

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



August 14, 2022

“Sunday School Stories Grown Up: David & Goliath”

Prelude “Pange lingua” by Nicolas de Grigny

Welcome Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 143:1, 7-11, Common English Bible)
Sam Baltensperger

One: Listen to my prayer, Lord!

All: Because of your faithfulness, hear my requests for mercy.

One: Tell me about your faithful love come morning time, because I trust you.

All: Show me the way I should go, because I offer my life up to you.

One: Deliver me from my enemies, Lord! I seek protection from you.

All: Teach me to do what pleases you, because you are my God.

One: Guide me by your good spirit into good land.

All: Make me live again, Lord, for your name's sake.

***Hymn #275** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

***Call to Confession** Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***Time of Silent Confession**



This hymn was written by Reformer Martin Luther in 1529 and is based on Psalm 46. What's a "bulwark," you ask? In modern language, we could say its "a wall of defense." Naming that God is a "bulwark never failing," today can remind us that with hope in God, we are empowered by the Spirit to resist and overcome evil in our lives and in this world.

***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 faith in God that empowers our actions, yet we focus our actions on building wealth and comfort. We hear the story of finding purpose with our own gifts, yet we hoard the gifts you've given us that might enrich the lives of others. 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!***

Blessing of the Backpacks can serve as a good reminder to all of us that God is with us wherever we go. That doesn't mean every moment in life is easy or will go just right, but that God's grace is with us no matter what we face. As we start this school year, we invite you to pray for WPC's students and educators, our preschool families and staff, and our local schools each week.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

...Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

***Response of Praise**

#649 (v. 2)

***"Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!"***

***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.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Special Music

"Swing Down, Chariot"
arr. by Wayne Hooper, Male Quartet

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Hebrew Scripture 1 Samuel 17:1-16, 32-40 O.T. pg. 260

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

Sermon "One Size Too Big" Rev. Chris Peters

***Hymn #806** *I'll Praise My Maker*

Moment of Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music "Now Don't You Let Nobody"
arr. by Wayne Hooper, Male Quartet

Prayers of the People Sam Baltensperger

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 #26** *Earth and All Stars!*

***Charge & Benediction** Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude "Improvisation: Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle"

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

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from "Where the Broken Gather: Lectionary Liturgies for RCL Year B" Thom Schuman, 2014.

The text for "Earth and all Stars!" was written for the 9th anniversary of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. (The author, the Rev. Herbert Brokering, was a 1942 graduate of Beatrice High School.) Echoing Psalm 98, it is a prime example of a 20th-century hymn style based on phrases rather than complete sentences. The exuberant tune was created expressly for these words. (Source: Glory to God Hymnal)

Fun fact: While this wouldn't exactly make Pastor Chris's "top 20 hymns," he will always associate it fondly with his Presbyterian Campus Ministry's worship leadership on the annual "College Student Sunday" at Shandon Pres. in Columbia, SC.

Today's flowers are in memory of Katherine Wild.

Members of male quartet: Jamie Jessi, *tenor I*, Marcelo Plioplis, *tenor II*, Ronnie Zanella, *baritone*, Eliseu Roberto dos Santos, *bass*.

Musical Notes: Wayne Hooper (1920-2007) was widely known as a singer and composer for the male quartet *King's Heralds*, which is recognized as the most famous American vocal group coming from the SDA denomination, with a history of almost 100 years of existence, over 100 albums recorded encompassing 30 different languages. The biggest characteristic of The *King's Heralds* music is their close harmonies and a cappella singing, which are part of the barbershop style.

Ministers: The whole congregation

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

Liturgist: Sam Baltensperger

Interim Music Director: Ronnie Zanella

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children &

Youth: Trish Souliere

Ushers: Joyce Douglas, Marilyn Hood, Barbara Wright-Chollet, Bill Roberts

Greeters: Gary & Glenna Haller

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 August 14, 2022

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

Blessing of the Backpacks and Sunday Sundae Bar | Today

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.



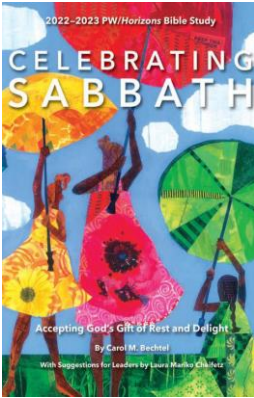
Online Registration: Programming for children and youth is coming back soon. Please fill out the simple, online form by scanning the QR code, so that we have emergency contact information for you. You may register children ages 2 through high school with this form.

Instadium | 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 Instadium. 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 at 10 AM.
- 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!

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.



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.

Elevator Awaiting Repairs

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

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

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. The link is in the eVine.

Hearts and Hands

Beginning Aug. 17, we will meet on Wednesdays at 1:30 – 3 pm and 6:30 – 8 pm. We hope you can join us for one or both times. We make warm items for the City Mission and have lots of fun doing it.

Lohmen Lore

Visits to and from Germany have resulted in some interesting cultural exchanges including the demonstration and awkward attempts to emulate which of these dance forms?

a) square dancing, b) the German slap dance, c) swing dancing

Last week's answer: In 1984 Westminster's Phil Whitmarsh was one of about 15 young adults chosen to participate in "European Models in Peacemaking," a trip to six European countries sponsored by the PCUSA Office of Public Witness. In East Germany Phil stayed with a family from the Lohmen Church—and the rest is history!

Week Beginning August 14

<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 Sundaes Bar 10:50 AM <i>Scripture and Sermon</i> Discussion, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> <p><u>Tues. (16)</u> 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 7 PM Faith & Cancer Support Group, Library</p> <p><u>Wed. (17)</u> 1 PM Prairie Readers, Lounge 1:30 PM Hearts & Hands 6 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>6:30 PM Hearts & Hands</p> <p><u>Thurs. (18)</u> 7 PM Camera Club, Fellowship Hall</p> <p><u>Sat. (20)</u> 9 AM History Buffs, Lounge 11 AM Soccer Practice, Gym</p> <p><u>Sun. (21)</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 4 PM Memorial Service for Stuart Howerter, Chapel</p>
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Week 32 Giving \$10,264

YTD Giving \$366,678

Weekly Budget \$10,970

YTD Budget \$351,049

Televised Worship

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

Channel 1302/Spectrum & Channel 13/Windstream.

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