

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

March 6, 2022  
First Sunday in Lent

**Video: Greetings from Lohmen**

**Prelude**

"Prelude in e minor, BWV533a" by J.S. Bach

**Welcome**

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

**Call to Worship**

Deacon April Kaul

*One: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.*

**All: The journey begins in the wilderness.**

*One: We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.*

**All: Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.**

*One: Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.*

**All: For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.**

*One: Let us worship God with gladness!*

**Special Music**

"Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days"  
Text by Claudia F. I. Hernaman. Public Domain.

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,  
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win,  
O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide,  
yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,  
and Easter of ending joy we may attain at last.

**Call to Confession**

**Time of Silent Confession**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

***O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation. We are swayed by false words, and we speak false words of our own. We choose personal ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. In Christ's name 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 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. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture

Hebrew Scripture

Deuteronomy 26:1-13

O.T. pg. 180

Gospel Lesson

Luke 4:1-13

N.T. pg. 61

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

## Sermon

“God Moves...in the Wilderness”

Rev. Chris Peters

## Special Music

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"  
American folk hymn. Public Domain

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, He had to walk it by Himself;  
O, nobody else could walk it for him, He had to walk it by Himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves;  
O, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves.

You must go and stand your trial, you have to stand it by yourself;  
O, nobody else can stand it for you, you have to stand it by yourself.

## Affirmation of Faith

***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**

Rev. Chris Peters

**Postlude**

"Fugue in e minor, BWV533b" by J.S. Bach

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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 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 April Kaul

**Music Directors:** John Ross

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



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

**The week of March 6, 2022**

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

### **Let's Sing on March 13 – You Pick the Hymn!**

On Sunday, March 13, we will reintroduce hymn singing to worship. In Nov. 2021, Westminster's Session approved a plan to reintroduce congregational singing once the local COVID dial returned to the yellow range. As Lincoln has moved to mid-yellow, these plans are moving forward for a congregationally sung hymn on March 13. In addition - **you get to decide our first hymn!** Answer this Google Form to select the hymn you would prefer to sing: <https://forms.gle/fW5fAegHsWPTdMV16>

### **Coffee Hour Returns March 13**

Coffee Hour, our time to connect between worship and education opportunities, returns on Sunday, March 13! To celebrate, we will have a cookie baking contest with high stakes. The winner will receive a parking lot spot in the parking area closest to the church for the service of their choosing on Easter Sunday. Please plan to bring your cookies to the Garden Room by 9:10 am.

### **Funeral Services for Dale Young at WPC**

Sympathetic prayers go out to the family and friends of Dale Young, including his daughter, Shalla Young, who passed away recently. Dale's funeral will be held at Westminster on Wed., March 9, at 11 a.m.

### **One More Chance to Keep Hands and Feet Warm!**

The tub in the Garden Room is still available to receive Hand and Foot Warmers for *The Gathering Place*. THERE MAY BE COLD WEATHER YET!! Delivery will be made next week. -Mission & Outreach



### **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!**

On Friday, March 25, at 5:30 pm, we will pay tribute to Ukraine and their culinary delights. Start searching for a recipe and join us!

### **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. On the 23rd, we will meet at the Help Center at 4 pm. The staff at the Peoples City Mission have requested all our volunteers complete

their volunteer application. If you are able to participate, please complete an application as soon as possible here: <https://pcmlincoln.org/volunteer-application/>

### **Calvin Crest Youth Retreat | April 1 – 3, 2022**



It's a retreat! Are you ready to get away for a couple of days and relax with your friends at Calvin Crest? Calvin Crest is a beautiful area, away from distractions where we will take the time to focus on what's important, combining games and fun with meaningful faith activities. If you have never been on a retreat, get ready to have a seriously awesome experience.

We will meet in the church parking lot at 5:30 on April 1 to travel to Calvin Crest and will return in time for church on Sunday, April 3. The \$75 registration fee covers all costs, including travel, accommodations, food, and more. Scholarships are available. Please register in advance here <https://forms.gle/yjU5FbYzZZWoYFEi9>.

### **Sunday Youth Group | 7 PM to 8:30 PM**

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 both Wed. and Sun. evening sessions, 7 pm - 8:30 pm.

### **VBS 2022: To Mars and Beyond**

We are blasting off 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. Sign up for the great adventure here:

<https://vbsmate.com/events/westminsterlincoln/21116>.



And if you are interested and able to volunteer, you will have the opportunity to build connections in the church and to make a difference. VBS volunteers say that VBS is a new experience every day, one that pushes them beyond their comfort level, leaving them exhilarated and exhausted, but also stronger and more unified. Volunteer registration is here:

<https://vbsmate.com/events/westminsterlincoln/21116>

### **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 6**

<p><b><u>Sun. (6)</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            10:45 AM Heidelberg Study            12 Noon Sudanese Worship            7 PM Youth Group</p> <p><b><u>Mon. (7)</u></b>            11 AM Explorers Study Group,                Parlor            6 PM Children &amp; Youth,                Lounge            7 PM Circle 4, Cynthia Olson</p> <p><b><u>Tues. (8)</u></b>            9:15 AM Staff Meeting            10:30 AM Stewardship &amp;                Finance—Lounge            5 PM Personnel—Zoom            6 PM A&amp;P—Zoom</p>	<p><b><u>Wed. (9)</u></b>            9:15 AM Worship Planning            11 AM Dale Young Funeral            1:30 PM Hearts &amp; Hands            5 PM Foundation Board                Meeting, Lounge            5:30 PM Wed. Activities            6:30 PM Hearts &amp; Hands            7 PM Bible Study—Zoom</p> <p><b><u>Thurs. (10)</u></b>            7 PM Scouts—Pack Committee            7:30 PM UNL Choir Concert</p> <p><b><u>Fri. (11)</u></b>            6 PM Session Dinner--Venue</p> <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, FH            12 Noon Sudanese Worship            7 PM Youth Group</p>
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Week 9 Giving	\$10,791
YTD Giving	\$156,780
Weekly Budget	\$10,970
YTD Budget	\$98,739

**Televised Worship**

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

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