

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



October 16, 2022

8 Habits of Evangelism: Teaching

Prelude "Improvisation on 'Thy Strong Word Did Cleave
the Darkness'"

Welcome Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Special Announcement: Thanks Westminster Video

***Call to Worship (Proverbs 3:13-14, 19-20; 11:24-25
Common English Bible)** Deacon Joan Roberts

*One: Happy are those who find wisdom and
those who gain understanding.*

***All: Her profit is better than silver, and her
gain better than gold.***

*One: The Lord laid the foundations of the earth
with wisdom, establishing the heavens with
understanding.*

***All: With God's knowledge, the watery
depths burst open, and the skies drop dew.***

*One: Those who give generously receive more,
but those who are stingy with what is
appropriate will grow needy.*

***All: Generous persons will prosper; those
who refresh others will themselves be
refreshed.***

***Hymn #610** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

***Call to Confession**

***Time of Silent Confession**



In the Old Testament, Wisdom is often portrayed as a force that is part of God's creative action and continues with humankind as a guide for faithful and right living. In Hebrew, the word for Wisdom is "hokmah," a feminine noun. Throughout the Old Testament Wisdom writings of Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes, this powerful reality is named as a female presence. Proverbs 1:20 proclaims, "Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice," a reminder that wisdom guides Christian work of justice and peace in day-to-day life.

The words of 'Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive' come from the petition Jesus taught us to pray in the Lord's Prayer. From the Glory to God Hymnal: "Few petitions of the Lord's Prayer are as difficult to pray as this one, and we would not dare to pray it if we had to depend on ourselves rather than the example of forgiveness we are given in Jesus Christ. The shape note tune sets these words with appropriate sparseness."

***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 know you created the universe with wisdom, yet we see creation as unimportant for our growth and sustaining. We hear your call to teach about your gift of grace, yet we share our opinions as if they are truth. Help us to be mindful and courageous in our teaching, that we may share your grace and generosity with our neighbors in teaching and in action. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Response to the Confession

#444 (v 1,4)

***"Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
you taught us, Lord, to pray,
But you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.***

***Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
and bid resentment cease.
Then, by your mercy reconciled,
our lives will spread your peace.***

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

...Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

***Response of Praise**

#581

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.***

***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

Karen Hoffman

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Hebrew Scriptures Deut. 6:4-9 O.T. pg. 163

Gospels Matt. 28:1-10, 16-20 N.T. pg. 33

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

Sermon "8 Habits: Teaching" Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***Hymn #458 Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet**

Affirmation of Faith (Confession of 1967; 9.49)

God instructs the church and equips it for mission through preaching and teaching.

By these, when they are carried on in fidelity to the Scriptures and dependence upon the Holy Spirit, the people hear the word of God and accept and follow Christ.

The message is addressed to people in particular situations. Therefore, effective preaching, teaching, and personal witness require disciplined study of both the Bible and the contemporary world.

All acts of public worship should be conducive to people hearing of the gospel in a particular time and place and responding with fitting obedience.

Moment of Gratitude

Shalla Young

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Today's Moment of Gratitude is shared by Shalla Young, a member of our Stewardship committee. Stewardship comes from the term, steward, or someone who oversees a property, gift, or resource. In our faith, Stewardship points to our care for the good gifts of God's grace in our life. We are all called to be good stewards - or "caretakers" - of the Earth, our time, our talents, and our finances. In 2021, we explored "Stewardship Outside the Stewardship Season" in worship as a reminder that we are called to be good stewards all the time.

The final verse of 463 references Hebrews 13:5-6, "Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for God has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Has there been a moment in your life where you felt God was with you, never forsaking you? Share that story or feeling with a friend or neighbor in the pews today.

Ministers: The whole congregation
Pastors: Rev. Chris Peters & Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn
Liturgist: Deacon Joan Roberts
Music Director: Ronnie Zanella
Organist: John Ross
Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere
Ushers: Robyn Uebele, Michael Gregg, Freda Gregg, Gwen Thorpe
Greeters: Kelly Braswell-Burbach, Josh Whitfield

Special Music "The New Lord's Prayer" by Heather Sorenson
Tatiana Eskridge, *soprano*; Sanda Mašić, *alto*; Jeremy Duck, *tenor*
Jonah Bricker, *tenor*; Ronnie Zanella, *baritone*; Ian Carnes, *bass*

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.

*Hymn #463

How Firm a Foundation

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Postlude

"Sortie" by Théodore Dubois

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

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."

For online giving, scan the QR code.

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 Oct. 16, 2022

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

Our condolences and prayers are with the Howerter family following the death of Sandra on Sept. 16. A service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held at Westminster on Sat., Oct. 22 at 11 AM.

The Lesser-Known Reformers | Oct. 16 & 23

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

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. 16, 23 & 30 | 10:45 AM

A second discussion, led by Pastor Ellen Davis, will center around "The Reformation in Scripture." The class will meet in the parlor.

10/16 Sola Fide – Faith: Our Only Means – Romans 3:19-28

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

10/30 Sola Christus – Christ: Our Only Mediator – 2 Cor. 5:11-21

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

Prairie Readers | Oct. 19 | 1 PM | Fellowship Hall

October's meeting is a special one for Prairie Readers. Pat Leach, Director of Lincoln City Libraries, will be with us to talk about books. Those of you who have heard Pat know what a fine presenter she is; she never disappoints. The fact that she is a member of Westminster makes this event even more special. All are welcome.

