

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



May 28, 2023
Pentecost Sunday

Prelude “Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire” by Flor Peeters

Welcome Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

***Call to Worship (Based on Acts 2:1-4)** Deacon Jim Kinkennon

One: All together in one place,

All: They heard the rush of a violent wind.

One: It filled the entire house...

All: Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared and rested on each of them.

One: And they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

All: Let us worship with joy in the renewal we experience by the Spirit’s power.

***Hymn #280** **Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us**

***Call to Confession** Deacon Jim Kinkennon

***Time of Silent Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Spirit of God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly but our fear keeps us from following your call. Forgive our lack of courage. Embolden us to dream big and trust the Spirit to fill us and use us. Help us be Christ’s church without hesitation. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us usher in your kin-dom to come. Amen.

***Response to the Confession**
*Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.*

#544 (x2)

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

***Response of Praise** #581 *Gloria Patri*
*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

Trish Souliere

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Hebrew Scripture

Psalm 104 :24-35b

O.T. pg. 555

New Testament Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

N.T. pg. 119

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

Sermon

“A Spirit-Filled Life: Creating, Renewing, and Including”

Rev. Chris Peters

***Hymn #289**

On Pentecost They Gathered

***Affirmation of Faith (A Declaration of Faith)**

*We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver
and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace
through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to
love God and neighbor, and binds us together with
all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and*

apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

**Moment of Gratitude
Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Special Music

"Open My Ears" by Michael Trotta
Westminster Choir

**Prayers of the People
Lord's Prayer**

Deacon Jim Kinkennon

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 #539**

We Will Go Out with Joy

***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

"Toccata in b minor" by Eugène Gigout

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

Today's liturgy (our words in worship) comes from The Presbyterian Outlook's Order of Worship for May 28, 2023 by Rev. Teri McDowell Ott, Editor of the Outlook.

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 red Giving Baskets following the service. These are located by the Sheridan Blvd. doors in the narthex and near the top of the stairs in the sanctuary on the Garden Room / South side. Look for the red baskets and signs that read "Giving Basket." Ushers monitor the baskets and collect the offerings following the service.

For online giving, scan the QR code.



Ministers: The whole congregation

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

Liturgist: Deacon Jim Kinkennon

Music Director: Ronnie Zanella

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Ushers: Becky Bockrath, Suzanne Bartlett, Carol Shelbourn, Deb Schorr

Greeters: Valery Wachter & Kathy Phillip

Dishwashers: Larry & Mary Peach



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

The week of May 28, 2023

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

PCUSA Pentecost Offering

There is an offering envelope in your bulletin for the PCUSA Pentecost Offering, which is being collected today. Your donation will go to help children and youth. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. Thank you for your generosity.

Pentecost Sunday Birthday Cookies

It is almost time for the birthday of the church! Today, we will celebrate Pentecost with sugar cookies in the Garden Room after the service. We will have Pentecost colored frosting and various toppings for you to craft your own Happy Birthday creation.

How to Wash Dishes

It's really not that hard, but it helps to know a few steps and where to put the clean dishes. So, after worship we'll be demonstrating the routine for anyone who's signed up to wash dishes—and anyone who might be interested in helping out in the future! Get your coffee first and then come down to the kitchen for a quick tutorial about 10:45 AM.

Columbarium Memorial Service Today

There will be a brief memorial service for the family and friends of all who are interred in Westminster's Columbarium at 10:50 AM this morning. You are invited to attend.

Direct Trade Coffee

Today's coffee hour again features Direct Trade coffee from Café Con Amor in Costa Rica. This premium blend is sustainably grown and fairly harvested and processed—100% ethical! Enjoy a good cup of coffee and know that you're committing an act of justice!

Lunch Bunch will meet at Hacienda Real, 3130 Pine Lake Rd, on Tuesday, June 6, at 11:30 A.M. Please R.S.V.P. to Jim Kinkennon at 402-290-5888 or jimkinkennon@gmail.com so that the restaurant can prepare for our group.

2023 Member Interest Form

During one of Pastor Chris's recent sermons, we were encouraged to consider how we might share our gifts in the life of the church – both at Westminster and in the community as a part of Westminster. On behalf of Church Life and WPC Staff, **you are invited to complete our new Member Interest form at church or online.** In early June these forms will be distributed to ministry leaders / chairs, who will then contact you about your interest. Some items may cause an immediate contact, while other seasonal items may lead to a contact down the road. The online version is on the website (westminsterlincoln.org). Select *Volunteer Opportunities* and then *What are you interested in?* Pastor Chris welcomes your questions about the process or plans. Let us share our time together as a church family in God's service!

