

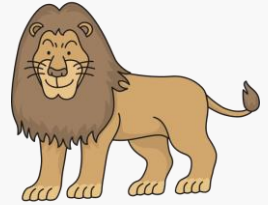
Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



August 28, 2022

“Sunday School Stories Grown Up: Daniel in the Lions’ Den” Presbyterians in the Park



Prelude “God’s Eye Is on the Sparrow” arr. Nancy Raabe

Welcome Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

***Call to Worship (Psalm 118 excerpts; Common English Bible)**

Deacon Claire Titus

One: Give thanks to the Lord because God is good.

All: God’s faithful love lasts forever.

One: In tight circumstances, I cried out to the Lord.

All: The Lord answered me with wide-open spaces.

One: The Lord is for me – I won’t be afraid.

All: The Lord is for me – as my helper.

One: The stone rejected by the builders is now the main foundation stone!

All: This is the day the Lord acted; we will rejoice and celebrate in it!

One: Give thanks to the Lord, because God is good.

All: God’s faithful love lasts forever.

***Hymn #15 All Creatures of Our God and King**

(v. 1-4, 6)

1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Psalm 118 is partly an "entrance" psalm written by or from the perspective of an Israelite king, meaning it's a great psalm for a Call to Worship! It is also situated between the shortest psalm (117) and the longest (119)! (Tidbits from the New Interpreter's Study Bible Commentary)

2 O brother wind with clouds and rain,
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain. Alleluia! Alleluia!
O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O brother fire, so warm and bright,
chase off the shadows of the night. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolds such blessings on our way,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart. Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Psalm 118's image of God's deliverance being like the movement from "tight circumstances" to "wide-open spaces" is an image you'll hear several times in worship today. Listen for it here in our Call to Confession. It also fits our "wide-open" worship space here at Antelope Park!

***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 faithfulness in all circumstances, yet we stay idle when we feel disconnected from you, Lord. We hear the story of your rescuing mercy, yet we pride ourselves on being self-reliant. 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

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*You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!*

*Assurance of Forgiveness

...Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

*Response of Praise

#649 (v. 1, 5)

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begin.*

*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

Rev. Chris Peters

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Hebrew Scriptures Excerpts from Daniel Ch. 6 O.T. pg. 826

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

Sermon

"The Living God"

Rev. Chris Peters

*Hymn #1 ***Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!***

Affirmation of Faith

(PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith, 11.3)

***We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good and
makes everyone equally in God's image, male and***

Our denomination's Brief Statement of Faith is found in the Book of Confessions. It was written at the time of re-unification of the prior "northern" and "southern" Presbyterian denominations. It has three main sections that focus on the three persons of the Holy Trinity, naming the ways we experience God as Creator, Christ, and Spirit.

female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation... Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Moment of Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving

New Member Welcome

Elder: As a congregation we welcome you, saying...

All: We welcome you to the Westminster church family, promising to be a friend to you with open hearts and open hands in Christ's service.

Special Music

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 #539**

We Will Go Out with Joy

***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

“Standing in the Need of Prayer” arr. John Kember

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

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: Suzanne

Bartlett, Becky

Bockrath, Diana Wild

Greeters: Kathy & David Anderson



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

The week of August 28, 2022

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

New Member Welcome

Welcome to Barb Ridder! Barb is a familiar face to many in worship and at WPC. Today we celebrate that she is joining us in membership. Please introduce yourself to Barb and welcome her to our congregation.

Hofferber Baptism | Today | 4 PM

Do you remember your baptism? Many Presbyterians do not due to being baptized as infants, but we will have a special opportunity to remember our individual baptisms in spirit as we celebrate the baptism of Otto Hofferber, son of members Drew and Mary. Session has approved for Otto's baptism to take place in a 30-minute "Remember Your Baptism" worship service that is open to all. Due to scheduling and our morning worship taking place at Antelope Park, this baptism service will take place at 4 PM in the Sanctuary. All of our Westminster family and friends are encouraged to attend. Questions? Ask Pastor Chris!



matt talbot
kitchen & outreach

Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach Family Service Opportunity | Sunday, September 4

Sign up your family to volunteer here:

<https://forms.gle/gqmdsmiWbdRqVJJW8>.

