

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



November 13, 2022

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## Prelude

"Centennial Horizon" I. Aspen Grove, by Kevin McKee  
Kirby Zinniel, *trumpet*; Ronnie Zanella, *piano*

## Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

## \*Call to Worship (Isaiah 12:5-6)

Deacon Gary Haller

One: Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;

**All: Let us sing God's praises throughout all the earth!**

One: Shout aloud and sing for joy,

**All: Shout and sing praises from the highest peaks, to the deepest caverns.**

One: Shout aloud and sing for joy,

**All: Shout and sing praises from the smallest creatures, to the greatest herds.**

One: Shout aloud and sing for joy,

**All: Shout aloud and sing for joy, as we come to worship the God of all creation!**

## \*Hymn #634

To God Be the Glory

## \*Call to Confession

## \*Time of Silent Confession

## \*Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of peace, we confess that we can be a people of fear. We can let anxiety rule our days and interrupt our nights. We can be distracted by nerves and filled with tension. Help us to hear your invitation to not be afraid, and let us walk alongside those that are fearful, anxious, or concerned today. Direct our lives so that we might bring hope and find hope when we are in need. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Response to the Confession**

**#227**

*Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.*

**\*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**

Trish Souliere

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**

New Testament      2 Thessalonians 3:6-13      N.T. pg. 207

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

**Sermon**

“Why Westminster?”

Members of Westminster  
Tom Pappas, Janice Rohwedder  
Sebit Simon, Bailey Jex

**\*Hymn #767**

**Together We Serve**

**Moment of Gratitude**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Special Music**

"Shout for Joy!" by Allen Pote  
Kirby Zinniel, *trumpet*  
Westminster Choir

**Prayers of the People**

Deacon Gary Haller

**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 #637**

**O Sing to the Lord**

**\*Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

**Postlude** "Centennial Horizon" II. Roaring Gunnison, by Kevin McKee  
Kirby Zinniel, *trumpet*; Ronnie Zanella, *piano*

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

Today's words in worship include liturgy and adaptations from *Feasting On the Word: Worship Companion, Year C, Vol. 2*; Westminster John Knox Press; ed. Rev. Dr. Kim Long, 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.



**Ministers:** The whole congregation

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

**Liturgist:** Deacon Gary Haller

**Music Director:** Ronnie Zanella

**Organist:** John Ross

**Director of Children & Youth:** Trish Souliere

**Ushers:** Marybell Avery, Kathy Anderson, Barbara Wright-Chollet,  
Joyce Douglas

**Greeters:** Carol & Jim Bishop



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

**The week of Nov. 13, 2022**

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

**Lohmen Trip Stories | Nov. 13 | 10:40 AM**

Our intrepid travelers to Lohmen will report on their trip during Adult Education in the Lounge today at 10:40 AM. Please join us as we see pictures and hear amazing stories about our continuing relationship with the Lohmen Church.

**Pie & Fellowship | Wed., Nov. 16 | 6 PM**

Treat your taste buds and kick off the holidays with this culinary cornucopia. We will start by sharing a special meal of delectable soups before moving on to dessert. We invite you to bring your favorite pie to share, and sample the wonderful desserts brought by other families! We will provide whipped topping. If possible, please RSVP here <https://forms.gle/ia3Hd6uMyKrYTen16> to give our chefs an idea of how much to make.

After dessert, Church Life invites you to Fellowship Hall to hear Scott Nelson’s **presentation on gratitude** for adults and youth. He is a very positive guy who will leave all of us in a really *good place*, just a week before Thanksgiving. This promises to be an uplifting experience. Don’t miss it!

**Annual Meeting | Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022**

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation and the Congregation will be held jointly during the worship service on Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider the Session’s recommended changes to the by-laws, elect officers for 2023 and to hear the report of the corporation.

**A Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** will be held Sun., Nov. 20 at 3:30 pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3000 Old Cheney Road, Lincoln. All faiths are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**The Gathering Place**, located at 1443 E Street, provides a nutritious evening meal seven days a week for people who may have few resources. Westminster has had this as a mission for a number of years, with a team who serves the meal, which is prepared by the Gathering Place staff. This mission is part of Mission/Outreach's response to "When were you hungry?" in our community. Each month, on the 2nd Friday, we send our team of 6 to 8 volunteers to serve from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. We are inviting YOU to join our team. To volunteer or for information, contact Carolyn Harp, [charp3@neb.rr.com](mailto:charp3@neb.rr.com) or 402-261-6897.

### **Angel Tree**

Christmas and holiday gifts are provided from the Angel Tree. These gifts are given to children from low-income families. Gifts, toys, clothing, and much more is provided for disadvantaged children that range in age from infant to age 12. Senior citizens who are 60 years and older can also benefit from the Angel Tree.

