

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



September 18, 2022
"8 Habits of Evangelism: Prayer"

Prelude "Prayer" by Alfred Hollins

Welcome Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Special Announcement: Second Celebration Joyce Douglas

***Call to Worship (Psalm 104 Excerpts; Common English Bible)**
Elder Diana Wild

One: Let my whole being bless the Lord!

All: Lord my God, how fantastic you are! You are clothed in glory and grandeur!

One: Lord you have done so many things! You made them all so wisely.

All: Let the Lord's glory last forever! Let the Lord rejoice in all our Creator has made!

One: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I'm still alive.

All: Let my whole being bless the Lord. Praise the Lord!

***Hymn #37** *Let All Things Now Living*

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

***Time of Silent Confession**



"Personally, next Sunday's Second Celebration is as much as anything else, an opportunity to share the wisdom of a guest preacher from whom I have learned a lot. We missed that opportunity in 2020 due to COVID, and I am excited to welcome Dr. Martha Moore-Keish to Westminster and Lincoln next week." (Pastor Chris)

Our Prayer of Confession during our 8 Habits series starts and begins with the same lines, with new theme-focused confessional words in-between each week. At times folks ask, "who writes these prayers?" During 8 Habits, Pastor Chris is writing the weekly prayer of confession.

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

God of love, you invite us to find renewal by way of the good news of Jesus Christ. We confess that we fall short of living out your hopes for our lives. We pray when it is convenient or necessary, rather than as a habit of our faith. We silence the cries of others for hope and justice, rather than praying and then putting our prayers into action. We pat ourselves on the back when good happens, rather than saying prayers of thanksgiving to You. Lord, forgive us and redirect us. Help us to be bold in our praying, that our lives may be re-shaped to reflect Christ's love to all. Amen.

Response to the Confession

#288

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

...Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

***Response of Praise**

#59

***The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is your faithfulness, O Lord,
great is your faithfulness.***

***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

Gospel Matthew 6:5-15 N.T. pg. 5
Epistle James 5:13-16 N.T. pg. 231

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

Sermon "8 Habits: Prayer" Rev. Chris Peters

Hymn #306** ***Blest Be the Tie That Binds

***Affirmation of Faith**

(Heidelberg Catechism, 4.116a, 4.118, 4.129)

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

One: Why do Christians need to pray?

All: Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us.

One: What did God command us to pray?

All: Everything we need, spiritually and physically, as embraced in the prayer Christ our Lord himself taught us.

One: What does that little word, "Amen" mean?

All: "Amen" means: This shall truly and surely be! It is even more sure that God listens to my prayer than that I really desire what I pray for.

Lohmen Commissioning

Special Music "Hear My Prayer" by Moses Hogan
Westminster Choir

Prayers of the People

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.

"What the heck is a catechism?"

The word catechism comes from the Greek word *katekheisis*, meaning "instruction by word of mouth." (etymolnline.com). A catechism is useful for teaching by presenting a question that is followed by the corresponding teaching.

The opening and closing refrain's word "Alleluia" is the essential Easter word of proclamation. (Glory to God hymnal). On this day, this hymn serves as a prayer of praise that sends us with a spirit of gratitude to God. (Pastor Chris)

Ministers: The whole congregation

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

Music Director: Ronnie Zanella

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children &

Youth: Trish Souliere

Ushers: Leslie Miner, Michael Gregg, Freda Gregg, Erika Schafer

Greeters: Joyce Douglas, Marilyn Hood

*Hymn #240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

"A Benediction" by Alfred Hollins

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

Our Call to Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness come from Lectionary Resources for the week by Teri McDowell Ott as published in the Presbyterian Outlook.

The **flowers** are given by Rita and Jim Kinkennon, in honor of their 53rd wedding anniversary.

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 Sept. 18, 2022

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

Adult Education Speaker | Today | 10:40 AM | Lounge

The "Elevator Guy" is here to lift us up! Please join us for a talk from our very own, Scott Nelson. From the website - "Elevator Guy was founded on the idea of encouraging people to live their lives in a way that promotes loving others, team building, personal reflection, pursuing strengths, and walking in faith."

