

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



September 25, 2022
Second Celebration Weekend
8 Habits of Evangelism: Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

*Call to Worship (Psalm 96; Excerpts Common English Bible)

Rachel Hoffman

One: Sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord,
all the earth!

All: Sing to the Lord! Bless God's name!

One: Declare God's glory among the nations; declare
God's wondrous works among all people because the
Lord is great and so worthy of praise.

All: Sing to the Lord! Bless God's name!

One: Let heaven celebrate! Let the earth rejoice! Let
the sea and everything in it roar!

All: Sing to the Lord! Bless God's name! Share the news of God's saving work every single day!

One: God will establish justice in the world rightly.
God will establish justice among all people fairly.

All: Sing to the Lord a new song! Amen.

*Hymn #305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

*Call to Confession

Rachel Hoffman

*Time of Silent Confession



We are glad that you're here in worship today! At Westminster we hope that you will be welcomed, feel welcomed, and extend welcome to your neighbors. During our Welcome & Announcements, Pastor Chris will invite you to sign our "Friendship Pad." One key purpose of this practice is to help our Church Life committee and staff outreach to visitors in ways that are welcoming. Signing-in aids staff and deacons in their outreach to members from time-to-time, such as those returning to church following an absence due to illness, COVID precautions, or other personal reasons.

***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. You establish the bounds of the Earth, yet we pollute and misuse the Earth's resources. Christ fed the hungry crowds, yet we allow the needs of our neighbors to go unchecked. You call us to work for justice, yet we spend too many of our hours working for personal gain. Lord, forgive us and redirect us. Help us to worship you in gratitude, 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.*

New Member Recognition

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.

***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.

Why does membership matter? There are many reasons, but our understanding of membership is partly about an individual's hope in God being joined to others in worship and service. The PCUSA Book of Order says, "The baptism of those who enter the covenant of membership upon their own profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior witnesses to the truth that God's gift of grace calls forth a response of faithfulness.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Hebrew Scriptures Psalm 96 (#639 refrain, sung by Cong.)
Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 11:20-29 N.T. pg. 173
Gospel Reading Luke 9:12-17 N.T. pg. 69

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

Sermon "Worshipping God in Beauty and Brokenness"
Dr. Martha Moore-Keish

***Hymn #509** *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

***Affirmation of Faith**
(PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith, Lines 52-76)
Rev. Chris Peters

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Special Music "I Sing Because I'm Happy"
by Charles Gabriel, arr. by Kenneth Paden and Rollo Dilworth
Westminster Choir

Prayers of the People

Hymn 639 is a chant setting for Psalm 96. You are invited to sing the refrain of hymn 639 as directed following the verses that are read aloud.

The Brief Statement of Faith was written as a guiding confessional statement for the "new" Presbyterian Church USA in the 1980's. The Brief Statement is written in three main sections, each one describing traits of the Holy Trinity, along with how Presbyterians believe the Trinity enables or participates in the life of faith.

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 #450**

Be Thou My Vision

Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

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

Ministers: The whole congregation

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

Liturgist: Rachel Hoffman

Music Director: Ronnie Zanella

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children &

Youth: Trish Souliere

Ushers: Martha Kingsbury, Suzanne Bartlett, Carol Shelbourn, Becky Bockrath

Greeters: Glenna and Gary Haller

The **flowers** are given by the Pastor Nominating Committee in celebration of two years of ministry with Pastor Chris.

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. 25, 2022

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

New Member Sunday | Sept. 25

Today we welcome Chris Patten as our newest member at WPC.

Westminster
LiNK Nights

Wednesday night connecting activities for all ages!
5:30p - Children/Youth Drop-Off (Gym)
6:00p - Dinner for All Ages (Cole Hall)
6:30-7:30p - Weekly Rotating Activities (Fun, Learning, and Service!)

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!

