipes, check out Lincoln's European grocery stores, learn how to pronounce the dish you bring.

We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. for our Ukrainian dinner. As always, there will be a free-will breadbasket offering. Donations will be sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Ukraine.

What is "World on a Plate?" It is a program that blends mission, stewardship, and fellowship. One Friday each month, small groups meet in each other's homes to share a potluck meal that celebrates another country's cuisine – the cuisine of a country where a designated PCUSA missionary is serving. One participant tells the story of the missionary's work during the meal, and



a free-will offering is taken following the meal and sent to further the mission. Every few months, the groups are scrambled to encourage new friendships.

**Please note next week is Spring Break; we will not have activities on Wed., March 16.**

### **Wednesday Youth Service Project | March 23**

Westminster's youth group will be volunteering at the Peoples City Mission Help Center located on 6800 P St on March 23, 4 pm-6 pm. We will be helping to organize donations, assisting shoppers as they shop for free, pitching in on maintenance projects, and more. After our service time is complete, we will return to the church for pizza and games.

### **Chopped | March 27**

The Youth Group will hold a Chopped competition on Sunday, March 27. If you are an aspiring chef, come to Youth Group on the 27<sup>th</sup> and demonstrate your talent. The competition begins at 7 pm.

### **Calvin Crest Youth Retreat | April 8 – 10, 2022**



*Please note, because of schedule conflicts, we have moved the retreat to April 8-10.* Are you ready to get away for a couple of days and relax with your friends at Calvin Crest? We will meet in the church parking lot at 5:30 pm on April 8 to travel to Calvin Crest and will return in time for church on Sunday, April 10. The

\$75 registration fee covers all costs, including travel, accommodations, food, and more. Scholarships are available. Advanced registration link is in the eVine.

### **JUST IN TIME!**

Thanks to Westminster friends who donated 95 sets of hand/foot warmers for the Gathering Place. Responding to the need, they were delivered on Tuesday, just in time for the predicted cold and snowy days ahead. Mission/Outreach thanks YOU for your caring response.

### **Youth Group Mission Trip | July 29 – August 1**

The Youth Group will head to Ferncliff in Little Rock, Arkansas for a mission trip July 29. We plan to stop in Branson to see *Jesus, Live Onstage* at the Sight and Sound Theater then continue on to Little Rock. After spending a couple of days at Ferncliff, we will head up to Kansas City and visit Worlds of Fun before driving back to Lincoln. The cost per person will be \$450, with scholarships available. It is going to be a great trip! Interested? Registration link is in the eVine.

### **Swanson Scholarship**

Full-time undergraduate students and high school seniors are encouraged to apply for Westminster's Swanson Scholarship. Established in 1999 by the Swanson Family, this scholarship provides \$500 financial support per recipient per academic school year. Applications are available on the church website or in the church office. The scholarship is open to individuals in all courses of study; however, preference will be given to applicants demonstrating an interest in Education and Community Service. Application deadline is March 31.

**Week Beginning March 13**

<p><b><u>Sun. (13)</u></b>            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            12 Noon Sudanese Worship            7 PM Youth Group</p> <p><b><u>Mon. (14)</u></b>            11 AM Explorers Study Group,            Parlor            5:30 PM Worship &amp; Music            5:30 PM Church Life Ministry,            Lounge            6 PM Mission &amp; Outreach, FH</p> <p><b><u>Tues. (15)</u></b>            9:15 AM Staff Meeting            7 PM Faith &amp; Cancer Support            Group, Parlor</p>	<p><b><u>Wed. (16)</u></b>            9:15 AM Worship Planning            1 PM Prairie Readers,            Fellowship Hall            1:30 PM Hearts &amp; Hands            6:30 PM Hearts &amp; Hands            7 PM Bible Study—Zoom</p> <p><b><u>Sun. (20)</u></b>            9:15 AM Youth Sermon Set-up            9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship/            Celebrate the Gifts of Women            Sunday            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 10 Giving	\$18,296
YTD Giving	\$175,077
Weekly Budget	\$10,970
YTD Budget	\$109,709

**Televised Worship**

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

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