

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



**September 10, 2023**  
**Loving God, Loving Neighbor**  
**Peace in the Neighborhood**

**Prelude**

"Berceuse" by Louis Vierne

**Welcome**

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

**\*Call to Worship** (One parts: Psalm 133; All parts: Romans 9:18 adapted) Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

One: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**All: Let us seek to live peaceably with all, in the spirit of Christ's peace.**

One: Unity is like precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard and robes of Aaron.

**All: Let us seek to live peaceably with all, in the spirit of Christ's peace.**

One: Unity is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**All: Let us seek to live peaceably with all, in the spirit of Christ's peace.**

One: There, at Hermon, the Lord ordained this blessing: life evermore.

**All: Let us worship God with joy and praise!**

**\*Hymn #623**

**I've Got Peace Like a River**

**\*Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

**\*Time of Silent Confession**

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

*Loving God, you invite us into relationship, but we often turn away from that welcome. You call us to be in communities of peace with others, but we focus on*

***our own self-interest and create division. God-with-us, forgive us and restore us so we may be builders of communities of care and of wholeness. Inspire us to build communities of faith where families are at peace, where the world's divisions are healed, and where human dignity is valued for all. Amen.***

**\*Response to the Confession** **#425**  
***Son of God, whose heart is peace,  
Son of God, most holy,  
to your presence we have come;  
give us now your love.***

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness** Deacon Claire Titus  
...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  
*(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** "Kyrie Eleison" by Louis Vierne  
from Solemn Mass, Op. 16  
Westminster Choir

**Prayer for Illumination**

## Scripture

Hebrew Scriptures      Genesis 33 :1-11

O.T. pg. 30

Epistle Lesson      Romans 12:9-18

N.T. pg. 162

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

**Sermon**      “Peace in the Neighborhood”

Rev. Chris Peters

**\*Hymn #726 Will You Come and Follow Me (vv. 1-2, 4-5)**

## Moment of Gratitude

### Prayer of Blessing

## Special Music

"O How Amiable" by Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Westminster Choir

## Prayers of the People

Deacon Claire Titus

## 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 #351**

**All Who Love and Serve Your City**

## \*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

## Postlude

"Carillon de Longpont" by Louis Vierne

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

Today's Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession are updates from liturgy used in our May 9, 2021 worship service focusing on Community from our "Stewardship Outside the Stewardship Season" series.

We are blessed with two bouquets of **flowers** this morning. Janell and Tom Welstead will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Sept. 15, and have provided flowers. A second bouquet is given in celebration of Ron Wachter's birthday, with love from Valery, Allen and Eric Wachter.

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 Claire Titus

**Music Director:** Ronnie Zanella

**Organist:** John Ross

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

**Ushers:** David Anderson, Joan Roberts, Marilyn Hood

**Greeters:** Kathy Phillip, Valery Wachter

**Dishwashers:** Joan and Bill Roberts



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

**The week of Sept. 10, 2023**

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

**WELCOME  
TO THE  
NEIGHBORHOOD**

A series on being Good Neighbors, using themes from Mr. Rogers Neighborhood and Daniel Tiger to start the new church year!

**September 3**  
Won't You Be My Neighbor  
(Acts 16:11-15)

**September 10**  
Peace in the Neighborhood  
(Genesis 33:1-11)

**September 17**  
Just the Way You Are  
(John 21:15-17)

**September 24**  
Neighboring  
(Luke 10:25-37)

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### **Westminster Neighborhood Welcome Bash | Today**

Today is Kick-Off Sunday! Celebrate the start of the new season with your Westminster family. There will be something for everyone! Porkcentric will have lunch available for purchase; we will treat you to Kona Ice! Kids can play in the bounce house; games, including ladder golf, foosball, and cornhole will be available. In addition to all the fun stuff, various Life Groups will be showcasing upcoming activities and families can get their kids signed up for Faith Village.

### **Faith Village**

Faith Village resumes today. Children from K-5<sup>th</sup> grades will head downstairs following the Children's Chat where we will discuss forgiveness through the story of Jacob and Esau.

## **Intergenerational Sunday School | Sunday, September 17, 2023**

Everyone is invited to come to Fellowship Hall after the worship service next week to engage in a great discussion about what it means to be a neighbor and what God says about being a neighbor.

### **Church Directory Photo Update**

Thank you to everyone who had their pictures taken for the Church Directory update. Thanks to Jim and Rita Kinkennon for volunteering their time and expertise to make this happen. Watch for more information.

### **Equal Exchange Coffee for Sale**

Equal Exchange coffee will be offered for sale in the Garden Room each Sunday after worship. In doing this, your Mission and Outreach team hopes to help build long-term partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sound. The coffee is \$8.70 for regular blend and \$9.70 for decaf. We request a **check or exact change**. If you would like to "round up" your payment, the money will go directly to Equal Exchange.

