

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



January 15, 2023
Second Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

"Prelude in F Major" attrib. J.S. Bach

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

***Call to Worship (John 1)**

Deacon April Kaul

One: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us;

All: And we have beheld his glory!

One: To all who would receive him,

All: Christ gave power to become children of God!

***Hymn #39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

***Call to Confession**

***Time of Silent Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God: we confess that we have sometimes hidden from you, for we have done wrong. We have based our priorities on our own happiness rather than the good of neighbors. We have not borne one another's burdens. We have passed by the hungry and the sorrowful. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help amend what we are, and direct us into what we could become. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***Response to the Confession**

#437

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

***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

(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

New Testament

John 1:29-42

N.T. pg. 92

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

Sermon “What are you looking for?” Rev. Thomas Dummermuth

***Hymn #729**

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

***Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)**

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of
heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son
our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended
into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right
hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe***

in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Moment of Gratitude

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music

"Agnus Dei" by André J. Thomas
Westminster Choir

Prayers of the People

Deacon April Kaul

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 #649**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Thomas Dummermuth

Postlude

"Fugue in F Major" attrib. J.S. Bach

*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.

If you don't want to take your bulletin with you, please dispose of it in the recycling basket as you exit the sanctuary.

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.



Please welcome Rev. Thomas Dummermuth, our guest preacher this morning. A native of Switzerland, Thomas moved to Lincoln in 2013 by way of West Virginia. As the Associate Pastor at Eastridge Presbyterian Church he is in charge of adult faith formation, congregational care, outreach, and other fun things like Bistro Theology and interfaith work. His wife, Jenn, a native of Schuyler, NE, is a physician at Bryan Health. Together they have three children.

Ministers: The whole congregation

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

Liturgist: Deacon April Kaul

Music Director: Ronnie Zanella

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Ushers: Robyn Uebele, Leslie Miner, Cynthia Olson

Greeters: Kelly Braswell-Burbach & Gary Haller



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

The week of Jan. 15, 2023

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

Our sympathies to the family of Ellen Gibson, who passed away on Jan. 10; also, to Martha Brown and family at the death of Martha’s mother, Pauline Nelson on Dec. 26.

Adult Education in January

For many years, the Adult Education Committee has planned a Forum for the Sundays in January we call “Community Conversations.” Each Sunday features a leader from some arena in the public sphere. We have featured politicians, judges, school superintendents and others. All sessions begin at 10:45 AM and end at 11:30 AM. This year we will feature the topic: "**When Public Decisions Affect Private Lives**"

Our guest today will be **Steve Smith, Director of Communications at Civic Nebraska**. Steve is a correspondent and speaker with more than 25 years of award-winning writing, editing, media relations, and public relations experience.

On January 22 we will welcome **Bennie Shobe**, one of seven members of the Lincoln City Council. He was reelected to his second four-year term in May of 2021. Bennie grew up in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He attended Western Kentucky University where he earned a bachelor’s and a master’s degree before moving to Nebraska to study at UNL. Since moving to Lincoln, Bennie has been involved with several community groups and organizations. He has served as president of the Lincoln Branch NAACP, on the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights board, the

Malone Community Center Board of Directors, and Indian Center board and a host of advisory committees.

Our guest on **Jan. 29** is Lincoln's 40-year champion of City Libraries, **Pat Leach**. As the recently retired director of libraries, Pat has had many accomplishments in this role, including helping libraries navigate the pandemic. Pat is a reader, life-long learner, and wonderful speaker who cares deeply for the Lincoln community.

Please plan to join us in the Lounge each of these Sundays at 10:45 AM.

Sermon Set-Up

Youth are invited to take part in a sermon set-up discussion on Sunday mornings at 9:15, a session designed to deepen the worship experience. We enjoy donuts together while discussing the lectionary scripture and identifying how it can apply to our lives today. Youth are invited to attend service with their families or together in the balcony.

Food, Fun and Games with Good Shepherd

We will be getting together with the Youth Group from Good Shepherd this afternoon for food, fun, and games. We will meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 AM today, and head to Good Shepherd. We will finish up by 2 PM. We will drop youth off at home or they can be picked up at Good Shepherd, 8300 East Pointe Lane.

LiNK Wednesdays

Kids from preschool through high school are welcome to come to Westminster for a night of fun, food, and friends. We meet from 5:30 PM -- 7:30 PM. This week, the phenomenal Zanders will be serving chicken legs with roasted potatoes.

If you are writing an annual report for the Feb. Messenger, it is due to Tracy on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Tis the Season to Recycle!

Westminster's Green@Heart is once again collecting Styrofoam packaging and broken string lights for recycling. [We can't accept disposable food containers or packing peanuts.] The collection point by the east entry will be in place throughout the month of January. Failed lights too. This is our fifth year and it's possible that packaging, that we take back to Plastilite in Omaha, has been here before and reused. Many thanks for participating.

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. Sign up here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/17EShTjiBbeWH2YuCgtmYR78_Z6VcEyTqHuuw6s4XRUCU/edit

Faith and Cancer Support Group | Library | Jan. 17 | 7 PM

Cancer is associated with many emotions wrapped up within. In our support group at Westminster, we can share those thoughts and feelings with others who are experiencing similar concerns. No matter where you are in your journey, this group is where cancer survivors can come together for fellowship, prayer and study. All are welcome. This Life Group meets every third Tuesday of the month from 7-8 PM in the Parlor. Contact: Bruce Sheffield or Janice Rohwedder for with any questions and/or more information.

Prairie Readers Book Club | Jan. 18 | 1 PM | Lounge

“The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post” by Allison Pataki
Discussion Leader: Kathryn Govaerts

Worship services are available on-line at this link:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLh0s_z2jgkVzHETwungA_AfaEa-vENwoCR

Week Beginning January 15

<p><u>Sun. (15)</u> 9:15 AM Sermon Set-Up 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship/ Nursery 9:40 AM Faith Village 10:45 AM Adult Ed. Series, Steve Smith, Lounge 11:30 AM Youth Group Carpool to Good Shepherd 12 Noon Sudanese Worship, Chapel</p> <p><u>Mon. (16)</u> Building Closed for Holiday 6 PM Welcoming Task Force, Lounge</p> <p><u>Tues. (17)</u> 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 3 PM Homestead Presbytery Council, Lounge 5 PM Ladies’ Night Out, Mi Tierra North 6 PM A & P Meeting, Zoom 7 PM Faith and Cancer Support Group, Library</p> <p><u>Wed. (18)</u> 1 PM Prairie Readers, Lounge</p>	<p>1:30 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 5:30 PM Westminster LiNK, Cole Hall 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 6:30 PM Hearts and Hands, Library</p> <p><u>Thurs. (19)</u> 9 AM Friendship Home All Staff Meeting, FH 7 PM Camera Club, Lounge</p> <p><u>Sat. (21)</u> 10:30 AM Deacon Retreat, FH</p> <p><u>Sun. (22)</u> 9:15 AM Sermon Set-Up 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship/ Nursery 9:40 AM Faith Village 10:45 AM Adult Ed. Series, Bennie Shobe, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship, Chapel 6:30 PM Youth Group, Youth Room</p>
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Week 2	\$10,790
YTD Giving	\$81,069

Televised Worship

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

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