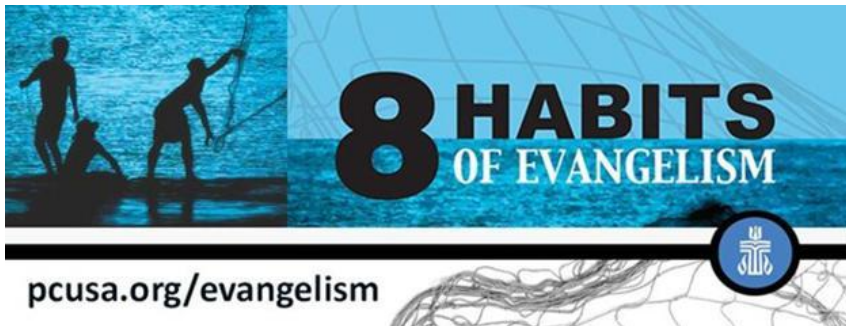
Wed., 9/28: Join us for a **Cornhole Tournament** at 6:30 PM in the parking lot at WPC. If the weather keeps us inside, we will use the gym.

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.

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.



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

Sunday, 10/2: Sacraments

Sunday, 10/9: Fellowship

Other topics: Teaching, Justice, Generosity

Trish will be out of the office for two weeks beginning Sept. 27 following knee surgery. She will be unavailable Sept. 27 and 28 but will then be reachable by phone or email.

Circle 4

October 3, 7 PM, Hostess Kathy Anderson

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/lincolne> or scan the QR

code.



Sunday Bible Study in October

Focus of Adult Education will be on the Reformation

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

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

- 10/9 10:45 AM "The Pre-Reformers: Wycliffe and Hus"
- 10/16 10:45 AM "The English Reformation: Tyndale and Cranmer"
- 10/23 10:45 AM "The Scottish Reformation: Wishart and Knox"

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

A second discussion, led by Pastor Ellen Davis, will center around "The Reformation in Scripture." Historically, the Protestant Reformers based their theological understanding of God, Jesus Christ and faith on five foundational beliefs: Sola Scriptura, by scripture alone, Sola Fide, by faith alone, Sola Gratia, by grace alone, Solus Christus, through Christ alone, and Soli Deo Gloria, glory to God alone. Each had scriptural foundation and guided the Reformers as they followed the Holy Spirit in living out the principles of their faith. The class will meet in the parlor at 10:45 AM.

- 10/9 Sola Scriptura – Scripture: Our Only Foundation
2 Timothy 3:10-17
- 10/16 Sola Christus – Christ: Our Only Mediator
2 Corinthians 5:11-21
- 10/23 Sola Gratia – Grace: Our Only Method – Ephesians 2:1-10
- 10/30 Sola Fide – Faith: Our Only Means – Romans 3:19-28;
Soli Deo Gloria – Glorifying God: Our Only Ambition – Romans 15:1-13



Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach Family Service Opportunity | Sunday, Jan. 1

Sign up your family to volunteer here:

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

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

Lohmen Lore

Last week's answer: It turns out that pumpkin pie, sunflower seeds, baked potatoes, and cornbread are all acquired tastes—and not acquired in Germany!

New question: Westminster's delegates will arrive in Lohmen on Monday, October 3. The itinerary for their eight-day visit includes:

- T F Meeting Ukrainian refugees over dinner
- T F Riding on a river boat
- T F Touring a castle
- T F Preparing a pot roast dinner
- T F Visiting origins of Westminster's Moravian (Christmas) star
- T F Shopping in a traditional wooden Christmas village

Week Beginning September 25

<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, Sanctuary 12 PM Congregational Lunch, Fellowship Hall 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> <p><u>Mon. (26)</u> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study, Lounge 6 PM Session, Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM Scouts, Den/Pack, Cole H.</p> <p><u>Tues. (27)</u> 8:30 AM Parking Lot used by OLLI program 9:15 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>5 PM Ladies' Night Out 5:30 PM Deacons</p> <p><u>Wed. (28)</u> 9:15 AM Worship Planning, Zoom 1:30 PM Hearts & Hands 5:30 PM Westminster LiNK 6:30 PM Cornhole Tournament 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Hearts & Hands</p> <p><u>Sun. (2)</u> 9:15 AM Youth Sermon Set-Up 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship/ World Communion Sunday 9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery 10:30 AM Baby Shower, Fellowship Hall 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p>
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Week 38 Giving	\$7,418
YTD Giving	\$407,279
Weekly Budget	\$10,970
YTD Budget	\$416,869