

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



July 17, 2022

“Sunday School Stories Grown Up: Joshua”

Prelude “A Place at the Table” by Brian Mann

Welcome Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Mission Message: Lohmen Group Trip Update
Tom & Laurel Pappas and Bob & Nancy Leavitt

***Call to Worship (Psalm 84:1-2)** Deacon Claire Titus

One: Lord, you make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

All: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;

One: My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

All: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

***Hymn #403** **Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty**

***Call to Confession**

***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



During our summer worship series, you will see the first and last parts of this Confession repeated weekly. The section naming our sin will be written to reflect themes found in the scripture of the day. All of our words in worship, hymns, and sermon themes at Westminster start with scripture!

This month's sung responses focus on God's actions toward humankind. "Come and Fill" is a repetitive hymn from the Taize community in France, emphasizing God's act of filling us with peace as we move from confession to action. Our Response of Praise, v.2 of "There is a Wideness in God's Mercy," can call us to love in ways that reflects the love of God that is broader than our own understanding.

undone. We hear the story of dedication to your vision, yet we stay the course in our own lives. We hear the story of refuge for a prostitute who sheltered your people, yet we desire to welcome those who make us feel comfortable or are accepted by society. 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.

Response to the Confession

#466

***Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Alleluia! (x2)***

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

...Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

***Response of Praise**

#435 (verse 2)

***For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.***

***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

Karen Hoffman

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Hebrew Scriptures Joshua 6:1-27 O.T. pg. 197

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

Sermon "Sunday School Stories Grown Up: Joshua"
Rev. Chris Peters

Hymn #65** ***Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

***Affirmation of Faith (Confession of 1967 9.21 / 9.25)**
Deacon Claire Titus

The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They, therefore, accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than human schemes, will finally prevail.

Moment of Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music: "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho"
Traditional Spiritual, arr. by André Thomas
Westminster Choir

Prayers of the People

Deacon Claire Titus

"The turbulent decade of the 1960's challenged churches everywhere to restate their faith. While the Second Vatican Council was reformulating Roman Catholic thought and practice, Presbyterians were developing the Confession of 1967. Modestly titled, the Confession of 1967 is built around a single passage of scripture: 'In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself...' (2 Cor 5:19, NRSV). Source: PCUSA Book of Confessions, 2016."

"Debts" vs "trespasses"
vs "sins," oh my! Jewish
New Testament
Scholar Amy Jill-Levine
believes the best, most
accurate translation is
debts, "given Jesus's
frequent excoriations
of the rich and his
comparable solace for
the poor. (Debts) goes
directly to the
pocketbook." (Levine;
The Misunderstood
Jew: The Church and
the Scandal of the
Jewish Jesus, p.49)

Ministers: The whole
congregation
Pastors: Rev. Chris
Peters & Rev. Dr.
Jimmy Shelbourn
Liturgist: Deacon Claire
Titus
Interim Music Director:
Ronnie Zanella
Organist: John Ross
**Director of Children &
Youth:** Trish Souliere
Ushers: Robyn Uebele,
Leslie Miner, Freda
Gregg, Michael Gregg
Greeters: Joyce Douglas
Marilyn Hood
Dish Washers:

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 #769**

For Everyone Born

***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

"Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho"
Traditional Spiritual, arr. by Mark Hayes

*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 July 17, 2022

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

Condolences to Bob and Sheri Michaud at the death of Sheri’s father, **John Young, Jr.** A Memorial Service was held on July 11 at Roper and Sons Funeral Home.

There will be a Memorial Service for **Lyle Hamilton** on July 27 at 10:30 am at the Westminster Chapel. Inurnment in the Columbarium will follow the service. Lyle passed away on Nov. 12, 2021.

Adult Ed: “Scripture and Sermon Discussion”

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

Mission/Outreach School Kits Project

Please help Mission/Outreach fill the giant crayon box on the table near the east entrance. A supply list and instructions are on the table. We will collect items until September and then have fun putting the kits together.

Elevator Awaiting Repairs

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 & Grounds or Pr. Chris.

July Prairie Readers

Wednesday, July 20, 1 pm, Lounge

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

Discussion leader Becky Bockrath

Lohmen Lore

Visitors from Lohmen have brought us some lovely gifts—all via suitcase! Which one of these bulky possibilities was an actual gift?



