

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



February 5, 2023
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Scouting Sunday

Gathering Music "Break Bread Together" by Dale Wood

Scouting Sunday: Flag Ceremony

Prelude Improvisation on "What Gift Can We Bring?"

Welcome Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Mission Moment: (Pack 61—Tom Salistean)

***Call to Worship** (Inspired by Psalm 112 & Scouting Sunday)
Deacon Gary Haller

One: Praise God! Happy are those who honor God, who delight in God's ways.

All: It is well with those who deal generously and conduct their affairs with justice.

One: We can do this work, as we are, because of the Holy Spirit.

All: From campfire to sanctuary, from kitchen table to communion table, from classroom to boardroom – we can all serve God, wherever we are and wherever we go!

One: Let us worship our God, who gives us life and grace and love!

***Hymn #450** **Be Thou My Vision**

***Call to Confession** Deacon Gary Haller

***Time of Silent Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, you have called us to bring out the best in the world around us, to be bold in our faith, and to share your love with our neighbors. Whether on purpose or just by neglect, we have failed your command. We choose conflict. We choose laziness. We choose excuses. Forgive us for rejecting the identity that you offer us freely, for rejecting the work of your Holy Spirit in our hearts. Welcome us with your grace and mend our hearts. Guide us to be people who extend care, kindness, and mercy to all. 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.)

Special Music

"No Eye Has Seen" by Jim Ailor
Westminster Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

New Testament 1 Corinthians 2:2-16 N.T. pg. 166

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

Sermon

"Understanding Our Gifts"

Rev. Chris Peters

*Hymn #401

Here in this Place

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Jimmy Shelbourn

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

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn #643

Now Thank We All Our God

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

"O God of Life's Great Mystery" by Kenneth T. Kosche

Recession of Colors

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

Some of today's words for worship, often called "liturgy," are adapted from lectionary resources published in the Presbyterian Outlook by Rose Schrott Taylor for Feb 5, 2023.

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 Gary Haller

Music Director: Ronnie Zanella

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Ushers: Carol Boehler, Kim Kubick, Diana Wild

Greeters: David and Kathy Anderson

Communion Servers: Glenna Haller, Sebit Deng, Phoebe Ford, Sarah Gergen

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. 5, 2023

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

Scouting Sunday Today

Today we will celebrate Cub Scout Pack 61, Westminster's sponsored pack! At 9:30 AM there will be a presentation of the colors before we start worship, and scouts will also help with greeting. As a reminder to our WPC members – let's extend a warm “Westminster Welcome” to all of our Pack 61 visitors and guests!

Finding our Purpose . . . Together

A Worship Series Exploring 1 Corinthians, Chapters 1-3.

2/5 “Understanding Our Gifts”

2/12 “God Gives Our Growth”

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.

Sunday Youth Group

The Sunday Youth Group meeting focuses primarily on friendship. Join your church friends to talk, play games, do homework together, or just hang out. Next Sunday we're having a Super Bowl Watch Party at 6 pm.

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! There will be a tote in the entryway for members of the congregation to drop off packages of diapers. 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. "



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_Z6VcEyTqHuuw6s4XRCU/edit

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will meet at *The Mettle Grill*, 5500 S 56th Street, on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 11:30 AM. Please RSVP to Jim Kinkennon at 402-290-5888 or jimkinkennon@gmail.com. Come join us!

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.

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.

Souper Bowl of Caring – February 12

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 on Feb. 12 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.

Worship services are available on-line at this link:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLh0s_z2jgkVzHETwungA-faEa-vENwoCR

Week Beginning February 5

<p><u>Sun. (5)</u> 9:15 AM Sermon Set-Up 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship/ Communion/Scouting Sunday/ Nursery 9:40 AM Faith Village 12 Noon Sudanese Worship, Chapel 6:30 PM Youth Group, Youth Room</p> <p><u>Mon. (6)</u> 6 PM Preschool Open House 6:30 PM Scouts, Cole Hall 7 PM Circle 4, Zoom</p> <p><u>Tues. (7)</u> 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 5 PM Adult Ed, Lounge 6 PM Building & Grounds, Zoom 6 PM Welcoming Task Force, Lounge</p> <p><u>Wed. (8)</u> 1:30 PM Hearts & Hands, Library</p>	<p>5:30 PM Westminster LiNK, Cole Hall 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Thurs. (9)</u> 6:30 PM Scouts, Youth Café</p> <p><u>Fri. (10)</u> 5:30 PM Elder Retreat, The Venue</p> <p><u>Sat. (11)</u> 8:30 AM Elder Training, FH</p> <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 6 PM Youth Group Super Bowl Watch Party, Youth Room</p>
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Week 5	\$13,467
YTD Giving	\$121,583

Televised Worship

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