

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



October 23, 2022
8 Habits of Evangelism: Justice

Prelude "Quartet in C, WB 58" by Johann Christian Bach
Union College Chamber Strings

Welcome Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Stewardship Moment Allen Wachter

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 33:1-5 Common English Bible)
Jaime Hemmerling

One: All you who are righteous, shout joyfully to the Lord!

All: It's right for those who do right to praise God.

One: Give thanks to God with the lyre! Sing praises to him with the ten-stringed harp!

All: Sing to the Lord a new song! Play your best with joyful shouts!

One: Because the Lord's word is right; God's every act is done in good faith.

All: God loves righteousness and justice; the Lord's faithful love fills the whole earth.

***Hymn #766** *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

***Call to Confession**

***Time of Silent 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. Your words are offered to us so we might be



Whether a member or visitor, we are glad you're here today! At Westminster, we seek to be a welcoming congregation to all who enter for worship, learning, service, or play. The ministry and ultimate impact of Westminster is made possible through the funding of our annual budget, contributions and endowments within our Westminster Foundation, and special project / "non-pledge" donations. Next Sunday, 10/30, is Commitment Sunday, and you are invited to make a pledge (or annual giving commitment) toward our 2023 budget, or to leave a card indicating you will make a pledge in the future, during the service. Copies of our Stewardship Pledge Packets and our "Thanks Westminster" 2023 Storytelling

Budget – which includes the addition of funds for calling a full-time Associate Pastor - are available in the narthex hallway by the Sheridan Blvd. doors. Questions about where we're headed in 2023? Ask Pastor Chris or a member with a blue "Elder" ribbon today!

transformed, but we are focused on conforming to our culture. Your words are spoken to lead us into new life, but we cling to old ways and habits. Help us to be bold in doing justice, that we may share the good news of Christ's mercy through acts of reconciliation and peace. 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

Jaime Hemmerling

Special Music "Flute Quartet No. 5, in F Major, I. Allegro"
by Bartolomeo Campagnoli
Larissa Rusenescu, *flute*; Union College Chamber Strings

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Hebrew Scripture Micah 6:6-8 O.T. pg. 866
New Testament Acts 6:1-7 N.T. pg. 123
Gospel Reading Luke 18:9-14 N.T. pg. 81

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

Special Music

"We Shall Overcome"
American freedom song, arr. by Tom Trenney
Kent Hemmerling, *djembe*; Westminster Choir

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

***Hymn #753** **Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

***Affirmation of Faith** (Sarasota Statement, Part 1a;
NEXT Church 2017)

We trust our Lord and Savior who calls disciples to love unconditionally, who confronts brutality by refusing to take arms, and who defies racism by forming a community out of every tribe, people, and nation. Jesus aligns with people who are poor, meek, persecuted, and reviled, and calls the church to do the same. To be a Christian is to be continuously undone and remade by a Savior who encounters us in ways we might not expect, through a collection of people we might otherwise reject, screen, or censor.

Special Music "Light Beyond Shadow" by Dan Forrest
Union College Chamber Strings & Westminster Choir

Prayers of the People Jaime Hemmerling

What is NEXT Church?
"NEXT Church is a purposeful relational community of Presbyterian leaders whose mission is to strengthen a vibrant and thriving PC(USA) that shares the good news of Jesus Christ in ways that matter to, and have impact on, God's evolving world." NEXT is known for an annual conference, resources, and regional learning opportunities. The Sarasota Statement was written by NEXT Church leaders, including PCUSA scholars / theologians and pastors such as Rev. Dr. Cynthia Rigby, WC Brown Professor of Theology at Austin Theological Seminary, and Rev. Bertram Johnson, Interfaith Minister at Union Seminary in New York and the first openly gay African American to be ordained in the PC(USA).

To All Who Enter Here was commissioned for Westminster's centennial celebration as a congregation in 2006. Today we are looking forward to December 2026, which will be our centennial celebration of worship in our sanctuary here at Sheridan and South. Our Vision Statement, referred to in the Welcome by Pastor Chris today, was written as a guide for our church as we look with joy and hope toward 2026. As our Vision states, Westminster seeks to "expand our lives in faith, connect people deeply, and make a difference through service."