Used Book Sale

Today is the last day of WPC's annual *Used Book Sale*. Be sure to stop by Fellowship Hall and find a book. There's something for everyone! Proceeds go to the church library fund. Thank you to Martha Kingsbury and everyone else who donated books or helped set up the sale.

Second Celebration: Celebrating two years of ministry with Rev. Chris Peters | "Our Current Moment, Worship and Christian Life Today" | Sunday, September 25

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.

9:30 AM Worship (Dr. Moore-Keish Preaching)
10:50 AM Education Hour (Dr. Moore-Keish Teaching)
12 – 1:30 PM Lunch and Recognition of Two Years of Ministry Together with Pastor Chris

Nursery and Children's "Faith Village" during Worship.
Children/Youth options available during the Education Hour.
All ages are welcome at lunch.



LiNK* Nights are our new Wednesday Night opportunities to connect – or “link” – together as a congregation! We'll mix nights of age-focused and intergenerational activities throughout September, October, and November 2022!

Wed., 9/21: Join us as we pack Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) School Kits at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Chris will share his experience with PDA after Hurricane Katrina.

Prairie Readers | Wednesday, Sept. 21, 1 pm | Lounge

Book: *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristen Hammel

Discussion leader: Kathy Anderson

New Member Opportunity | Sept. 25

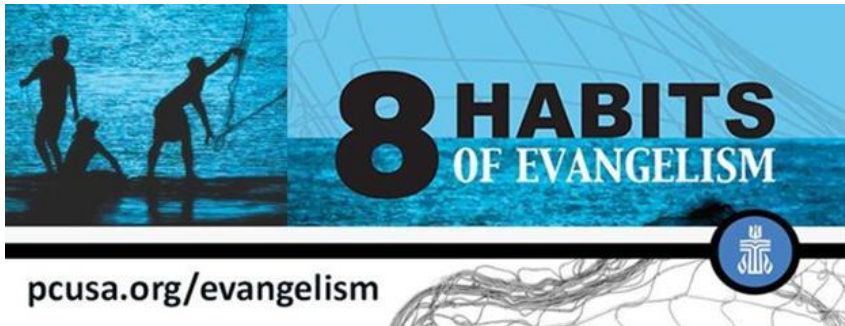
Membership in the church is a unique step of commitment to our Westminster faith family that also allows for more opportunities for connection and leadership in the life of the church. On Sunday, Sept. 25, we will be welcoming at least one new member in worship. Are you interested, on the fence, or itching to join yourself? Contact Pastor Chris (chris@westminsterlincoln.org) with questions or to learn more!

Baby Registry

Babies need lots of love . . . and a few things, too. There will be a baby shower for Baby P in FH on Oct. 2 following worship. You'll find the registry at babylist.com.

West Entrance Ramp Now Installed!

A temporary ramp has been installed at the west entrance of the church. It is now available for use to anyone needing access to the sanctuary while the elevator is being repaired. Today is the last week of setting up a viewing area for the live stream service.



Practical, Personal, Powerful: An 8-Week Sermon Series designed by the PCUSA's Office of Theology and Worship to explore a faithful and transformational understanding of evangelism for our world today!

Sunday, 9/18: Prayer

Sunday, 9/25: Worship (w/ Rev. Dr. Martha Moore-Keish of **Columbia Seminary**)

Other topics: Sacraments, Fellowship, Teaching, Justice, Generosity

Cornhole Tournament on Wed., Sept. 28.

If you have a game we could use, please leave it inside the east entrance of the church with your name and address attached.

The Lesser-Known Reformers | Oct. 9, 16 & 23

Pastor Jimmy will be teaching an Adult Ed. class in the Lounge.

Oct. 9 10:45 AM "The Pre-Reformers: Wycliffe and Hus"

Oct. 16 10:45 AM "The English Reformation: Tyndale and Cranmer"

Oct. 23 10:45 AM "The Scottish Reformation: Wishart and Knox"

The Reformation in Scripture | Oct. 9, 16, 23 & 30 | 10:45 AM

Pastor Ellen will teach a class beginning Oct. 9 in the Parlor.

