

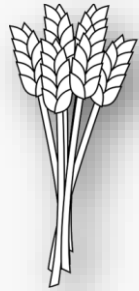
Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



August 7, 2022

“Sunday School Stories Grown Up: Ruth”



Prelude “Prelude on NYLAND” by Aaron David Miller

Welcome Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Mission Message: TeamMates Meredith Cain

***Call to Worship (Psalm 133, Common English Bible)**

Deacon Joan Roberts

One: Look at how good and pleasing it is when families live together as one!

All: God invites us to journey with one another in faith!

One: It is like expensive oil poured over the head, running down onto the beard— Aaron’s beard!— which extended over the collar of his robes.

All: God finds joy when we offer a hand of welcome to another!

One: It is like the dew on Mount Hermon streaming down onto the mountains of Zion, because it is there that the Lord has commanded the blessing: everlasting life.

All: God reveals the real ‘good life’ to us in community!

***Hymn #12** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

***Call to Confession** Deacon Joan Roberts

***Time of Silent Confession**

TeamMates is a wonderful Lincoln-based mentoring program, co-founded by Coach Tom Osborne in 1991. Meredith Cain is Community Outreach Specialist, and she will be in the Garden Room after the service. Please visit with Meredith to share a warm “Westminster Welcome” and learn more about TeamMates!

This month's sung responses remind us that nothing we do earns God's grace. *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy* focuses on God's provision of grace, and is set to the Appalachian tune, Wayfaring Stranger. Our Response of Praise, v.1 of *Amazing Grace*, was written by John Newton, a slave trader who became an abolitionist and clergyperson – quite an experience of God's transforming grace!

***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 welcome to the foreigner, yet we put up walls of exclusion. We hear the story of kindness that breaks barriers, yet we are quick to be kind to those we know or those who we feel comfortable around. 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)

***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.***

***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

Sarah Baltensperger

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Hebrew Scripture

Ruth 1:1-18

O.T. pg. 241

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

Special Music

"Do Not Ask Me To Leave You"

by Michael John Trotta, Westminster Choir

Sermon

"Traveling Companions"

Rev. Chris Peters

*Hymn #324

For All the Faithful Women

*Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

Deacon Joan Roberts

***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.***

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

The opening section in our communion liturgy is called the "Sursum Corda" (Latin for "Lift your hearts") and dates to at least the 3rd Century! It is made up of three parts - a welcome (first call and response), an invitation to draw our hearts to God (second call and response), and an invitation to thanksgiving/gratitude for God (third call and response). The Great Prayer that follows then begins with our gratitude to God.

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

Special Music

"The Chorister's Prayer" by Jacob Dishman
Westminster Choir

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn #521**

In Remembrance of Me

***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

"Con Moto Maestoso" from *Sonata No. 3*
by Felix Mendelssohn

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

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from: Long, Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2. Proper 21 Semicontinuous. 2015, Westminster John Knox Press

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/>

Ministers: The whole congregation

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

Liturgist: Deacon Joan Roberts

Interim Music Director: Ronnie Zanella

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Ushers: Carol Boehler, Kim Kubick, Diana Wild, Susan Jackson

Greeters: Katie & Leo Zulkowski

Communion Servers: Emily Killham, Stanley Rediger, Kathy Rohwedder, Margaret Sprude, Robin Uebele



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

The week of August 7, 2022

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

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.

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.

Elevator Awaiting Repairs

We will continue the Live Streaming of the worship service in Fellowship Hall while the Sanctuary elevator is being repaired.

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

Only one week remains until the All-Church Pool Party at Star City Shores! Westminster has the entire facility reserved just for us, so plan to come and bring your friends.

Blessing of the Backpacks and Sunday Sundae Bar | Aug. 14

It is time for the Blessing of the Backpacks! If you are a student, an educator, or anyone else connected to education, be sure to come for your special blessing. To celebrate the beginning of the new academic year, we will be serving ice cream in the Garden Room after the service along with a whole array of your favorite sundae toppings.