- Ministers:** The whole congregation
Pastors: Rev. Chris Peters & Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn
Liturgist: Deacon Jaime Hemmerling
Music Director: Ronnie Zanella
Organist: John Ross
Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere
Ushers: Martha Kingsbury, Suzanne Bartlett, Becky Bockrath, Judy Seward
Greeters: Marilyn Hood, Valerie Wachter

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 (back of Hymnal)**

To All Who Enter Here

***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Postlude

"Forever Joyful!" by Brian Balmages
Union College Chamber Strings

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

Guest Musical Ensemble: Union College Chamber Strings, directed by Ramon Araujo

Parts of today's words for worship, called "liturgy," are adapted from *Bearers of Grace and Justice: Lectionary Liturgies for Year C* by Thom M. Shuman, as well as original words by Rev. Chris Peters.

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. 23, 2022

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

The Lesser-Known Reformers | Oct. 23

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

10/23 10:45 AM “The Scottish Reformation: Wishart and Knox”

The Reformation in Scripture | Oct. 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.

10/23 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

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

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

Come and enjoy the music of the UNL choirs in our beautiful sanctuary! We will hear from the University Chorale, Chamber Singers, and the Varsity Chorus. Free admission.

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.

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.

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>.

Youth Group: Roca Scary Farm | Today | 6:30 PM to 10 PM

Tis the season of ghosts, ghouls, zombies and more. Celebrate the scariest time of the year this Sunday with the Youth Group at Roca Scary Farm. We will meet at 6:30 PM at Roca Berry Farm, 16531 S. 38th Street, Roca, Nebraska, to get in line for tickets. Tickets are \$26.50 per person plus tax, which includes the Haunted Hayride, Haunted House, and Psycho Path; scholarships are available. We will leave the Farm by 10:00 PM to return youth to their homes. Parents are welcome to come back to Roca earlier to pick up their youth.

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.

Caramel Apple Bar | Oct. 30 | 10:30 AM Garden Room

The Children & Youth and Church Life Committees invite you to celebrate fall with us by enjoying a Caramel Apple Bar in the Garden Room after the service on October 30. Our topping experts will be back, with a carefully curated selection of toppings to add to sliced apples, warm caramel, and hot fudge.

Youth Group: Murder Mystery | Oct. 30 | 4 – 8 PM

This year, the monsters of the International Monster Association will gather on Mount Immortality for the annual Monster Summit. This secret meeting will be held in the Cave of Misfortune, next to the Glop Lagoon. The monsters will discuss the past year's success as well as plans for haunts, terrors, and scares for the upcoming year. Grimoth Jones is rumored to be making an important announcement this year and will also acknowledge the members who are far exceeding what it means to be a monster. This is your official summons.



November History Buffs | Nov. 5

Steve Hughes is presenting the history of the Model T auto On Saturday, November 5, at 9 AM. How it came into being, how it developed through the years, and some interesting and surprising facts about how the business evolved through those years as well. We will also talk about some common beliefs. For example: Were Model Ts really all black? We will meet in the Lounge, and this will be

the last History Buffs presentation of 2022.

Nebraska Brass Concert at WPC | Nov. 6 | 3 PM

The Nebraska Brass Concert titled American Salute: Music of American Composers on Sunday, Nov. 6 at 3 pm in the sanctuary. Tickets are available at the door or call 402-477-7899 for advanced sales.

Adults: \$18 Seniors (65+): \$15 Students & Children: Free



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 23

<p><u>Sun. (23)</u> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship/String Chamber Orchestra from Union College 9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery 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 6:30 PM Youth Group, Roca Scary Farm</p> <p><u>Mon. (24)</u> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study, Lounge 6 PM Session, FH</p> <p><u>Tues. (25)</u> 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Deacons, FH</p>	<p><u>Wed. (26)</u> 1:30 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 5:30 PM Spooktacular 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Hearts & Hands, Library</p> <p><u>Thurs. (27)</u> 5 PM Ladies' Night Out</p> <p><u>Fri. (28)</u> 11:30 AM Friendship Home Board Meeting, FH</p> <p><u>Sun. (30)</u> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship/Commitment Sunday/Wind Ensemble from Union College 9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery 10:30 AM Caramel Apple Bar, Garden Room 10:45 AM Reformation in Scripture, Parlor 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 4 PM Youth Group Murder Mystery</p>
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Week 42 Giving	\$13,639
YTD Giving	\$453,808
Weekly Budget	\$10,970
YTD Budget	\$460,749

Televised Worship

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

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