- a) a banner depicting the Barman confession
- b) a large interactive game
- c) a stained-glass window for the library

Last week's answer: The Lohmen church does have an 18th century pipe organ. It also has a Blaskapelle—a traditional German brass band. Our Westminster travelers are likely to hear them both during their visit, but probably not at the same time!

Name Tags

Are you wearing your name tag? If you have misplaced yours, pick up an order form to get a new one. For \$10, we'll order you a new magnet style tag. Forms are available at the receptionist desk. Wearing your name tag helps all of us get to know each other better.

1 John 3:18

“Beloved children, our love can't be an abstract theory we only talk about, but a way of life demonstrated through our loving deeds.”

This message repeated for you by Westminster Mission and Outreach. Come be a part of our loving deeds. More details to come.

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 to 4150 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 or text (402)202-9889.

Lunch Bunch will meet at Art & Soul, 5740 Hidcote Drive on Tuesday, August 2, at 11:30 AM. This is close to 56th and Pine Lake Road. RSVP to Jim Kinkennon at 402-290-5888 or jimkinkennon@gmail.com.

Pastor Jimmy will be out of the office on vacation until July 26.

Save the Date: Westminster Special Events

Sunday, August 14

- Blessing of the Backpacks
- We will be blessing backpacks on August 14 during the service. If you are a student or educator of any kind, come receive your blessing for the coming year. Students of all ages are encouraged to bring their backpacks to receive blessings to begin the school year with the positive energy of prayers for their safety, health, happiness, and continued growth.

Sunday Programming Resumes

- We will begin dismissing elementary age children to Faith Village on August 14 following the Children's Chat.

Sermon Set-up also resumes for youth.

Sunday, August 28: Presbyterians in the Park @ Antelope Park

- 10 AM: Worship at Bandshell
- 11:30 AM: Potluck Lunch at Auld Pavilion
- Note: There will be no worship at church; only at Antelope Park! We will update with information on livestreaming / virtual worship options that week as the date nears.

Sunday, September 11: Kick-off Sunday

- 9:30 AM Worship
- 10:30 AM-12 PM – All-ages fun and food in the WPC parking lot (or inside as a rain-plan)

Sunday, September 25: "2-Year Celebration"

- A morning of learning and connection opportunities with Dr. Martha Moore-Keish, J.B. Green Professor of Theology at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA. This event is in celebration of two years of Pastor Chris arriving at Westminster. Our speaker is a respected and relatable theologian in the PCUSA, as well as the Professor/Mentor Chris would have had join us for his Installation Service in 2020. Due to COVID-19, we were not able to have a guest preacher and lecturer in for that service.
- Schedule Details Forthcoming

Star City Shores Pool Party | August 11, 6:30 to 8 PM

The all-church pool party at Star City Shores is coming up in August. Westminster will have the entire facility reserved just for us. Plan to come out to cool off with your friends.

Week Beginning July 17

<p><u>Sun. (17)</u> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship 9:30 AM Nursery 11 AM <i>Scripture and Sermon</i> Discussion, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> <p><u>Tues. (19)</u> 10:30 AM Stewardship & Finance, Lounge 10:30 AM Lincoln Library Summer Reading Challenge, Fellowship Hall 3 PM Homestead Presbytery Council Meeting, Lounge 5 PM Ladies' Night Out, Billy's 7 PM Faith and Cancer Support Group, Library</p> <p><u>Wed. (20)</u> 1 PM Prairie Readers, Lounge 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Hearts & Hands</p>	<p><u>Thurs. (21)</u> 7 PM Camera Club, FH</p> <p><u>Fri. (22)</u> 11:30 AM Friendship Home Board, FH 6 PM World on a Plate— Greece, Pappas Home, 4150 South Street, Lincoln</p> <p><u>Sat. (23)</u> 9 AM Inurnment for John Young, Jr. 11 AM Soccer Practice, Gym</p> <p><u>Sun. (24)</u> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship 9:30 AM Nursery 11 AM <i>Scripture and Sermon</i> Discussion, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p>
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Week 28 Giving	\$7,458
YTD Giving	\$330,813
Weekly Budget	\$10,970
YTD Budget	\$307,169

Televised Worship

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

Channel 1302/Spectrum & Channel 13/Windstream.