

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



**November 20, 2022**  
**Reign of Christ | Communion**

**Prelude** "Now Thank We All Our God" arr. Paul Manz

**Welcome** Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

**Mission Moment** Welcoming Task Force

**\*Call to Worship (Luke 1:68)** Deacon Claire Titus

One: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel;

**All: God has looked favorably on God's people and redeemed them;**

One: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel;

**All: God has called us God's own beloved and called each of us by name.**

One: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel;

**All: God has blessed all creation and called us to worship.**

One: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel!

**All: Let us worship God with hope and joy**

**\*Hymn #268** Crown Him with Many Crowns

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Time of Silent Confession**

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

*Holy God, we confess that we have failed at times to declare Jesus the king and model of our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ, yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness, yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love,*

***and compassion. Forgive us, God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed, and in spirit. Amen.***

**\*Response to the Confession**

**#227**

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

Jaime Hemmerling

(Children in Grades 1 – 5 are invited to come to Faith Village following the Children's Chat or to find and sit with their parents. Parents can pick up their children in Faith Village following the service.)

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**

Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 53:1-6

O.T. pg. 683

Gospel

Luke 23:33-43

N.T. pg. 89

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

**Sermon** “Would We Know Him as King?” Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

**\*Hymn #264**

**At the Name of Jesus**

**Moment of Gratitude**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **The Lord’s Supper**

**Invitation**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

**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.***

**Communion of the People**

**Special Music**

“Rivers of Delight” by David von Kampen  
Small Group from Westminster Choir

**Prayer After Communion**

**\*Hymn #265**

**Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun**

## \*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

## Postlude

"Toccata on DUKE STREET" by Gilbert Martin

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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 Claire Titus

**Music Director:** Ronnie Zanella

**Organist:** John Ross

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

**Ushers:** Diana Wild, Leslie Miner, Becky Bockrath

**Greeters:** David & Kathy Anderson

**Communion Servers:** Laurie Lofquist, Gary Moulton, Stanley Rediger, Gwen Thorpe, Joyce Douglas, Sebit Deng



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

**The week of Nov. 20, 2022**

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

### **Advent Study: A Branch Shall Grow**

Have you ever thought of Advent as a time of growth? Have you ever wondered if your neighbor would welcome an invitation to attend church with you? Isaiah begins chapter 11 with “A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.” What if we understood that that shoot, the Messiah, was calling us to be sharers of the Word not just hearers?

Join us Sun., Nov. 27, the First Sunday of Advent, as we begin an exploration of the message for us this Advent 2022. We will meet in the Parlor at 10:40 AM.

Nov. 27 *The Good News for All Nations*: Isaiah 11:1-10 – Matt. 3:1-12

Dec. 11 *The Holy Highway*: Isaiah 35:1-10 - Luke 1:46b-55

Dec. 18 *Immanuel, God with Us*: Romans 1:1-7 – Matt. 1:18-25

### **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.** Will you be someone’s Angel? Thank you. Mission & Outreach

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.

The Congregational Meeting of the Corporation and the Congregation will be held jointly immediately after the worship service today in the sanctuary. 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.

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Stated Congregational Meeting**  
**November 20, 2022**

**Slate of Officers**

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**ELDERS**

**Class of 2025**

Marybell Avery  
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Jim Hlava  
Margaret Sprude

**Class of 2024**

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**Class of 2025**

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Carolyn McCall  
Judy Seward  
Bruce Sheffield  
Margaret Sheffield  
Wiw Tut  
Tami Wellman

**Class of 2024**

Megan Woita

**Class of 2023**

Carolyn Harp  
Jim Kinkennon

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### **Holiday of Trees | Nov. 30 & Dec. 1**

The Heritage League is holding their 50<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday of Trees on:

Wed., Nov. 30 10 AM to 8 PM and

Thurs., Dec. 1 10 AM to 7 PM

The admission is a donation at the door. Proceeds from this year's ticket sales will go to the St. Elizabeth Hospital Burn Unit. Come and see the beautiful trees and enjoy some treats.

### **Advent Workshop | Dec. 4 | 10:30 AM-11:30 AM**

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. If you are interested in taking part in the chili cook-off, please contact [sarah.baltensperger@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.baltensperger@gmail.com).

### **Youth Group Baked Goods Auction | Dec. 4**

The Westminster Youth Group will be holding an auction during the Advent Workshop to raise money for Angel Tree presents. The Youth Group will be baking or decorating baked goods for a silent auction, but we would like to call upon all of our talented and creative bakers to donate something special to the cause. Cakes, pies, brownies, bars, breads, or anything you would like to make is welcome. To contribute an item to the auction, please complete this form <https://forms.gle/F3YnwA97dxXKmaDP6>.

### **Dreams and Angels | Dec. 11 & 18**

Pastor Jimmy will explore the Hebrew Bible's root basis for two fixtures in the Christmas story: Dreams and Angels. Join us in the Lounge at 10:40 AM each of these two Sundays of Advent.

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

Westminster's children and youth invite you to attend the children and youth led Lessons & Carols service on Sun., 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. If your child is interested in taking part in this service, please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/U1dWo4xgBwFn9ytn7>. If you have any questions, contact Trish at [trish@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:trish@westminsterlincoln.org).



**Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach Family Service Opportunity**

Are you are looking for an opportunity for your family to serve? Sign up your family to volunteer here:

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

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

**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. 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*.

**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 20**

<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            6:30 PM Youth Group</p> <p><b><u>Tues. (22)</u></b>            9:15 AM Staff Meeting</p> <p><b><u>Wed. (23)</u></b>            All Wed. night activities have been cancelled due to the holiday.</p>	<p><b><u>Thurs. (24) &amp; Fri. (25)</u></b>            Building is closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.</p> <p><b><u>Sat. (26)</u></b>            9:30 AM Hanging of the Greens, Sanctuary</p> <p><b><u>Sun. (27)</u></b>            9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship            9:40 AM Faith Village/Nursery            10:45 AM Advent Study—A Branch Shall Grow, Parlor            12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p>
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Week 46 Giving	\$5,957
YTD Giving	\$485,063
Weekly Budget	\$10,970
YTD Budget	\$504,629