Disaster Assistance HYGIENE KITS

Please help the Mission/Outreach team fill the big tote near the 27th street entry. For June we will be collecting items for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance HYGIENE KITS. You are welcome to make a full kit or simply bring items which will be used to build a kit. The need is great. Please give generously!

1 - hand towel 15" X 28" to 16" X 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)

1 - washcloth

1 - sturdy wide tooth comb with 6 inches of teeth

1 - finger or toenail clipper

1 - bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)

1 - toothbrush (in original packaging)

10 - Band-Aids or other adhesive bandage strips.

Please do not add toothpaste to the kit.

Gallon plastic bags with zipper closure.

Your check is always welcome as well. Please make your check payable to Westminster and write PDA kits in the memo line.

Adult Education in June

Pastor Jimmy Shelbourn will help us explore the PC(USA) *Book of Confessions*. Discover how the Church has grappled with issues over the centuries. We'll meet each Sunday in June at 10:45 AM in the Lounge.

- June 4 The Ecumenical Creeds – Nicene and Apostles' Creeds
- June 11 The Reformation Confessions and Catechism
- June 18 Confessions During Conflict – Westminster and Barmen
- June 25 Recent Confessions – C. '67, Brief Statement of Faith, & Belhar



VBS 2023: Make Waves | June 5-9

9 AM – 12 Noon

Only two weeks remain until VBS! Kids ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to join the fun by registering before June 3 at

<https://vbsmate.com/westminsterlincoln>.

Dig Right In

On the morning of Thursday, June 22, Westminster will plant a pollinator garden at the corner of Normal and South Streets. The occasion is a celebration of Wildflower Week and will include a short proclamation by the Lincoln Parks Department. Ready to dig right in? Please notify Laurel Van Ham.

Help Wanted

Westminster needs help with the dishes, and you'd like to help BUT—your kids have lots of Sunday games, you're a snow bird, sometimes you work on Sundays, you have responsibilities out of town, etc. This opportunity is for you! We need a roster of folks who can't commit to a regular schedule but might be available on the occasional Sunday that a regular dishwasher has conflict. If you're feeling a nudge to do this, please contact Laurel Van Ham quickly—before the nudge goes away!



For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat.

(Matthew 25:35)

Westminster has been serving meals to the community surrounding The

Gathering Place for many years. Our team of five volunteers arrives at 1443 E Street at 4:30 PM on the second Friday of each month, and serves at least 100 meals, prepared by the staff, to people in the

neighborhood with food insecurity issues. You are invited to join the 17 members of the team, part of the Mission/Outreach Ministry's call to live out Matthew's gospel message. Contact Carolyn Harp (charp2@neb.rr.com or 402-261-6897) or the church office.

Marathon Welcome Thank You!

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who showed up to help Westminster support this year's marathon runners! We distributed over 100 bottles of water, over 120 boxes of capri sun, 8 gallons of apple juice, 125 bananas, and several dozen donut holes. What a great opportunity to share God's love with our neighbors!

End of Year LiNK Wednesday Worship Service

Many thanks to everyone who came to the worship service and picnic in the park last Wednesday. It was a beautiful evening, a beautiful service, and a beautiful meal. We look forward to seeing you back in the fall.

Please join us for our summer LiNK events:

June 25, 1:00 PM Family Movie at the Joyo: The Sandlot
August 6, 9:30 AM Kids Against Hunger Worship Service
August 10, 6:00 PM Summer Pool Party

Christy Dempsey, daughter of this congregation, has accepted a new call to *Church of the Rockies* in Estes Park.

Week Beginning May 28

<p><u>Sun. (28) Pentecost</u> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship 10:50 AM Columbarium Memorial Service 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> <p><u>Mon. (29)</u> Building closed for Memorial Day.</p> <p><u>Tues. (30)</u> 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 5 PM Ladies Night Out, HF Crave 4800 Holdrege St. Suite 100</p>	<p><u>Wed. (31)</u> 1:30 PM Hearts & Hands, Library</p> <p><u>Thurs. (1)</u> 3:30 PM Don Hamann Family Committal Service</p> <p><u>Sat. (3)</u> Sudanese Worship Conference</p> <p><u>Sun. (4) Trinity Sunday</u> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship 12 Noon Sudanese Worship Conference</p>
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Worship services are available on-line at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@WestminsterLincoln/streams>