

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



February 19, 2023
Transfiguration Sunday

Prelude “Danny Boy” by Frederic Weatherly, arr. Jonny May

Welcome Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Mission Moment: The Gathering Place Deacon Carolyn Harp

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 99 excerpts; Common English Bible)
Deacon Kathy Phillip

One: The Lord rules – the nations shake!

All: The Lord is great in Zion; God is exalted over all the nations.

One: Let them thank your great and awesome name. God is holy!

All: Strong king who loves justice, you are the one who established what is fair.

One: Moses and Aaron were among God’s priests. They cried out to the Lord, and God answered from a pillar of cloud.

All: Magnify the Lord our God! Bow low at God’s holy mountain because the Lord our God is holy!

***Hymn #15** All Creatures of Our God and King

***Call to Confession**

***Time of Silent Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, even when we see your justice transfigured before us, we cower in fear of following your way in our world. We wonder what it might cost us to walk in the way of Jesus. Help us to listen.

***Empower us to be formed by the life of Jesus Christ.
Restore in us the confidence to be disciples of Christ.
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 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	Exodus 24:12-18	O.T. pg. 70
New Testament	Matthew 17:1-9	N.T. pg. 18

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

Sermon “What's in the Cloud?” Rev. Chris Peters

***Hymn #190** **Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory**

***Affirmation of Faith (Belhar Confession)**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

All: We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;

One: (We believe) that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted;

All: (We believe) that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind. Amen.

Moment of Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" by Paul Manz
Octet from Westminster Choir

Prayers of the People

Deacon Kathy Phillip

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 #12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

“Tocatta on *Ein feste Burg* (A Mighty Fortress)”
by Martin Luther, arr. Richard deCosta

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

Today’s Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, and Assurance of Pardon come from resources for today’s scriptures written by Rev. Dr. Roger Gench (Theologian in Residence, Second Presbyterian Church, Richmond, VA) and published by the Presbyterian Outlook, 2023.

The **flowers** are given in celebration of the 68th wedding anniversary of Art and Earlene Knox.

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 Kathy Phillip

Music Director: Ronnie Zanella, **Organist:** John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Ushers: Robyn Uebele, Leslie Miner, Judy Seward

Greeters: Joyce Douglas, Marilyn Hood



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

The week of Feb. 19, 2023

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

The **Annual Stated Meeting of the Congregation** will be held today 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.

LiNK Sunday | Feb. 26

After the service on Sunday, Feb. 26, the Children and Youth and Church Life Committees invite you to make your own, personal fruit pizza to enjoy with your after-service coffee. We start with a sugar cookie “crust,” add cream cheese frosting for the sauce, and finish that special creation with a choice of fresh fruit toppings.



World on a Plate

Join World on a Plate to support the needs in Syria and Turkey. Our offering will go to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Syria and Turkey. Start looking for those Syrian and Turkish recipes or bring a dish from one of our local restaurants or stores. We will gather in Fellowship Hall, Friday, March 3 starting dinner at 5:30 PM. Join us in fellowship and in serving those who are needing us.

Monmouth College Chorale Concert

The Monmouth College Chorale will present a concert at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2110 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln, NE at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 4 as part of the group's spring break performance tour to Colorado. The 31-member choir, directed by Dr. Tim Pahel, will perform a wide variety of literature, from classical to folk and multicultural music. The Monmouth Chamber Choir, a select group of 15 students, will also perform several selections, including two vocal jazz pieces. The concert is free and open to the public.

Visit our website for more information:

<https://westminsterlincoln.org/event/monmouth>

Youth Group Tonight

The Youth Group meeting tonight from 6:30 to 8 PM will focus on fellowship. Join your church friends to talk, play games, do homework together, or just hang out.

History Buffs

We are resuming History Buffs on Sat., March 18 at 9 AM in the Lounge. Ken Govaerts, Civil Engineer, History Buff and Storyteller, will be speaking on *Historical Accomplishments of Abraham Lincoln and other Famous Civil Rights Leaders*. Mark your calendars.

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

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))

Hearts & Hands

We will continue to meet from 1:30-3 PM on Wednesday afternoons. Once the sun starts staying up later in the evenings, the 6:30 pm session will again be added throughout the summer. Watch the eVine and social media pages for updates.



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kitchen & outreach

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.

