

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



August 20, 2023  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
When Life Shows Up to Church III

**Prelude**

"Resolution" by Gary Alan Smith

**Welcome**

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

**\*Call to Worship**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

One: Turn us, O God,

**All: away from the world's temptations and distractions.**

One: Return us, O God,

**All: to the quiet calm of your presence.**

One: Restore us, O God,

**All: to the path you call us to follow.**

One: Orient us, O God,

**All: to the hope of all that is possible through you.**

**\*Hymn #263**

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!**

**\*Call to Confession**

Deacon Gary Haller

**\*Time of Silent Confession**

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

*God our refuge, you lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we, who benefit from your grace, do not always mirror you and your ways. We confess that we are quick to condemn, exaggerate critique, and act mercilessly. We confess the ways we demean and dehumanize others. We pray for your forgiveness. Help us to love your name, serve you, and live with the joy that comes from your presence. Amen.*

**\*Response to the Confession**

**#469**

*Lord, listen to your children praying.  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to your children praying.  
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.*

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Deacon Gary Haller

...Believe and share the good news!

*In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!*

**\*Response of Praise**

**(chorus x2)**

**You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of the dust  
You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of us**

**\*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**

Tom Pappas

**Special Music**

"Give Me Jesus", Traditional Spiritual  
arr. by Molly Ijames  
Singers from Westminster Choir

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**

Hebrew Scripture      Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

O.T. pg. 686

Gospel Lesson      Matthew 15:21-28

N.T. pg. 17

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

**Sermon**      "What do we do when those who hurt show up?"

Rev. Chris Peters

**\*Hymn #301**

**Let Us Build a House (v.1-2, 4-5)**

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

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

One: We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways:

***All: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;***

One: that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;

***All: that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope;***

One: together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity;

***All: together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity;***

**Prayers of the People**

Deacon Gary Haller

**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 #625**

**O Lord My God / How Great Thou Art**

**\*Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

**Postlude**

"Trumpet Tune" by James D. Kimball

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

Today's words for worship are adapted from liturgy by Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott, Editor of the Presbyterian Outlook, as published in The Presbyterian Outlook: Order of Worship for August 20, 2023.

**The flowers are given in memory of Orin Robert Hayes and Robert David Hayes by Helen Hayes and her daughter, Janet McCall.**

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 Gary Haller

**Music Director:** Ronnie Zanella

**Organist:** John Ross

**Director of Children & Youth:** Trish Souliere

**Ushers:** Robyn Uebele, Leslie Miner, Cynthia Olson

**Greeters:** Josh Whitfield & Kelly Braswell-Burbach

**Dishwashers:** Beth & Kris Anderzhon



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

**The week of August 20, 2023**

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

**Adult Education in August | 10:45 AM**

**Aug. 20:** Welcoming Task Force Conversation, Fellowship Hall  
Come ask questions of Task Force members and learn more! There is a place to provide anonymous questions in advance in the Garden Room.

**Aug. 27:** “How Welcoming Are We?”, Rev. Brian Ellison, Guest Speaker,  
Fellowship Hall

This class will feature honest talk and practical help building a congregation that is truly inclusive, deepening its welcome of LGBTQIA+ and all people. We'll discuss the history of the Presbyterian church's journey on these issues, the current state of the church, and the theological foundation for welcome and affirmation. Seizing on Westminster's existing commitments and spirit, we'll explore where God is calling each of us to action.

**The Rev. Brian Ellison** has served since 2012 as executive director of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, a national organization, of which Westminster is a long-time member, which seeks full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people in every aspect of the church's life and leadership. Brian previously served for 13 years as pastor of a church in the Kansas City area, and he is currently also the stated clerk of the Synod of Mid-America. In his spare time, he is a host/contributor at KCUR, the NPR affiliate in Kansas City, where he lives with his partner Troy and their dog daughters, the recalcitrant Willoughby and the dopey Sage.

**Beyond Words: From Mere Welcome to True Belonging**

Registration is now open for Covenant Conversation being held at Westminster, Saturday, August 26 from 9 AM – 4 PM. Check out the schedule and workshops at the link below! Join us for a great day!

<https://covnetpres.org/event/covenant-conversation-nebraska/?fbclid=IwAR1iRfS3ivqX0U9EXNygsGfYKiQNG8oPnSipEZZSDFdsBvPybSnMnogTFlo>

## **Realm Church Directory Update**

We are planning an in-house update to the church directory photos and contact information. Jim Kinkennon will be available to take photos in Fellowship Hall from 10 AM to 5 PM Mon. through Wed. and Fri., as well as on Thurs. from 10 AM to 8 PM, during the weeks of Aug. 28 through Sept. 8, except for Labor Day. We hope you will sign up for a time online [https:// tinyurl.com/yv492tm6](https://tinyurl.com/yv492tm6) or by calling the church office. We are missing current photos of many of you, which keeps us from getting to know each other, especially putting our newer members at a disadvantage. There will be no pressure to buy anything. Just bring your smile! More information will be shared soon on ways to request or access the church directory.