### **It's the Little Things That Count**

Shampoo—deodorant—razors—shaving cream—bar soap—lotion—toothpaste  
Westminster's Presbyterian Women In partnership with the Lincoln Hygiene Network invite all of the Westminster family to collect new personal care and hygiene products. These products help restore health, dignity, and self-esteem to Lincoln's most vulnerable children, teens, and adults. Lincoln Hygiene Network serves as a bank for products that are then distributed to over 20 non-profits across Lincoln, including Lighthouse, Voices of Hope, Cedars, Matt Talbot, Fresh Start, Friendship Home, and LPS.

Look for the colorful barrel at the top of the stairs off the east parking lot. Pick up the Lincoln Hygiene Network brochure and shopping list. Then help PW fill the barrel. Financial donations are also accepted at [lincolnhygienenetwork.org](http://lincolnhygienenetwork.org).

As God is gracious to us, so we are called to show love to others.

**Won't You Be A Neighbor?**

Toothbrushes—Chapstick—conditioner—feminine products—socks—dish soap

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

When travelling, try the “blue roads” instead of interstate. Gasoline powered cars get their best mileage at about 55. Sixty-five mph is 8% less efficient; 80 mph is 28% less efficient. If you have other tips to share, send them to Pastor Jimmy at [jimmy@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:jimmy@westminsterlincoln.org).

### **Westminster Welcome – A time of learning and connecting!**

#### **Sunday, Sept. 24, 10:45 AM in the Lounge**

At Westminster, “you belong!” Westminster has a rich history and a bright future that we hope you will be a part of! If you’re a visitor, considering joining, or have a friend who might like to learn more about Westminster, this session is for you! We’ll spend about 40 minutes learning about Westminster, our history, opportunities today, and our Vision 2026 direction. Then, we’ll take 20 minutes for questions and conversation with Pastor Chris and members. New Members from the past year are welcome to come as well to learn more about how to plug in and to be better supported in your journey at WPC. Please contact Pastor Chris to confirm attendance or with any questions at [chris@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:chris@westminsterlincoln.org).

### **Acolytes**

The acolyte program is returning in September! Children and youth of all ages are invited to sign up to serve by lighting the candles, assisting in carrying the elements, and/or delivering the call to worship. Ready to sign up? Great! Please add your name to the schedule here: <https://shorturl.at/jJOX7>. If you have any questions, please contact Trish, [trish@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:trish@westminsterlincoln.org) or 402-570-0163.

### **ALOHA**

You are invited to **World on a Plate--LUAU Hawaii**

At Tom and Laurel Pappas’ Home

Winsome Manor, 4150 South Street

Friday, Sept. 29 at 5:30 PM

Please RSVP to: (402) 202-9889 and text the dish you are bringing.

Bring your favorite Hawaiian dish, your own plate and utensils.

The monetary Breadbasket will be given to

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

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**Prairie Readers | Sept. 20 | 1 PM in the Lounge**

Kathryn Govaerts and Diana Wild will facilitate the discussion of *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks at the next Prairie Readers.

**CROP Walk | October 8, 2023**

Help fight hunger by joining the Westminster CROP Walk Team! You can join the team by registering to walk, collecting pledges, and joining us at Bethany Christian Church on October 8 or you can sponsor a walker with an online donation through the Lincoln CROP Walk website <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/westminster-presbyterian-2>. Walkers can also accept cash or checks; checks should be made payable to CWS/CROP. We will be ordering Team Westminster t-shirts again for everyone who walks so please send your t-shirt size(s) to Trish, [trish@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:trish@westminsterlincoln.org), after you register.

**Week Beginning September 10**

<p><b><u>Sun. (Sept. 10)</u></b>  9:30 AM Worship/Faith Village  10:30 AM Westminster  Neighborhood Welcome Bash  12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> <p><b><u>Mon. (Sept. 11)</u></b>  11 AM Explorers Bible Study—  Reading the Bible, Library  5 PM Church Life, Library  5:30 PM Worship &amp; Music, Lounge  6 PM Mission &amp; Outreach, FH  6 PM Children &amp; Youth, Zoom  6:30 PM Scouts, Den Meetings</p> <p><b><u>Tues. (Sept. 12)</u></b>  9:45 AM Staff Meeting  5 PM Personnel, Zoom  6 PM A &amp; P, Conference Room</p>	<p><b><u>Wed. (Sept. 13)</u></b>  1:30 PM Hearts &amp; Hands, Library  5:30 PM WestminsterLINK  6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal,  Sanctuary</p> <p><b><u>Thurs. (Sept. 14)</u></b>  5 PM Photography Group  Workshop, Lounge  6:30 PM Scouts—Monthly Pack  Committee Meeting</p> <p><b><u>Sun. (Sept. 17)</u></b>  9:30 AM Worship/Faith Village  10:45 AM Intergenerational  Program, Lounge  12 Noon Sudanese Worship  6 PM Youth Group, Youth Area</p>
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**Worship services are available on-line at this link:**

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