Questions? Contact Susie Hughes at skh@eskays.com.

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.

Save the Date: Westminster Special Events

Sunday, September 11: Kick-Off Sunday

- 9:30 AM Worship
- 10:30 AM-12 PM
Look for games, a bouncy house, Kona Ice, food, and fun. Visit the photo booth to get your picture taken, make a popsicle stick picture frame, and check out the VR Game Truck Jesus Experience. The Rising will be back to provide entertainment and various Life Groups will be showcasing upcoming activities.
- **Used Book Sale** begins. If you have books to donate, bring them to Fellowship Hall by Sept. 8.

Wednesday, September 14: Activities Resume for all Ages

- 5:30-6:00 PM Gathering & Games
6:00-6:30 PM Dinner
6:30-7:30 PM Activities

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 invited to join us for his Installation Service in 2020. However, due to COVID-19, we were not able to have a guest preacher and lecturer that day.
- Schedule Details Forthcoming



Online Registration: Programming for children and youth is coming back soon. Please fill out the simple, online form by scanning the QR code, so that we have emergency contact information for you. You may register children ages 2 through high school with this form.

CROP Walk | Sunday, October 9

Westminster will be participating in the 2022 CROP Hunger Walk to support CWS and help families who are struggling with hunger. Register to walk or to donate to our team at [2022/event/lincolne](https://www.cropwalk.com/2022/event/lincolne) or scan the QR code.



Presbyterian Women and PW at Westminster

Did you know that every woman who is a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is automatically a member of the Presbyterian Women (PW)? There are no requirements, no dues, no pies! (In the 1950's every PW Circle was required to furnish 60 pies for the Westminster Pie Booth at the Nebraska State Fair.)

Although Presbyterian Women (PW) at Westminster centers our work in groups of women called "Circles" who use the yearly Bible study, there are many ways for you to participate in PW if Circles are "not your thing."

PRAY for the many projects that PW supports with their funds and the work of their hands—clinics, childcare centers, well projects, and local women's shelters.

WEAR black on Thursdays to stand in silent solidarity to end gender-based violence. **WEAR** orange on the 25th of each month to bring awareness about ending human trafficking.

PW: It's not just Circles and Bible study.
It's for every Presbyterian woman.

Women are better together when we are tied together in love.
Please stop by our PW table on September 11.

Lohmen Lore

Last week's answer:

Without subsidies, gasoline in most of Europe is expensive and bicycles are very popular! A bike path along the Elbe River runs northwest across Germany, from the Czech Republic to the North Sea—right past the parish church in Stadt Wehlen. The Bicycle Church provides a drinking fountain for cyclists taking a break and sometimes special services for cycling tour groups.

New question:

A tradition in our exchange visits is for the visiting group to prepare a meal for the hosts, featuring something from their home country. Which of these meals required a frantic international call for help to complete the preparations?

a) a baked potato bar; b) a Thanksgiving dinner; c) an outdoor barbecue

Week Beginning August 28

<p><u>Sun. (28)</u> 10 AM Worship in the Park— Welcome New Members, followed by a Potluck 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 4 PM Hofferber Baptism, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Mon. (29)</u> 8 AM Outside Group, FH 5:30 PM Lohmen Group Potluck, Cole Hall</p> <p><u>Tues. (30)</u> 5 PM Ladies' Night Out—L's Kitchen</p>	<p><u>Wed. (31)</u> 9 AM Staff Retreat 1:30 PM Hearts & Hands 6 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Hearts & Hands</p> <p><u>Sun. (4)</u> 9:15 AM Youth Sermon Set-Up 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship 9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery 10:50 AM <i>Scripture and Sermon</i> Discussion, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> <p><u>Mon. (5)</u> Labor Day, Building Closed</p>
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Week 34 Giving	\$4,181
YTD Giving	\$377,082
Weekly Budget	\$10,970
YTD Budget	\$372,989

Televised Worship

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

Channel 1302/Spectrum & Channel 13/Windstream.