

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



July 24, 2022

“Sunday School Stories Grown Up: Deborah”

Prelude “Prelude in B-flat Major, BWV 560a” attrib. J.S. Bach

Welcome Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

***Call to Worship (Psalm 29)** Deacon Claire Titus

One: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

All: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God’s name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

One: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders.

All: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

One: May the Lord give strength to God’s people!

All: May the Lord bless the people with peace!

***Hymn #10** Sing Glory to the Name of God

***Call to Confession** Deacon Claire Titus

***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 the Lord going before the people, yet we try to make our own path without your guidance. We hear the story of men and women in leadership together, yet we deny equality by our action and by our inaction. In your

This hymn's text comes from Psalm 29, the same psalm as our Call to Worship. Worship at Westminster begins with scripture / God's word and moves from there. Today Judges 4-5 is our focus scripture. Our hymns alone, include references to Isaiah 55:6, 1 Corinthians 7:23, Acts 17:23, Revelation 1, Exodus 15:20, Judges 7:18, eight different Psalms, and more!

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! (x1)*

***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.*

Did you know? Pastor Chris always gives our children who come up for Children's Chat a fist bump that they refer to as "peace bumps." Ironically, there is a varying degree of force with which our kids give peace bumps!

***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 Part I

Hebrew Scriptures Judges 4:1-10 O.T. pg. 220

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

Sermon Part I “The Power of Story” Rev. Chris Peters

Hymn #743 O God, You Are My God (x2)

Scripture Part II

Hebrew Scriptures Judges 5:1-12, 24-31 O.T. pg. 221

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

Sermon Part II “The Power of Song” Rev. Chris Peters

***Hymn #839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!**

Moment of Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music: Westminster Choir

Prayers of the People Deacon Claire Titus

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 #637 O Sing to the Lord**

"A Lutheran missionary musician heard this song at a pastors' conference in southern Brazil in 1982, then went home to Argentina (where he was then serving) and translated it from Portuguese into Spanish. Later, when back in the U.S.A. on furlough, he translated it into English." (Glory to God Hymnal note on 637).

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

“Fugue in B-flat Major, BWV 560b” attrib. J.S. Bach

*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.

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: Martha Kingsbury, Becky Bockrath, Glenna Haller, Gary Haller

Greeters: Kathy Phillip, Josh Whitfield

Dish Washers:



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

The week of July 24, 2022

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

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE & TIME: There will be a Memorial Service for **Lyle Hamilton** on **Fri., July 29 at 9 am** at the Westminster Chapel. Inurnment in the Columbarium will follow. Lyle died on Nov. 12, 2021.

Adult Ed: “Scripture and Sermon Discussion”

Join us for *Scripture and Sermon* discussion, as we walk through “Sunday School Stories Grown Up” this Sunday. We’ll meet in the Lounge at 10:50 am.

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.

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 Sept. and then have fun putting the kits together.

Name Tags

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

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.

Lohmen Lore

A special souvenir from Westminster's first group trip to Lohmen, Germany, was broken even before it was packed. But its condition didn't bother anyone. What was it?



Last week's answer: In 2017 we were gifted with a remarkable interactive game. It was designed by a member of the Lohmen congregation who is a skilled engineer, and it arrived unassembled, in several suitcases. Take a turn at collaborating to build a church in the Garden Room following worship—trickier than you might think!

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

A clean-up team gathered last week to begin the **“BIG CLEAN OF WESTMINSTER.”**

- Our church has collected way too many treasures which have made Westminster look cluttered and difficult to keep clean.
- The team sorted items into several categories. Broken items were taken to the trash bin. Items that had strayed from their proper places were returned to where they belong (i.e., kitchen things to the kitchen). Some items we were not sure about, were outdated, or needed to be re-homed. Please take a moment to view these items in Cole Hall.
- If you find an item that belongs to you or you have some attachment to, please take it.
- All remaining/unclaimed items will be removed by August 5.
- The clean-up team will continue sorting, so check Cole Hall often.
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Insteadium | August 20-21

If you missed Triennium this year, Calvin Crest has created an opportunity for high school students from our area to get together and connect at an overnight event they have dubbed Insteadium. It officially starts at 5 PM on Sat., Aug. 20 and ends at 11 AM on Sun., Aug. 21. Aug. 20 is also Family Fun Day, so the fun really starts at 10 AM. It is free if you are registered by Aug. 1, 2022. If you are interested in going, contact Trish at trish@westminsterlincoln.org so we can register as a group. More details at: <https://calvincrest.org/insteadium/>.

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 24

<p><u>Sun. (24)</u> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship 9:30 AM Nursery 10:50 AM <i>Scripture and Sermon</i> Discussion, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> <p><u>Mon. (25)</u> 6 PM Session, Fellowship Hall</p> <p><u>Tues. (26)</u> 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 10:30 AM Lincoln Library Summer Reading Challenge, Parking Lot 5:30 PM Communications Task Force via Zoom</p>	<p><u>Wed. (27)</u> 9:15 AM Worship Planning 5 PM Foundation Marketing Meeting, Lounge 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Hearts & Hands</p> <p><u>Fri. (29)</u> 9 AM Memorial Service for Lyle Hamilton, Chapel</p> <p><u>Sat. (30)</u> 11 AM Soccer Practice, Gym</p> <p><u>Sun. (31)</u> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship 9:30 AM Nursery 10:50 AM <i>Scripture and</i> <i>Sermon</i> Discussion, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p>
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Week 29 Giving	\$8,906
YTD Giving	\$339,720
Weekly Budget	\$10,970
YTD Budget	\$318,139

Televised Worship

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

Channel 1302/Spectrum & Channel 13/Windstream.

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