

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



August 21, 2022

“Sunday School Stories Grown Up: Jonah”

**Prelude** “I Will Give Thanks” by Charles Gounod

**Welcome** Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

**\*Call to Worship (Psalm 8 excerpts; Common English Bible)**  
Elder Diana Wild

One: You made your glory higher than heaven.  
When I look up at your skies, at what your  
fingers made – the moon and the stars that you  
set firmly in place – what are human beings that  
you think about them?

***All: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your  
name throughout the earth!***

One: You’ve made humankind only slightly less  
than divine, crowning them with glory and  
grandeur.

***All: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your  
name throughout the earth!***

One: You’ve let humankind rule over your  
handiwork, putting everything under their feet –  
all sheep and all cattle, the wild animals too, the  
birds in the sky, the fish in the ocean, everything  
that travels the pathways of the sea.

***All: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your  
name throughout the earth!***

**\*Hymn #22**

***God of the Sparrow***

**\*Call to Confession**

Rev. Chris Peters



At Westminster, we strive to be a community of authentic welcome, embodied by living in love for God and our neighbors. The Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Foundations of Faith includes the following call to Unity in Diversity: "In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, God unites persons through baptism regardless of race, ethnicity, age, sex, disability, geography, or theological conviction. There is therefore no place in the life of the Church for discrimination against any person. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) shall guarantee full participation and representation in its worship, governance, and emerging life to all persons or groups within its membership." (Book of Order, 2019-2023, F-1.0403)

Presbyterian teacher Shirley Guthrie once wrote that the big word "theology" simply means "God Talk." One of our theological beliefs as Presbyterians is that our sin, or separation from God and neighbor, happens both in actions we do as well as inactions or things we fail to do. Failing to speak up against a wrong or injustice is a form of sin, or separation from doing good, in our lives.

## **\*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 your calling to travel beyond our comfort zones, yet we often allow our faith to fit in a neat-and-tidy box. We hear the story of grace extended beyond the borders we know, yet we slur and curse the foreigner in our midst. 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**

#437

***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. 3)

***Through many dangers, toils, and snares,***

***I have already come.***

***'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,***

***and grace will lead me home.***

### **\*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 Scriptures Selections from Jonah Ch. 1-4 O.T. pg. 859

Gospel Reading Mark 4:30-34 N.T. pg. 38

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

**Sermon** "Sunday School Stories Grown Up: Jonah"  
Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

**\*Hymn #8** ***Eternal Father Strong to Save***

### **Affirmation of Faith (Confirmation Catechism, Q. 39)**

Question 39. How should I treat non-Christians and people of other religions?

***I should meet friendship with friendship, hostility with kindness, generosity with gratitude, persecution with forbearance, truth with agreement, and error with truth. I should express my faith by word and by deed. I should avoid compromising the truth on the one hand and being narrow-minded on the other. In short, I should welcome and accept these others in a way that honors and reflects the Lord's welcome and acceptance of me.***

### **Moment of Gratitude**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **Special Music**

"A Prayer of Compassion"  
by Gwyneth Walker  
Westminster Choir

### **Prayers of the People**

Elder Diana Wild

The words of Eternal Father Strong to Save, commonly known as "The Navy Hymn," were written by a schoolmaster and clergyman of the Church of England, Rev. William Whiting in 1860. In 1861, the words were adapted to music by another English clergyman, Rev. John, B. Dykes." In 1879 Rear Admiral Charles Jackson Train was a Lt Cmdr at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis and began the practice of concluding each Sunday's service at the Academy with the first verse of this hymn. (Quoted and Adapted from history.navy.mil)

"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:** Elder Diana Wild

**Interim Music Director:** Ronnie Zanella

**Organist:** John Ross

**Director of Children & Youth:** Trish Souliere

**Ushers:** Robyn Uebele, Leslie Miner, Michael Gregg, Freda Gregg

**Greeters:** Jim Bishop, Josh Whitfield

## **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 #295**

***Go to the World!***

**\*Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

**Postlude**

"Give Thanks Unto God" by E.L. Ashford

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

One bouquet of **flowers** is given in celebration of Jim and Judy White's 62nd wedding anniversary.

A second bouquet of **flowers** is given by Helen Hayes in memory of her husband, Orin Robert and her son, Robert David.

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 . . ."*

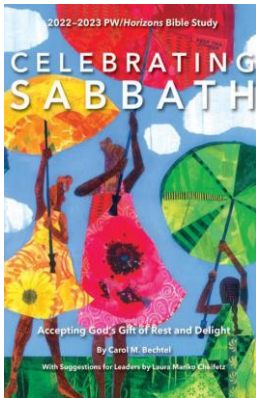
**The week of August 21, 2022**

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

### **Westminster Welcome**

Are you new to Westminster, visiting us in worship, or interested in becoming a member? Today our "WPC 101" discussion class, called Westminster Welcome, will take place in Fellowship Hall (off the Garden Room) at 10:50 AM. Pastor Chris will lead. All questions are welcome, and there are no strings attached to joining us. Next Sunday we will welcome those who might wish to join Westminster during 10 AM worship at Antelope Park.

There will be a **Memorial Service for Stuart Howerter** today at 4 pm in the Westminster Chapel. Stuart died on April 29, 2022.



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*.

### **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.

## 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!

## Hofferber Baptism | Sunday, August 28 | 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](mailto: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 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

### Lohmen Lore

Lohmen, Germany folk of all ages tend to be active themselves and to follow their favorite sports. One of the churches in Lohmen’s five-yoked parish is even known by what nickname:

a) the soccer church, b) the marathon church, c) the bicycle church

Last week’s answer:

Our Lohmen friends are good sports—and so are we! Our cultural exchange resulted in a lot of laughs when we tried out some folk dancing on a couple occasions—once with us trying to demonstrate square dancing and much more dangerously, when we tried to follow directions for slap dancing. Remarkably there were no serious injuries.



**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. The link is in the eVine.

## Week Beginning August 21

<p><b><u>Sun. (21)</u></b>            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            10:50 AM Westminster Welcome            12 Noon Sudanese Worship            4 PM Memorial Service for Stuart                Howerter, Chapel</p> <p><b><u>Mon. (22)</u></b>            6 PM Session, FH            6 :30 PM Scouts, Youth Area</p> <p><b><u>Tues. (23)</u></b>            9:15 AM Staff Meeting            5 PM Search Committee, Lounge            5:30 PM Deacons, FH</p>	<p><b><u>Wed. (24)</u></b>            1:30 PM Hearts &amp; Hands            6 PM Choir Rehearsal            6:30 PM Hearts &amp; Hands</p> <p><b><u>Sat. (27)</u></b>            9:30 AM Presbyterian Women                Fall Kickoff, FH</p> <p><b><u>Sun. (28)</u></b>            10 AM Worship in the Park—                Welcome New Members,                followed by a Potluck            12 Noon Sudanese Worship            4 PM Hofferber Baptism</p>
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Week 33 Giving	\$6,223
YTD Giving	\$372,900
Weekly Budget	\$10,970
YTD Budget	\$362,019

### Televised Worship

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

Channel 1302/Spectrum & Channel 13/Windstream.