Look for the Angel tree at the top of the stairs across from the reception desk. Pick a tag from the tree and shop. Return the unwrapped gifts, with the tag attached to the bag, placing them under the tree. **Gifts must be returned to the church by Dec. 12.**

Most people, especially children, look forward to receiving clothing and gifts over the holidays. Will you be someone's Angel?

Thank you. Mission & Outreach

### **Lessons and Carols | Dec. 18**

All Westminster children and youth are invited to participate in the children and youth led *Lessons & Carols* service on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 9:30 AM. The *Lessons & Carols* service tells the story of God's plan for God's people, begun so long ago. It is a beautiful story told in narration and song. Participants will take part in two, 1-hour rehearsals after the service; the first will be today and the second will be Sunday, Dec. 11. If your child is interested in taking part in leading this service, please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/U1dWo4xgBwFn9ytn7>. We will do our best to accommodate requests. If you have any questions, contact Trish at [trish@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:trish@westminsterlincoln.org).

## Join Others in Reading the Bible in a Year

Join with fellow Westminster-ites in small groups to read the Bible in the year 2023. With Pastor Chris' guidance an NRSV Study Bible has been selected that is divided into daily readings starting with Genesis on January 1 and ending with Revelations on December 31. This is more than a daily reading list. In this study Bible, there are directed readings with suggestions to help you meditate, contemplate, and pray. From now through early December there will be sign-up sheets in the Garden Room. Marijane England will be the facilitator and serve as a resource for group leaders. Check the Garden Room on Sundays or contact Marijane England at [marijane.england@gmail.com](mailto:marijane.england@gmail.com). More information can be found in *The November Messenger*.

## Advent Workshop | Dec. 4 | 10:30 AM-11:30 AM Christmas is Coming!

It's a little scary to think about it being just around the corner– but it also brings wonderful events (besides the birth of Christ). We invite you to dive into the holiday season with the Advent Workshop. We will gather with the anticipation of great joy on the second Sunday of Advent, immediately after church to renew friendships, participate in the chili cook-off and compete for the coveted Silver Ladle Award, and enjoy cookies and fellowship at the children's craft workshop. We are still in the planning phases but will have more details in the eVine. Sign up to staff the craft tables or to help with setup or cleanup online <https://forms.gle/cVPa4psDS5xG4NQQ9> or call the church office at 402-475-6702 and ask for Trish.



### Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach Family Service Opportunity

Are you are looking for an opportunity for your family to serve? Serving at Matt Talbot is simple – arrive at 5 PM to learn the ropes of setting out food and serving, work as a team to serve from 5:30 until 6:30, and then help with basic clean-up before wrapping up around 6:45 PM. This is a great opportunity for a family or two households to partner together to follow the call of Jesus to “love our neighbor.”

Sign up your family to volunteer here:

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

Questions? Contact Susie Hughes at [skh@eskays.com](mailto:skh@eskays.com).

## Staying Green & Clean Up of Coffee Cups

We need several people to help wash coffee cups on Sunday mornings. Grab a friend and sign up for one Sunday a month.

### Week Beginning November 13

<p><b><u>Sun. (13)</u></b> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship 9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery 10:30 AM Rehearsal for Lessons &amp; Carols 10:40 AM Lohmen Trip Stories, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 2 PM Youth Group Laser Tag</p> <p><b><u>Mon. (14)</u></b> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study, Lounge 5:30 PM Worship &amp; Music, Lounge 6 PM Session, FH</p> <p><b><u>Tues. (15)</u></b> 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Deacons 6 PM Children &amp; Youth, Zoom 7 PM Faith and Cancer Support Group, Library</p>	<p><b><u>Wed. (16)</u></b> 1 PM Prairie Readers, Lounge 1:30 PM Hearts &amp; Hands, Library 5:30 PM Westminster LiNK, Cole Hall 6 PM Pie Fellowship, Cole Hall, followed by Scott Nelson speaking on <i>Gratitude</i>, FH 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Hearts &amp; Hands, Library</p> <p><b><u>Thurs. (17)</u></b> 7 PM Camera Club, Lounge</p> <p><b><u>Fri. (18)</u></b> 11:30 AM Friendship Home Board Meeting, FH</p> <p><b><u>Sun. (20)</u></b> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship, Communion 9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery 10:30 AM Annual Meeting/ Election of Officers, Sanctuary 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p>
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Week 45 Giving	\$10,237
YTD Giving	\$479,107
Weekly Budget	\$10,970
YTD Budget	\$493,659

### Televised Worship

Thurs. at 12:30 pm/Sat. at 1 pm.

Channel 1302/Spectrum & Channel 13/Windstream.

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