

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



October 9, 2022

## 8 Habits of Evangelism: Fellowship

### Prelude

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”  
by Charles C. Converse, arr. Lavawan Riley

### Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

**Special Announcement: Peace Offering** Steve Hughes

### \*Call to Worship

Deacon April Kaul

One: As Psalm 133:1 says, “How good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!”

***All: In worship we find fellowship with God.***

One: What is our fellowship as God’s people?

***All: The unity, community, and connection we find in Christ’s church and that we share with our neighbors.***

One: How do we share in fellowship with others?

***All: By being generous with each other, by welcoming all, by saying a kind word, and by taking time to listen to our neighbor.***

### \*Hymn #39

***Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

### \*Call to Confession

### \*Time of Silent Confession



In Presbyterian Church (USA) worship services, responsive readings and readings we say together allow us to join in "one voice" in praise of God, in learning or affirmation, and in confession as a community. Each of these moments remind us that worship is just as much about the community as it is any individual. Today as we explore the idea of Fellowship as a habit of evangelism (sharing the "good news" of Jesus), look around at your neighbors in worship as we read together, remembering that fellowship is all about our connection with God and one another.

**\*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 hear of Jesus extending fellowship to the rejected, yet we often join the voice of the crowds who call names and curse the other. We hear of your early church sharing all that they had as an act of worship, yet we withhold our gifts and giving. 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**

**#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.*

Did you know? Pastor Chris always gives our children who come up for Children's Chat a fist bump that they refer to as "peace bumps." Ironically, there is a varying degree of force with which our kids give peace bumps!

## Children's Chat

Karen Hoffman

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture

Gospel Reading Luke 19:1-10 N.T. pg. 82  
Epistle Reading Acts 2:42-47 N.T. pg. 120

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

**Sermon** "8 Habits: Fellowship" Rev. Chris Peters

**\*Hymn #754** ***Help Us Accept Each Other***

## Moment of Gratitude

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Special Music

"I Need Thee Every Hour"  
by Robert Lowry and Annie Hawkes, arr. by Sally DeFord  
Tatiana Eskridge, *soprano*; Sanda Mašić, *alto*  
Jonah Bricker, *tenor*; Ian Carnes, *bass*  
Jeremy Duck, *piano*; Ronnie Zanella, *violin*

## 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** (printed inside back cover of hymnal)

***To Christ Our Hearts Now Given  
"Lohmen Hymn"***

Currently six Westminster members and our organist, John Ross, are visiting Lohmen Germany on behalf of Westminster. One joyful occasion of this visit is to celebrate the retirement of our sister congregation's pastors, Revs. Brigitte and Michael Schleinitz. WPC's group takes gifts to share on our behalf, including a beautiful meadowlark sculpture by Westminster member Cliff Hollestelle. On their journey, WPC's group will stay in the homes of Lohmen members and prepare a meal of "U.S." foods. We look forward to hearing more about their trip soon in worship, as well as welcoming members from Lohmen to Lincoln again at a future time. Please pray for a wonderful trip and traveling mercies for our group!

## \*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

### Postlude

“As the Deer” by Martin Nystrom, arr. Bruce Greer

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

Parts of today’s liturgy are adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A2; 2014 Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, Ky.

**The flowers** are given by the Wachter family in celebration of Ron and Valery’s 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.

**Ministers:** The whole congregation

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

**Liturgist:** Deacon April Kaul

**Music Director:** Ronnie Zanella

**Organist:** Jeremy Duck  
subbing for John Ross

**Director of Children &**

**Youth:** Trish Souliere

**Ushers:** Kathy Anderson,  
Marilyn Hood, Joyce Douglas, Joan Roberts

**Greeters:** Jim Bishop  
and Kathy Phillip



*“I am the vine,  
you are the branches . . .”*

**The week of Oct. 9, 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 Cuda family following the death of Dan on October 2. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held at Westminster on Wed., Oct. 5.

**Two Sunday Bible Studies Offered 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. 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.