Sunday Programming Resumes | Aug. 14

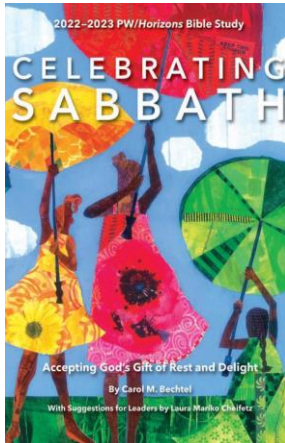
We will begin dismissing elementary age children to Faith Village on Aug. 14 following the Children’s Chat. Sermon Set-up also resumes for youth.

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. If you are interested in going, contact Trish, and we'll go as a group.

History Buffs: The B17 Bomber | August 20 | 9 AM

Used primarily in Europe during WWII, the b17 was known more famously as the Flying Fortress. Capable of flying long distances with a heavy payload, the b17 would forever change the face of warfare. The "Strategic Bombing" campaigns in which it was used represented a radical departure from more the traditional methods of waging war. The presentation given by Steve Larson is based upon the experiences of Lt. Wendell Larson; a 20-year-old navigator who flew 35 missions over Europe during the War. Feel welcome to bring a friend(s).



ALL Westminster Presbyterian Women
are INVITED to the Fall Kickoff
of the PW Bible Study.

We will meet in Fellowship Hall on
Sat., Aug. 27, 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM.
Whether you are currently in a Circle or
are curious about the Study,
all are WELCOME.

We will preview the Bible study-- *Celebrating Sabbath*.

Presbyterians in the Park | Sunday, August 28 at 10:00 am

Band Shell—Antelope Park

Followed by Potluck in Auld Pavilion

- There will be no worship or Sunday School at church—only one service at Antelope Park.
- Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and gather for worship in the park. Immediately after worship, you are invited to a potluck in Auld Pavilion.
- Church Life will provide fried chicken, rolls and drinks. **A free will offering will be taken.**
- What should you bring? Glad you asked—**last names beginning with A-M bring a side dish; N-Z bring a dessert.** Please bring a serving spoon for your dish and plan to serve 10-12 people. Don't forget to label your dish—please.

- Consider bringing allergen-free items—no nuts, dairy, gluten, etc.
- Think about saving paper and trees—we encourage you to bring reusable dishes and utensils for use by your family.

Please plan to attend for a wonderful morning!



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

Sign your family up to volunteer here:

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

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

Save the Date: Westminster Special Events

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)
- Used Book Sale begins. If you have books to donate, bring them to Fellowship Hall.

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 that day.
- Schedule Details Forthcoming

Lohmen Lore

Our earliest connection with Lohmen, Germany was during a mission that included a home stay with a family there. Who sponsored that trip?

- a) Friendship Force Global Youth Journey
- b) Presbyterian Office of Public Witness
- c) National Council of Churches Peacemaker Mission



Last week’s answer: Northwest of the village, on a trail along the Wesenitz River, is a surprise feature: a massive bronze sculpture of Richard Wagner. It is actually regarded as one of the most significant monuments of its kind dedicated to the composer.

Week Beginning August 7

<p><u>Sun. (7)</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. (8)</u> 10 AM Infinite Systems Meeting 5 PM Church Life, Library 5:30 PM Worship & Music, Lounge 6 PM Mission & Outreach, FH</p> <p><u>Tues. (9)</u> 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 5 PM Personnel via Zoom 6 PM A & P Meeting via Zoom</p> <p><u>Wed. (10)</u> 4 PM Foundation Finance, Lounge 5 PM Foundation Board Meeting, Lounge</p>	<p>6 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Hearts & Hands</p> <p><u>Thurs. (11)</u> 6:30 – 8 PM Congregational Star City Shores Pool Party</p> <p><u>Sat. (13)</u> 11 AM Soccer Practice, Gym</p> <p><u>Sun. (14)</u> 9:15 AM Youth Sermon Set-Up 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship / Blessing of Backpacks 9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery 10:40 AM Sunday Sundae Bar 10:50 AM <i>Scripture and Sermon</i> Discussion, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p>
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Week 31 Giving	\$7,563
YTD Giving	\$356,414
Weekly Budget	\$10,970
YTD Budget	\$340,079

Televised Worship

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

Channel 1302/Spectrum & Channel 13/Windstream.

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