

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



June 26, 2022

“Sunday School Stories Grown Up: Tower of Babel”

**Prelude** “Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne” by Dietrich Buxtehude

**Welcome** Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

**\*Call to Worship** (Psalm 102:1-2, 12)  
Deacon Jim Kinkennon

One: Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to you.

***All: You, O Lord, are enthroned forever. Your name endures to all generations.***

One: Do not hide your face from me on the day of my distress.

***All: You, O Lord, are enthroned forever. Your name endures to all generations.***

One: Long ago you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.

***All: Let us worship the Lord with gladness!***

**\*Hymn #41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above**  
(v. 1-2, 4-5)

**\*Call to Confession** Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

**\*Time of Silent Confession**

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

***Creator God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We hear the story of pride dividing us from you, yet we still seek to do what's most***



Rev. Stephen Earl is our presbytery's Interim Executive. Westminster is part of Homestead Presbytery. A presbytery is a regional body of PCUSA congregations. Now you know!

***convenient for us in our lives of faith. We hear the story of pride dividing us from neighbor, yet we compare ourselves with others, putting our neighbors down when we feel “less than.” In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. With hope in Christ, we pray. Amen.***

During our summer series, we will utilize different short hymns and refrains for our Response to the Confession and our Response of Praise. Next week we'll have two different pieces in these places for the month of July!

**Response to the Confession** #471  
***O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.***

**\*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 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**  
Hebrew Scriptures      Genesis 11:1-9      O.T. pg. 9  
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

**Sermon** “Sunday School Stories Grown Up: Tower of Babel”  
Rev. Stephen Earl

**\*Hymn #722 *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak***

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**(Apostles' Creed, modernized translation)**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our  
Lord,***

***who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.***

***On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
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:** "Love in Any Language" arr. John Higgins  
Jeremy Duck, *tenor*  
Ronnie Zanella, *baritone*

**Prayers of the People**

Deacon Jim Kinkennon

**The Lord's Prayer**

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy  
name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on***

In 2021 we began including a weekly Affirmation of Faith in our worship, a time where we say words from a creed, confession, or theologically-appropriate resource in our tradition. This week we join our voices with a modernized version of the Apostle's Creed, one that was used occasionally (i.e., baptisms and ordinations) at Westminster prior to the pandemic.

Westminster's deacons have been serving as liturgists and writers of our Prayers of the People for several years. Deacons, along with elders, are one of the two elected leadership roles in our church. Each member household at Westminster is assigned a deacon who is asked to communicate with you. We are grateful for the good work of our deacons in leadership and showing care to our church family!

*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 #306**

***Blest Be the Tie That Binds***

**\*Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Stephen Earl

**Postlude**

“Toccata in F” by Buxtehude

**Ministers:** The whole congregation

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

**Liturgists:** Deacon Jim Kinkennon

**Interim Music**

**Director:** Ronnie Zanella

**Organist:** John Ross

**Director of Children**

**& Youth:** Trish Souliere

**Ushers:** Larry Peach, Steve McConnell, Carolyn Harp, Diana Wild

**Greeters:** Gary & Glenna Haller

**Coffee Clean-Up:**

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

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.



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

**The week of June 26, 2022**

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

**We welcome Rev. Stephen Earl as our guest preacher this morning.** He is the Homestead Presbytery’s Interim Executive.

### **Adult Ed: “Scripture and Sermon Discussion”**

We will have a casual 20-minute *Scripture and Sermon* discussion with the preaching pastor as we walk through “Sunday School Stories Grown Up” this summer. We’ll meet in the Lounge at 11 am.

### **Family Movie Night | Tonight | 9 - 11 PM**

Tonight is family movie night. We will be showing the movie *Encanto* at 9 PM in the Westminster parking lot with popcorn, lemonade, and water for refreshments. All we need to make the event complete is you, your family, and your favorite lawn chairs.

### **Broken Elevator Update**

While we are waiting for the elevator to be repaired, you are invited to have a seat in the Garden Room and watch the live-streamed service that is happening in the Sanctuary. You will be able to visit with friends before and after worship in the Garden Room. If you have questions, please contact Tom Welstead, chair of Building and Grounds or Pastor Chris.