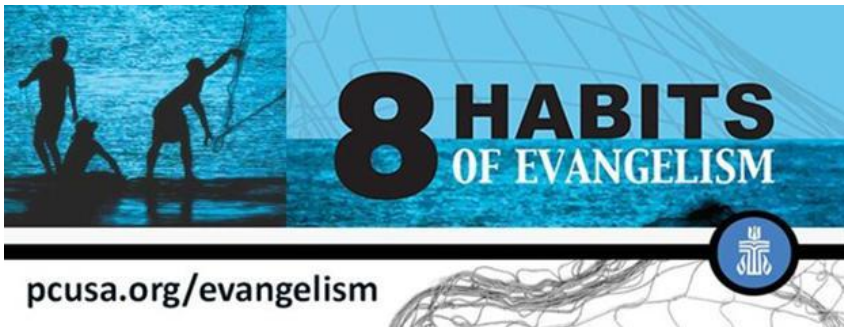
- 10/9 Sola Scriptura – Scripture: Our Only Foundation  
2 Timothy 3:10-17
- 10/16 Sola Fide – Faith: Our Only Means – Romans 3:19-28
- 10/23 Sola Gratia – Grace: Our Only Method – Ephesians 2:1-10
- 10/30 Sola Christus – Christ: Our Only Mediator  
2 Corinthians 5:11-21  
Soli Deo Gloria – Glorifying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

## Youth Group | CROP Walk | 1 PM Today

All youth participating in the CROP Walk today should meet at Bethany Christian Church, 1645 North Cotner, at 1 PM to check in. The 3-mile walk will begin at 1:30 PM. All walkers will receive a Team Westminster t-shirt. We will provide transportation home after the walk.

## 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.



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, 10/9: Fellowship

Sunday, 10/23: Justice

Sunday, 10/16: Teaching

Sunday, 10/30: Generosity

## 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.

**Trish is out of the office** for a couple of weeks following knee surgery. She is reachable by phone or email.

## **History Buffs Presents a Walking Tour | Oct. 15 | 9 AM**

What lies beneath Wilderness Park? Join us as we go back in time to explore the remains of Epworth Lake Park, the largest summer gathering place in the U.S. from 1903-1940. More information in the October Messenger. Meet at First and West Calvert Streets.

## **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.



## **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.

## **Lohmen Lore**

Last week's answer: As we worship this week our friends in Lohmen will be having their long-anticipated retirement celebration. Lohmen is too small to have its own high school, and to our knowledge there are no plans for a processional. But Lohmen's female mayor will indeed be making remarks, and music will be provided by with a video of our Westminster congregation singing "In Christ There is No East or West."

New question: What's next for the Lincoln-Lohmen sister church relationship?

- a) a visit from Lohmen to Lincoln in 2023
- b) a joint youth trip (ours and theirs) of innovative climate solutions in Germany
- c) an invitation to Lohmen to visit during our 100-year celebration in 2026
- d) an annual joint worship service

**Week Beginning October 9**

<p><b><u>Sun. (9)</u></b>            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            1 PM CROP Walk Registration</p> <p><b><u>Mon. (10)</u></b>            11 AM Explorers Bible Study, Lounge            5 PM Church Life, Library            5:30 PM Worship &amp; Music, Lounge            6 PM Children &amp; Youth via Zoom            6:30 PM Scouts, Den/Pack, Cole H.</p> <p><b><u>Tues. (11)</u></b>            9:15 AM Staff Meeting            10 AM Circle 5, Library            10:30 AM Stewardship, Lounge            5 PM Personnel, Zoom            6 PM A &amp; P, Zoom</p>	<p><b><u>Wed. (12)</u></b>            9:15 AM Worship Planning, Zoom            1:30 PM Hearts &amp; Hands, Library            5:30 PM Westminster LiNK (No adult programming this week.)            6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal            6:30 PM Hearts &amp; Hands, Library</p> <p><b><u>Thurs. (13)</u></b>            6:30 PM Scouts Committee Mtg.</p> <p><b><u>Sat. (15)</u></b>            9 AM History Buffs, First &amp; West Calvert Streets</p> <p><b><u>Sun. (16)</u></b>            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</p>
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Week 40 Giving	\$18,932
YTD Giving	\$427,661
Weekly Budget	\$10,970
YTD Budget	\$438,809