**George Warren Hancock**, long-time member of Westminster, died on Sunday, August 13, at the Norfolk Veterans Home. No public service is planned. Prayers of sympathy to his family and friends.

## **Used Book Sale Final Day**

Today is the final day of the Used Book Sale in Fellowship Hall. Come and browse and buy. In addition to books there are also puzzles and games. Come and find a bargain!

## **Acolyte Program**

We are planning to resume the acolyte program in September and would like to invite all young people in grades 3, 4, and 5 to sign up to serve. There will be **training today after the worship service** in the sanctuary. If your family is unable to attend that meeting, please contact Trish to arrange for make-up training.

Ready to sign up? Great! Please add your name to the schedule here <https://shorturl.at/jJOX7>. We will need two acolytes for each Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Trish at [trish@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:trish@westminsterlincoln.org) or 402-475-6702 ext. 107.

## **Green Tip of the Week:**

Keeping your air conditioner compressor clean will allow it to run more efficiently. Splash fins with dish detergent dissolved in water; wait a few minutes and spray with garden hose. If you have other tips to share, send them to Pastor Jimmy at [jimmy@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:jimmy@westminsterlincoln.org).

**The Mission focus for August is Willie's Underwear Project.** This project was started by Willie Shafer, a long-time member of Westminster. Sadly, Willie is no longer with us, but her legacy continues. Willie's Underwear Project is exactly what it sounds like - providing underwear and sweatpants and t-shirts and socks to school nurses and counselors for when a student is ill at school or has an accident and needs a change of clothes to be able to return to class. Sometimes a parent can't be reached, or the parent can't get a change of clothes to the school quickly or a change of clothes just isn't available in the household at the time. This would mean the child has to sit in the nurse's office until a solution is found.

You can donate items in the bucket at the top of the stairs near the 27th Street entrance or give a gift card or check to the Westminster Office. If giving a check, write Willie's Underwear Project in the memo line. Mission/Outreach thanks you for your generosity.



### **Lunch Bunch at Ollie & Hobbes Craft Kitchen**

Lunch Bunch will meet September 5, 11:30 A.M., at Ollie & Hobbes Craft Kitchen, 2940 Pine Lake Rd. This is directly across from the movie theater complex at SouthPointe. This requires about a one-block walk from the parking lot. Please R.S.V.P. to Jim Kinkennon at 402-290-5888 or [jimkinkennon@gmail.com](mailto:jimkinkennon@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

## Presbyterians in the Park | Sunday, October 1

The worship service will be at the Antelope Band Shell with lunch afterwards at the Auld Center. There will be more details coming.

## Celebrate the Season of Creation!

From Sept. 1 to Oct. 4 the liturgical year turns to reflection on the wonders of creation. Westminster is among the groups supporting these special events at First Presbyterian Church.

Fri., Sept. 8, 7:30 PM Joel Satore presents pictures and stories from his National Geographic Photo Ark Project. Tickets at [fpcincoln.org](http://fpcincoln.org) or 402-477-6037.

Sun., Sept. 17, 7 PM. A Changing Climate: Challenges and Opportunities Featuring Dr. Martha Durr, Nebraska State Climatologist, and Josh Moenning, Norfolk Mayor

## Week Beginning August 20

<p><b><u>Sun. (Aug. 20)</u></b> Used Book Sale, Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Acolyte Training 10:45 AM Adult Education, Fellowship Hall 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> <p><b><u>Mon. (Aug. 21)</u></b> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study, Reading Bible in a Year, Library</p> <p><b><u>Tues. (Aug. 22)</u></b> 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Deacons, Lounge 5:30 PM Preschool Training, FH</p>	<p><b><u>Wed. (Aug. 23)</u></b> 1:30 PM Hearts &amp; Hands, Library</p> <p><b><u>Sat. (Aug. 26)</u></b> 9 AM Covenant Network Conversations</p> <p><b><u>Sun. (Aug. 27)</u></b> 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Adult Education, Rev. Brian Ellison, Guest Speaker, Fellowship Hall 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p>
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**Worship services are available on-line at this link:**

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

## Televised Worship

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

Channel 1302/Spectrum & Channel 13/Windstream.