Oct. 9: Sola Scriptura – Scripture: Our Only Foundation – 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Oct. 16: Sola Christus – Christ: Our Only Mediator – 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Oct. 23: Sola Gratia – Grace: Our Only Method – Ephesians 2:1-10

Oct. 30: Sola Fide – Faith: Our Only Means – Romans 3:19-28;

Soli Deo Gloria – Glorifying God: Our Only Ambition – Romans 15:1-13

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

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/lincolnne> or scan the QR code.



Lohmen Lore

Last week's answer: The "American Circle" at the Lohmen Church includes people from many walks of life who have in common their interest in America and Westminster church. Their little community does enjoy a potluck at Christmas time, and they watched the Nebraska movie before many of us did! But they don't celebrate the 4th of July (fireworks are for New Year's Eve). And although October 31st is a national holiday, it's in celebration of the Reformation, not Hallowe'en.

New question: As you might expect, some things about the New World seem strange to our German visitors. Which of these American menu staples were not met with enthusiasm?

a) pumpkin pie, b) sunflower seeds, c) baked potatoes, d) corn bread

We need your autograph. Please visit the Lohmen display in the Garden Room and sign or add a brief message to the hymnal we are giving to Lohmen's retiring pastors. This is for EVERYONE, not just those who have participated in visits.



Letter To the Congregation

September 25, 2022 is a very important day in the life of Westminster Presbyterian Church. We will be celebrating two years of Pastor Chris Peters being our Head of Staff. Normally, we would have celebrated his arrival with an Installation Ceremony and events in 2020. Since he came during COVID, his Installation Ceremony was held in our parking lot with less than 50 members present on a very cold day. He knelt on concrete to begin his journey of meeting and leading us.

As a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), we felt almost immediately that Pastor Chris was the right person to lead Westminster. Many of you have stated you feel the same. If there is a book to help a new Pastor begin with a new Congregation, it would have been useless because COVID dominated his early months. As we returned to our Sanctuary, our numbers have continued to grow.

Although not considered an Installation Ceremony, we will be celebrating two great years with Pastor Chris on Sunday, September 25. A very important friend and mentor, Rev. Dr. Martha Moore-Keish, will participate in our celebration to honor Chris and Lauren. This will be a monumental day in the life of Westminster.

Please plan to be in the Sanctuary and then join us for a full buffet luncheon on Sunday, September 25. This is our time to show our appreciation and honor Pastor Chris Peters as Head of Staff of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Joyce Douglas, Andrew Finkner, Michael Gregg, Steve Hughes, Jim Kinkennon, Sandi Larson, Deb Schorr, Allen Wachter

Week Beginning September 18

<p><u>Sun. (18)</u> 9 AM Used Book Sale, FH 9:15 AM Youth Sermon Set-Up 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship 9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery 10:50 AM A & P Meeting, Conference Room 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 1 PM Carol Joy Holling</p> <p><u>Mon. (19)</u> 6:30 PM Scouts, Den/Pack, Cole H.</p> <p><u>Tues. (20)</u> 9 AM Disciples of Christ, FH 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 10 AM Stewardship, Lounge 7 PM Faith and Cancer Support Group, Library</p> <p><u>Wed. (21)</u> 1 PM Prairie Readers, Lounge 1:30 PM Hearts & Hands 5:30 PM Westminster LiNK 6:30 PM Pack School Kits for PDA, FH</p>	<p>6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Hearts & Hands</p> <p><u>Thurs. (22)</u> 7 PM Camera Club, Lounge</p> <p><u>Fri. (23)</u> 11:30 AM Friendship Home Board Meeting, FH 5 PM Rehearsal</p> <p><u>Sat. (24)</u> 9 AM History Buffs Program, Lounge 3 PM wedding 6 PM Leadership Dinner</p> <p><u>Sun. (25)</u> 9:15 AM Youth Sermon Set-Up 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship 9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery 10:50 AM Education Hour—Dr. Moore-Keish, Lounge 12 PM Congregational Lunch, FH 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p>
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Week 37 Giving	\$3,378
YTD Giving	\$399,861
Weekly Budget	\$10,970
YTD Budget	\$405,899

Televised Worship

Thurs. at 12:30 pm/Sat. at 1 pm.
 Channel 1302/Spectrum & Channel 13/Windstream.

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