Nominations for Elder and Deacon

Leadership in the church as Elder or Deacon is one way individuals live out their calling to serve God, and in the Presbyterian church potential Elders and Deacons are nominated by you – the congregation! The Nominations Committee invites you to fill out the Nomination form located in the pew-backs at church for either office. We ask that completed forms are placed in the giving basket following worship. You may also submit names to Margaret Sprude.

8 Habits of Evangelism

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, 10/23: Justice

Sunday, 10/30: Generosity

Special Guest Musical Ensembles | Oct. 23 and Oct. 30

Westminster is excited to welcome two Union College instrument ensembles led by Director Ramon Araujo in worship this month! We will host a string chamber orchestra on October 23rd and a wind ensemble with over 20 musicians on October 30th! Invite a friend or share our service link online with someone you know. These are two services you won't want to miss!

Commitment Sunday | Oct. 30

As Presbyterians, we say that our response to God's grace is gratitude. Our response might look like singing in the choir, teaching Faith Village, running our livestream, or giving a financial gift. Our planning for the coming year partly relies on your commitment through making a pledge to our 2023 budget. Commitment packets have been mailed to our households, and you are invited to bring your pledge form to worship on October 30, Commitment Sunday, or mail it to the church office.

Spooktacular Trunks Needed

Are you ready for Spooktacular? Wed., Oct. 26 is fast approaching and the Children and Youth Committee need your help. How? Donations of candy and cash are always both welcome and appreciated! We are also looking for people to bring a trunk and hand out candy on the 26th. You can costume yourself and your trunk if you like, or just keep it simple. As a bonus, we will provide dinner from Porkcentric or MotorFood for all our trunk sponsors. If you are willing and able to help at Spooktacular, please sign up here <https://forms.gle/NnUvLaL2YNuWS7CV7>.

Staying Green & Clean Up of Coffee Cups

If you would like a lesson on running the dishwasher/sanitizer, meet in the kitchen at 10:45 AM on Oct. 23. We need several people to help wash coffee cups on Sunday mornings, so that we can continue to be a congregation that is environmentally friendly.

UNL Choir Concert | Sun., Oct. 23 | 4:30 PM

Come and enjoy the music of the UNL choirs in our beautiful sanctuary!

Mission LiNK | Oct. 19

We will be making tied fleece blankets for People's City Mission on Oct. 19 at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. This is our Wed. night event for all ages. Jennie Danner will be there to talk about how the blankets will be used for a specific project at Christmas. She will also speak about the Safe Place program. Come and hear what Jennie has to say. Adults are invited to make a blanket at home and bring it to be blessed and donated on Oct. 19.



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!)

Friends - Would you like to share a turkey dinner with others? Would you like to be part of a "Friends-giving" dinner on Thursday, Nov. 24? It can be hard to be alone over the Thanksgiving Holiday. If you want to contribute to a pot-luck Friendsgiving this year, send your **RSVP to Joanne by Nov. 7**. Someone has already volunteered to cook the turkey! Gobble gobble! Place and time TBD when we know how many would like to participate.

Lohmen Lore

Last week's answer: What's next for the Lincoln-Lohmen sister-church relationship? The answer is up to you! If you have thoughts about ways to nurture and enjoy this international connection, please share them with Nancy Leavitt. Or better yet, come to the next Lohmen Circle potluck. You don't need to be a traveler to be part of the fun. And it's never been more important for us to acknowledge our interdependence with friends around the world. In Christ there is no east or west, in Christ no south or north, but one great fellowship of love, throughout the whole wide earth.

2022 Good Life Halfsy Race Notification | Sunday, October 23

The race begins at Lincoln East's Seacrest Field at 8:30 AM and ends at the Railyard by the Pinnacle Bank Arena approximately 4.5 hours later. You may have to adjust your route to worship that morning. Go to <https://www.goodlifehalfsy.com/community/> for route information.



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.

Week Beginning October 16

<p><u>Sun. (16)</u> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship 9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery 10:40 AM Lesser Known Reformers, Lounge 10:45 AM Reformation in Scripture, Parlor 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 6:30 PM Youth Group</p> <p><u>Tues. (18)</u> 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 3 PM Presbytery Council Meeting 7 PM Faith and Cancer Support Group, Library</p> <p><u>Wed. (19)</u> 1 PM Prairie Readers, FH 1:30 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 5:30 PM Westminster LiNK 6:30 PM Mission LiNK—Fleece Blankets, Lounge 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Hearts & Hands, Library</p>	<p><u>Thurs. (20)</u> 9 AM Friendship Home All Staff Meeting, FH 7 PM Camera Club, Lounge</p> <p><u>Sat. (22)</u> 11 AM Sandra Howerter Memorial Service, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Sun. (23)</u> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship/String Chamber Orchestra from Union College 9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery 10:30 AM Confirmation, FH 10:40 AM Lesser Known Reformers, Lounge 10:45 AM Reformation in Scripture, Parlor 10:45 Lesson on Running the Dishwasher, Kitchen 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 4:30 PM Concert—UNL Choirs, Sanctuary 7 PM Youth Group, Roca Berry Farm</p>
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Week 41 Giving	\$12,508
YTD Giving	\$440,169
Weekly Budget	\$10,970
YTD Budget	\$449,779