

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

May 1, 2022
Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude

"Toccatina for Flutes" by Pietro Yon

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

*Call to Worship

Deacon Joan Roberts

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Alleluia! Celebrate God in this act of worship!

All: Celebrate God in all places of creation!

One: Give praise for God's resurrecting power!

All: Give praise for God's mighty deeds!

One: Praise God with fanfare and singing!

All: Let everything with life and breath praise God!

*Hymn #35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Call to Confession

Time of Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of the open tomb and our open hearts... When we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to share your love. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barriers, open our hearts, and give us peace. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

...Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

*Response of Praise

#581 Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Please greet those around you with a sign of peace that is mutually comfortable and safe (wave, "air high five," etc.).

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Children's Chat

Trish Souliere

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-31

N.T. pg. 115

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

Sermon "God Shows Up"

Rev. Chris Peters

***Hymn #246**

Christ Is Alive!

***Affirmation of Faith**

Deacon Joan Roberts

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

Special Music:

"Shalom" by Dan Forrest
Jeremy Duck (tenor) and Sanda Mašić (mezzo)
Ronnie Zanella, violin and John Ross, piano

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

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.

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

**Hymn #503*

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

"Toccata in b minor" by Eugène Gigout

*Please rise in body or spirit for these parts of worship.

The **flowers** in the sanctuary are given in celebration of the 24th wedding anniversary of Scott & Juli Jurgens on May 1 and the 55th wedding anniversary of Larry & Vicki Jurgens on May 7.

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.

Giving to Westminster's Mission and Ministry

At Church: An offering to support Westminster may be placed in our Giving Baskets following the service. These are located by the Sheridan Blvd. doors in the narthex and the sanctuary elevator exit. Look for the signs that read "Giving Basket."

Online: To give online, visit the following web address: <https://westminsterlincoln.org/generosity-and-the-joy-of-giving/>

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

Liturgists: Deacon Joan Roberts

Interim Music Director: Ronnie Zanella

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Ushers: Kim Kubick, Gwen Thorpe, Stan Thorpe

Greeters: Greg & Cathy Hershberger

Coffee Clean-Up: Janice & Kathy Rohwedder, Josh Whitfield

Communion Servers: Sebit Deng, Ernie Hines, Sarah Baltensperger, Diana Wild



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

The week of May 1, 2022

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

Creation Celebration Adult Ed Offerings | Today

Creation Celebration continues with a series of adult education offerings this morning and on May 15 and 22. And we'll be meeting in the lounge for the first time since March 2020! Get your coffee and donut holes after worship and bring it to the lounge for a little more fellowship.

This morning hear our own Ray Stevens talk about a phenomenon unique to Nebraska—our Natural Resource Districts. Ray has been an NRD Director for ten years and is an avid supporter and user of our trail systems. What interests you—trees? recreation? flood control? urban land use? Ray knows about it!

Marathon

Thanks to those who cheered on the Marathon runners earlier this morning and to those who arranged to have treats for runners and spectators. Thanks, too, to those of you who made a special effort to get here for worship this morning, even if it meant going the long way around!

What's a tree-sert?

A tree-sert is a dessert that features an ingredient sourced from a tree! And we're going to be savoring some during our coffee hour on Sunday, May 8. Think pecan, chocolate, lemon—but not peanut or raspberry. We'd be delighted if you can bring something to share (let Carol Shelbourn know), but even if you can't, we want you to stay after worship and celebrate even more evidence of how trees enrich our lives.

Mystery Party | Today | 6 – 8 PM

The Youth Group will be doing a mystery party in the parlor today at 6 PM. Please let Trish know if you will be coming.



We hope you are planning to join your Westminster family on **May 5 at 6:30 pm at the Country Club of Lincoln** (3200 S 24th St.) for a time of fellowship and a celebration of the future of Westminster.

The Westminster Vision Task Force will present the vision that will be our guide for our church family as we approach our 100th year at our present location.

We are planning time for you to visit with your Westminster friends, appetizers and a cash bar, and a brief presentation.

If you would like to RSVP, please contact Joanne at the church at (402) 475-6702 or email: joanne@westminsterlincoln.org

Name(s): _____

Number attending: _____

Number for childcare (at the church/6 - 8:30 pm): _____

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.



Youth Group Mission Trip | July 29 – August 1

Have you registered yet? 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>

Do you enjoy spending time outdoors?

Have you been thinking about another way to contribute to our church? How about mowing? For the last 3 summers, Joan and Bill Roberts have been dedicated to making the church lawn look great. But now they need to hand it off to another volunteer. The church will furnish the mower and gas. We just need someone to give a couple of hours a week. If this is something you'd like to try, contact Tom Welstead from the Building and Grounds Committee or call Joanne at the church office.

Prayers of Comfort

Prayers of comfort for the family of Mike and Tamera Minnick at the death of Mike's mother, Daisy Minnick, on April 24. Please also hold up Pat Leach and her family as they mourn the death of Pat's mother, Loretta Leach, on April 26, in Aurora.

Week Beginning May 1

<p><u>Sun. (May 1)</u> Lincoln Marathon 9:15 AM Youth Sermon Set-up 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship/ Communion 9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery 10:30 AM Adult Ed, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 6 PM Youth Group Mystery Party, Parlor</p> <p><u>Mon. (2)</u> 11 AM Explorers Study Group 5 PM Circle 4, Susie Hughes</p> <p><u>Tues. (3)</u> 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch 1:30 PM Stewardship/Finance, Lounge 5 PM Adult Education, Lounge 6 PM Building and Grounds, Lounge</p> <p><u>Wed. (4)</u> 9:15 AM Worship Planning 10 AM Circle 3, Lounge</p>	<p>1:30 PM Hearts & Hands 4:30 PM Search Committee 5 PM Bell Rehearsal 5:30 PM Whatchamacallit— Cole Hall 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Hearts & Hands 7 PM Bible Study—Zoom</p> <p><u>Thurs. (5)</u> 6:30 PM Fellowship and Conversation with Vision of WPC’s Future Presentation, Country Club of Lincoln</p> <p><u>Sun. (8)</u> 9 AM Hostamania, Parking Lot 9:15 AM Youth Sermon Set-up 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship 9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery 10:30 AM Tree-sets, Garden Room 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 7 PM Youth Group</p>
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Week 17 Giving	\$6,216
YTD Giving	\$236,045
Weekly Budget	\$10,970
YTD Budget	\$186,499

Televised Worship

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