### **Ladies Night Out**

Wednesday, June 29th, 5-7 PM

Schilling Bridge, 575 Fallbrook Blvd, Suite 109

### **Pastor Chris Vacation**

Pastor Chris will be on vacation Friday, June 17 – Wednesday, June 29, returning to the office on Thursday, June 30 and worship/preaching on Sunday, July 3. This time will

include an intentional Sabbath (aka rest) from his church email and cell phone usage. If you have any needs or questions, contact the church office (402-475-6702). Our phone service includes Jimmy's cell number for pastoral care emergencies.

### **Lohmen Lore**

Westminster members are traveling to Lohmen in October for a) a retirement party, b) Martin Luther's birthday, c) Oktoberfest, d) the anniversary of our relationship. (It's not too late to book your flight!)



Last week's answer: Previous travelers have pulled weeds, baked cookies, and cleared rubble, but have not worked on a playground—yet!

### **Repurpose your Pill Bottles**

The big orange Pill Bottle Container by the church front desk has seen a great deal of activity since April 1. We have filled the container many times over. Thank you for your diligence of saving bottles, removing the labels, and scrubbing off the glue.



**June 30 will be the last day for you to drop off your pill bottles.** Then what happens to them? They will be boxed and shipped to a collection site for distribution for supplies for Doctors without Borders. With little efforts from us, many have a safe way to receive their medications. THANK YOU, Westminster for your support of this project.

### **Moment of Gratitude Sharing Opportunity**

We have a lot to be thankful for at Westminster this year, and we will continue to lift up such areas during our Moment of Gratitude in worship. All are welcome to share a moment or area for which they are thankful, or you may submit a moment for Pastor Chris to share on your behalf – in name or anonymously. Requests to share or have Chris share may be emailed to Chris at [chris@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:chris@westminsterlincoln.org). Due to our worship planning patterns, it may be 1-3 weeks before your moment appears in worship.

### **Lunch Bunch**

We will meet at Stauffer's Cafe & Pie Shoppe, 5600 S. 48th St., on Tuesday, July 5. RSVP to Jim Kinkennon at 402-290-5888 or email to [jimkinkennon@gmail.com](mailto:jimkinkennon@gmail.com).

## Carol Joy Holling Ropes Course

The Youth Group will meet at the church on July 9 at noon to go to Carol Joy Holling. An instructor will lead our group through high and low ropes challenges. We will stop for dinner on the way back to the church. We should be back at the church by 7 PM. \$10 per person, scholarships available. Please sign up here:

<https://forms.gle/LqQZqRhthf38Y8vR8>.

## World on a Plate

The evening of July 22, *World on a Plate* is going to Greece. Don't go looking for your passports, we are just heading east on South Street to the Pappas Oikos! Mark your calendar, RSVP, and start researching that great Greek cuisine! Dinner begins at 6 PM. Please RSVP to Kathy Rohwedder at [kathrohwa@yahoo.com](mailto:kathrohwa@yahoo.com) or text (402)202-9889.

## Week Beginning June 26

<p><b><u>Sun. (26)</u></b> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship 9:30 AM Nursery 11 AM <i>Scripture and Sermon</i> Discussion, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 9 PM Family Movie Night</p> <p><b><u>Mon. (27)</u></b> 6 PM Session, FH</p> <p><b><u>Tues. (28)</u></b> 8 AM Election Polling Place, FH 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 10:30 AM Lincoln Library Summer Reading Challenge, Fellowship Hall 5:30 PM Deacons, Cole Hall</p>	<p><b><u>Wed. (29)</u></b> 5 PM Ladies' Night Out 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Hearts &amp; Hands</p> <p><b><u>Sun. (3)</u></b> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship 9:30 AM Nursery 11 AM <i>Scripture and Sermon</i> Discussion, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> <p><b><u>Mon. (4)</u></b> Building closed in observance of the holiday.</p>
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## **July Prairie Readers**

Wednesday, July 20, 1 pm, Lounge

Book: *The Brilliant Life of Eudora Honeysett* by Annie Lyons

Discussion leader: Becky Bockrath

Week 25 Giving	\$3,038
YTD Giving	\$306,298
Weekly Budget	\$10,970
YTD Budget	\$274,259

## **Televised Worship**

Thurs. at 12:30 pm/Sat. at 1 pm.

Channel 1302/Spectrum & Channel 13/Windstream.

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