

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

June 5, 2022
Pentecost

Prelude

“Fantasia on TON-Y-BOTEL” by Richard Purvis

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Minute for Mission

Glenna Haller

***Call to Worship**

Deacon Joan Roberts

One: Wild and free, creative and refreshing, God’s Spirit blows like the wind before us.

All: Come, Holy Spirit! Inspire our living!

One: Gentle and mysterious, patient and caring, God’s Spirit moves in our hearts.

All: Come, Holy Spirit! Inspire our giving!

One: Breaking barriers and making connections, healing divisions and making us one, God’s Spirit flows between us.

All: Come, Holy Spirit! Inspire our community! Amen.

***Hymn #280**

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

***Call to Confession**

***Time of Silent Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

God of fire and wind, holy and powerful, mighty and mysterious, we are drawn by your Spirit to worship today. As we behold your glory and praise you, we become aware of our sin. We have ignored your word. We have rejected your gifts. We have failed in your work. Ignoring the truth of Pentecost, we exclude those different from us. We divide our loyalties, and we divide our hearts. Forgive our sins and fill us with faith and courage, so that we might live into the promise of this day. Help us receive the fullness of all that you have prepared for us in Jesus Christ, by the power of your Spirit. Amen.



“Pentecost” in the Christian Church has roots in the Jewish Festival of Weeks. Pentecost takes place 50 days after Passover, hence the name deriving from the Greek word for fifty! In Christian tradition, Pentecost and Ascension celebrations were split from one celebration to two in the late 4th-Century.

Presbyterians confess our sins in two ways – personally and corporately (or as a group). Just as individuals sin, so do systems and communities. We confess not just “for me” but also “for us.”

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

...Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

***Response of Praise #288 Spirit of the Living God (2x)**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

***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

Acts 2:1-21

N.T. pg. 119

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

Sermon

“It’s Not All About Me”

Rev. Chris Peters

***Hymn #289**

On Pentecost They Gathered

***Affirmation of Faith**

Deacon Joan Roberts

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Volunteer Appreciation and Recognition

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music:

“If Ye Love Me” by Thomas Tallis
“African Spirit Song” by Victor Johnson
Westminster Choir

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.

Did you know? The Glory to God hymnal was published in 2013, the update from what was often called “the blue hymnal.” Each hymn has a footnote telling the story behind the hymn – always worth a read!

The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding." (W-3.0409 "Theology of the Lord's Supper", PCUSA Book of Order, 2019-2023)

You're invited! Join us for cookie decoration, coffee (or water), and conversation in the Garden Room after worship! The second point of our new vision is "To Connect People Deeply" and one way we do this weekly is in time together after worship!

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: Diana Wild, Gwen & Stan Thorpe, Susie Hughes
Greeters: David & Kathy Anderson
Coffee Clean-Up:

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 #291**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

"Toccata on VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS"
by Jeanne Demessieux

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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 5, 2022

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

VBS 2022: To Mars and Beyond | June 6-9

VBS begins tomorrow! There is still time to join us 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 here <https://vbsmate.com/events/westminsterlincoln/21116>.

Prayers of comfort for the family of Adam and Joselyn Luedtke at the death of Adam's father, Gary Luedtke, on May 26.

Adult Ed: "Scripture and Sermon Discussion"

Starting Sunday, June 12, 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.

Sunday School Stories Grown Up – Children's Chat Update

This Summer we will explore what we often think of as Children's Bible Stories in worship. After some staff planning, we have decided to share the story each week from the Spark Children's Story Bible as well as from the "grown-up" NRSV. This means we will have Children's Chats with a message, along with a kid-focused bulletin each week. At Westminster we value children becoming familiar with the patterns of worship and making our services as accessible to all ages as we can!



Summer Sundays

Faith Village and Sermon Setup are on hiatus beginning this week to allow families time to worship together. We look forward to welcoming the children back to Faith Village on August 14, *Blessing of the Backpacks* Sunday. Children six and under are always welcome in the nursery.

Family Movie Night

June 26, 9 PM - 11 PM

Be sure to save June 26 for 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.

June Prairie Readers

Wednesday, June 15, 1 pm, Lounge

Book: *The Perfume Thief* by Tim Shaffert

Discussion leader Martha Van Sickle



Lohmen Lore



How much do you know about Westminster's relationship with our sister church in Germany? Watch this spot every week to raise your Lohmen IQ. Here's a question to start your thinking: Lohmen is a charming and thriving village, population 3100, located in: a) Saxony, b) former West Germany, c) Bavaria. (Answer in *The Vine* next week.)

Repurpose your Pill Bottles



What if you went to the pharmacy to get a prescription filled and they dumped the pills into your open hand? Not sanitary and not safe. This is what often happens in many underdeveloped nations. You can make a difference. The big pill collection container has returned for you to again drop off your empty, labels off, glue removed and cleaned pill bottles to the church office area. We will collect for the next few months and send these precious containers to underdeveloped nations for safe dispensary of medication to their citizens. So don't toss your empty pill bottles in the recycling bin at home, take the labels off including the glue and bring them to the church for us to repurpose.

YOUR SESSION IN ACTION

April 2022

- Received two new members: Stephanie Laux and Shirley Robb
- Year-to-date pledges are ahead of plan. Expenses are below plan, but some of that is seasonal. Financially, we are stable.
- Hosted Homestead Presbytery's quarterly meeting on May 19. Several members volunteered to help. Westminster's Presbyterian Women prepared/donated and served breakfast and lunch. The meeting went well.
- Hired a new preschool director, Sarah Dankenbring. Sarah comes to the preschool from within our program and is a coach under the umbrella of our accreditation, "Step Up to Quality."
- Approved a contract for Westminster to host Homestead Presbytery's administrative office beginning in June. This is for one staff person.
- Discussed a two-year anniversary installation celebration for Pastor Chris this fall due to the fact his original installation service was greatly pared down due to COVID. Pastor Chris will invite the speaker he would have had 2 years ago.

HEAR! HEAR! (In the Sanctuary)

There is a new and convenient way for anyone to enhance their listening experience in the Westminster sanctuary. You can now use your smartphone to connect directly to the Church's audio system. If you are interested in using the new system or just want more information, there will be a flyer at the front desk which explains the process. You need your smartphone and the pair of earphones that came with it. Steve Larson (402-613-6644) has agreed to talk with anyone who needs assistant with the steps on the flyer. **Please note** you can still use the hand-held devices that have always been provided by the church if you prefer.

Week Beginning June 5

<p><u>Sun. (5)</u> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship/ Communion/Pentecost/ Volunteer Appreciation 9:30 AM Nursery 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> <p><u>Mon. (6)</u> 9 AM VBS: To Mars and Beyond</p> <p><u>Tues. (7)</u> 9 AM VBS: To Mars and Beyond 10:30 AM Lincoln Library Summer Reading Challenge, Fellowship Hall 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch, Olive Garden 5 PM Adult Ed, Lounge 6 PM Building & Grounds via Zoom</p>	<p><u>Wed. (8)</u> 9 AM VBS: To Mars and Beyond 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Hearts & Hands</p> <p><u>Thurs. (9)</u> 9 AM VBS: To Mars and Beyond</p> <p><u>Sun. (12)</u> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship 9:30 AM Nursery 10:40 AM Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering Reception, Garden Room 11 AM <i>Scripture and Sermon</i> Discussion, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 3 PM Lohmen Trip Q & A, Pappas Home</p>
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Week 22 Giving	\$6,130
YTD Giving	\$283,956
Weekly Budget	\$10,970
YTD Budget	\$241,349

Televised Worship

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

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