

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

March 27, 2022  
Fourth Sunday in Lent

## Prelude

"Improvisation on SOFTLY AND TENDERLY"

## Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

## Minute for Mission—One Great Hour of Sharing

Gary Haller

## Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 32 and liturgical resources) Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

*One: We worship in response to God's grace that has met us.*

***Pulpit Side: In the space of worship, we experience God's love.***

***Lectern Side: In the time of worship, we practice loving one another.***

*One: Wherever we worship, we worship in hope.*

***Pulpit Side: Some of us feel as if we've returned from a distant place.***

***Lectern Side: Some of us have snapped out of our own petty preoccupations.***

*One: Let all who are faithful offer prayer to God this day.*

***Pulpit Side: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven.***

***Lectern Side: Happy are those who are surrounded by God's steadfast love.***

***All: Let us worship God with gratitude for the grace we have met in Christ.***

**Hymn #415      Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy**

## Call to Confession

## Time of Silent Confession

## Unison Prayer of Confession

***Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. Like the son who wandered, we have been quick to waste our inheritance. You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin, O Lord. Draw our wandering hearts back to you, that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.***

## Response to the Confession "You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!"

**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**

Trish Souliere

## **Prayer for Illumination**

## **Scripture**

Gospel Lesson

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

N.T. pg. 78

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

## **Sermon** "God Moves...With Open Arms"

Rev. Chris Peters

## **Special Music**

"Be Still, My Soul" arr. Lloyd Larson  
Jeremy Duck & Ronnie Zanella, soloists

## **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***

## **Hymn #307**

***God of Grace and God of Glory***

## **Moment of Gratitude**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **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.*

**Hymn #649    Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**

**Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

**Postlude**

Ronnie Zanella

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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

**Music Directors:** John Ross & Ronnie Zanella

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



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

**The week of March 27, 2022**

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

**Coffee and Conversation**

Join us for Coffee and Conversation after the service this morning, our time to connect between worship and educational opportunities.

**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!

### **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? Please register here <https://forms.gle/VBB4V5eHmpCzrwrs6>

### **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. The link is in the eVine.

### **Prayer Tree**

Please join us this Lent as we create a beautiful visual symbol of our prayers. Prayer ribbons are based on Native American, Tibetan, Siberian and other indigenous traditions. Consider your prayer, choose a colored ribbon, and add it to the tree we have started to decorate in the east parking lot. For our prayer tree, the different colored ribbons will symbolize these different types of prayers:

- Purple – prayers for leaders
- Blue - prayers for family, friends, and self
- Green – prayers of financial concerns
- Yellow – prayers of joys and thanksgiving
- Orange – prayers for the church
- Red – prayers for people who are sick or hurt
- Black & White – prayers for unity

**Ribbons are available on the round table near the east entrance.**

### **Sermon Setup**

Join us at the sermon set-up discussion on Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM, a session designed to deepen the worship experience. We will discuss the theme of the upcoming sermon and identifying how it applies to our lives today. Youth are invited to attend service with their families or together in the balcony.

### **Eggstravaganza | Wed., April 13**

Get your Easter baskets ready, Eggstravaganza is coming! On Wed., April 13 we will be tracking down treat-filled Easter eggs! Intrepid explorers will be divided by age and sent out to clear eggs from their section of the church. After the hunt, we will enjoy a fabulous pancake dinner before heading back to Faith Village for a story and more. The fun begins at 5:30 PM and ends at 7:30 PM.

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

## **Palm Sunday – April 10**

9:15 AM (Narthex) – Kids Gather in Narthex for Palm Instructions

9:30 AM (Sanctuary) – Palm Sunday Worship

## **Holy Week Devotionals**

### **Monday – Friday**

10 AM (Location TBD) – Led by Rev. Ellen Davis

## **Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion – April 14**

7 PM (Sanctuary) – Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion

## **Good Friday Worship – April 15**

7 PM (Sanctuary) – Partnering in leadership with Southern Heights Presbyterian Church

## **Easter Sunday – Sunday, April 17**

8 AM (Sanctuary) – Easter Worship

9:15-9:45 AM (Garden Room) – Coffee and Conversation

10 AM (Sanctuary) – Easter Worship

**Please note:** We will not have Sermon Setup, Faith Village, or Youth Group on Easter Sunday. Nursery care will be available for both the 8 AM and 10 AM services.

## **Week Beginning March 27**

<p><b><u>Sun. (27)</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            11 AM Sudanese Regional Prayer Service            2 PM Elder Training—Part 2            7 PM Youth Group</p> <p><b><u>Mon. (28)</u></b>            11 AM Explorers Study Group, Parlor            6 PM Session, Fellowship Hall</p> <p><b><u>Tues. (29)</u></b>            9:15 AM Staff Meeting            5 PM Ladies’ Night Out, Billy’s</p>	<p><b><u>Wed. (30)</u></b>            9:15 AM Worship Planning            1:30 PM Hearts &amp; Hands            4:30 PM Search Committee            5:30 PM Whatchamacallit—Cole Hall            6 PM Fellowship Hour, Gratitude Scavenger Hunt            6:30 PM Hearts &amp; Hands            7 PM Bible Study—Zoom</p> <p><b><u>Sun. (3)</u></b>            9:15 AM Youth Sermon Set-up            9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship/ Communion            9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery            10:45 AM Confirmation Class            12 Noon Sudanese Worship            7 PM Youth Group</p>
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Week 12 Giving	\$3,945
YTD Giving	\$185,271
Weekly Budget	\$10,970
YTD Budget	\$131,649