

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



February 12, 2023
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

“Processional” by Henry Coleman

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Special Announcement: Souper Bowl of Caring

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 119:1-2, 15-16 Common English Bible)

Deacon Carolyn Harp

One: Those whose way is blameless – who walk in the Lord’s instruction – are truly happy!

All: Those who guard God’s laws are truly happy!

They seek God with all their hearts.

One: God, I will think about your precepts and examine all your paths.

All: I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget what you have said.

***Hymn #305**

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

***Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***Time of Silent Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Generous God, we are baptized as your people, called to live and serve together as your church. We confess that we have sought to live for ourselves, not reaching out to others and honoring the divine image in all your children. Forgive us, we pray. In your abundant mercy, give us the grace to be your church, confessing our faults, offering forgiveness, and working for reconciliation. Turn our hearts to your

intentions that we may hold fast to one another and draw near to your presence. In Jesus, we ask it. Amen.

***Response to the Confession** **#828, v. 1**
***More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea;
more love, O Christ, to thee;
More love to thee, more love to thee!***

***Assurance of Forgiveness**
...believe and share the good news!
In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

***Response of Praise** **#623, v. 1**
***I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul. (repeat)***

***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
(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 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 N.T. pg. 167
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Sermon “God Gives Our Growth?” Rev. Chris Peters

***Hymn #321** **The Church's One Foundation**

***Affirmation of Faith (Confession of 1967, Inclusive Update
9.22)** Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

**Ordination and Installation of Officers
Deacons and Elders**

Special Music

"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"
by Bernadette Farrell, arr. by Joel Raney
Westminster Choir, Sanda Mašić, *flute*

Prayers of the People

Deacon Carolyn Harp

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 #740**

Lead Me, Guide Me

***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

"Alla Marcia" by Henry Coleman

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

Today's Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, and Assurance of Pardon are adapted from resources for today's scriptures written by Rev. Robyn Michalove (Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian, Fort Worth, TX) and published by the Presbyterian Outlook, 2023.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in memory of **Katherine Wild** by Diana Wild.

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.



Ministers: The whole congregation

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

Liturgist: Deacon Carolyn Harp

Music Director: Ronnie Zanella

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

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

Greeters: Jim & Carol Bishop

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 Feb. 12, 2023

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

Souper Bowl of Caring

The Westminster Lincoln Youth Group invites you to join with others around the country in demonstrating God’s love by loving our neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. Our youth will join the drive again this year, collecting money for Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach and The Gathering Place in Lincoln. Please give generously—look for youth group representatives holding soup pots by the sanctuary exits. Every dollar donated creates over \$20 for food charities, which means any amount truly makes a difference.

The **Annual Stated Meeting of the Congregation** will be held on Sunday, Feb. 19, following the worship service. The agenda includes the presentation of the 2022 annual reports, the presentation of the 2023 budget and the approval of the pastor’s terms of call for 2023. The February Messenger, which contains annual reports from the committees at Westminster as well as other information, is available on the church’s website—westminsterlincoln.org.

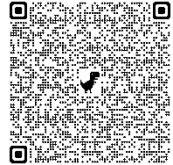
Sermon Set-Up

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.

Prayers for the family of **Lee Sonderegger** whose graveside service will be at Lincoln Memorial on Monday, Feb. 13 at 1 pm.

Good Review February!

Want to get the word out about Westminster in a simple and positive way? Do you look at Google, Facebook, or Yelp reviews before trying a new restaurant, new salon, or mechanic? Do you know people look at those reviews for churches, too? Thankfully our ratings are excellent online (4.8/5 Google; 4.7/5 Facebook), but we'd love to encourage more strong reviews if you feel so led. During the month of February, we encourage our members to give your positive review to Westminster in one of those online or social media spaces.



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WPCLincoln>

Yelp: [https://www.yelp.com/biz/westminster-presbyterian-church-lincoln?utm_campaign=www_business_share_popup&utm_medium=copy link&utm_source=\(direct\)](https://www.yelp.com/biz/westminster-presbyterian-church-lincoln?utm_campaign=www_business_share_popup&utm_medium=copy link&utm_source=(direct))

Prairie Readers Book Club

Prairie Readers will meet on Feb. 15 in the Lounge at 1 PM. The book this month is *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Our facilitator is Susie Hughes.

Worship services are available on-line at this link:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLh0s_z2jgkVzHETwungAAfaEa-vENwoCR

Elders4theEarth ZOOM Book Study

Nature Fix by Florence Williams

Wednesdays, 10 AM - 11:30 AM, February 1, 8, 15, & 22

Elders4theEarth ZOOM book study in cooperation with Nebraska Statewide Arboretum. With a follow-up Nature Walk on 3/1 or 3/8 with Bob Henrickson at Platte River State Park. Contact Tom Pappas to register.

Diaper Collection at WPC



According to the National Diaper Bank Network, 1 in 3 American families report experiencing diaper needs. Despite this strong need, there are no federal or state programs which provide funding specifically for diapers. In 2020, the Junior League of Lincoln started The Diaper Bank to provide diapers to the 6,000+ children in our area. Through fundraising and the support of the community, we are able to collect unopened packs of diapers to distribute to those in need. The project is currently thriving and growing. In 2021 alone, we received over 53,000 diapers of various sizes and nearly 14,000 wipes. These supplies mean parents can take their kids to daycare with disposable diapers while they go to work and earn a living. The need is still there and we are excited to continue serving it. From February 1st-15th we are hosting a diaper drive! You may drop off packages of diapers at the east entrance. Doors are generally open from 10 am to 2 pm (9 am to 1 pm on Tues.) and 5 – 7 pm during the week and Sundays from 9 – 11 am. We also have an amazon shopping list where you can purchase diapers to be sent to the link. You can access this by scanning the QR code. To learn more about the Junior League of Lincoln and the Diaper Drive, visit jll.org. "



Church Women United in Lincoln

is inviting all women for the

World Day of Prayer service

Friday, March 3, 2023 - 10 AM

First Plymouth Congregational Church Chapel

20th and D Streets

This year's service is written by the women of Taiwan.

Please respond to: Connie Karges

402-488-2418 or gilandconnie@neb.rr.com

Week Beginning February 12

<p><u>Sun. (12)</u> 9:15 AM Sermon Set-Up 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship/ Installation/Ordination of Officers 9:40 AM Faith Village 12 Noon Sudanese Worship, Chapel</p> <p><u>Mon. (13)</u> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study, Library 5 PM Church Life, Library 5:30 PM Worship & Music, Lounge 6 PM Mission & Outreach, FH 6 PM Children & Youth, Zoom 6:30 PM Scouts, Cole Hall</p> <p><u>Tues. (14)</u> 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 10 AM Circle 5, Lounge 5 PM Personnel, Zoom</p>	<p><u>Wed. (15)</u> 10 AM Outside Group Training, Lounge 1 PM Prairie Readers, Lounge 1:30 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 5:30 PM Westminster LiNK, Cole Hall 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Thurs. (16)</u> 7 PM Camera Club, Lounge</p> <p><u>Fri. (17)</u> No Preschool</p> <p><u>Sun. (19)</u> 9:15 AM Sermon Set-Up 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship followed by Annual Meeting 9:40 AM Faith Village 12 Noon Sudanese Worship, Chapel 6:30 PM Youth Group, Youth Room</p>
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Week 6 \$23,478

YTD Giving \$145,061

Televised Worship

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

Channel 1302/Spectrum & Channel 13/Windstream.

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