

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



September 17, 2023
Loving God, Loving Neighbor
Just the Way You Are

Prelude "Prelude on Brother James' Air" by Searle Wright

Welcome Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Special Announcement: Westminster Preschool
Katelyn Tschetter

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 30—Common English Bible adapted)
Helena Kessler

One: O Lord our God, we praise you!

All: We cried for your help and you answered us.

One: You have restored our lives;

All: You have rescued us from the grave.

One: You who are faithful to the Lord, sing praises to God.

All: Let us give thanks to God's holy name!

One: You changed my mourning into dancing.

All: Lord, our God, we will give thanks to you forever.

***Hymn #37** **Let All Things Now Living**

***Call to Confession** Helena Kessler

***Time of Silent Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Lord, when you meet us where we are, we see the power of your glory. Lord, when you call us just as we are, we can't help but see our own brokenness that can only be restored by your mercy. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace. Send us in the way of your love, so that

***we may share your good news with our neighbors.
In the name of Christ, we pray. 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** Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn
...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 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 Genesis 1:24-31 O.T. pg. 1
Gospel Lesson John 21:14-17 N.T. pg. 116

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

Sermon "Just the Way You Are" Rev. Chris Peters

***Hymn #401**

Here in This Place (Gather Us In)

***Affirmation of Faith (Confirmation Study Catechism)**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Question 17. Why then did God create the world?

God's creation of the world was an act of grace. God granted existence to the world simply in order to bless it. God created the world to reveal God's glory, to share the love and freedom at the heart of God's being, and to give us eternal life in fellowship with God.

Question 19. What does it mean to say that human beings are created in the image of God?

God created us to live together in love and freedom — with God, with one another, and with the world. We are created to be loving companions of others so that something of God's goodness may be reflected in our lives.

Moment of Gratitude

Special Music

"The Shepherd Psalm" by Gilbert Martin
Westminster Choir

Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

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 #187**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (v.1-3)

***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" by Robert Hobby

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

Today's words for worship come are adapted from Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year C Vol. 1, Second Sunday of Easter, Rev. Dr. Kimberly Bracken Long, editor.

The **flowers** are provided by Rev. Ellen Davis, in honor of her late husband, Rev. Lynn Davis's birthday.

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: Helena Kessler

Music Director (interim) and Organist: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Ushers: Leslie Miner, Robyn Uebele, Cynthia Olson, Barb Andersen

Greeters: Carol & Jim Bishop

Dishwashers: Laurel Van Ham & Tom Pappas



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

The week of Sept. 17, 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's 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 33:4-11)

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

September 24
Neighboring
(Luke 10:25-37)

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Intergenerational Sunday School Today

Everyone is invited to a special session after the worship service today in Fellowship Hall. Together we will delve into a discussion about what it means to be a neighbor and what God says about neighbors.

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.

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.

Diaper Collection at WPC | Through Sept. 24



Junior League of Lincoln is collecting diapers for families who struggle to afford them. Most childcare centers require parents to provide a day's supply of disposable diapers when they drop off their child, which can be a hardship, especially for single mothers working full time. WPC is one of the drop off locations for donations. There will be a tote at the east entrance. 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.

Thank You to the Kinkennons

Westminster members would like to say a big “thank you” to Jim and Rita Kinkennon for the time they have shared facilitating and taking pictures for our Westminster family. We would like to invite our church family to donate toward a gift card for a favorite restaurant to be shared with them in the coming weeks. Please donate via cash with a clear designation or check with “Kinkennon Gift Card” in the Memo line by Wednesday, September 20th.

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.

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:

Vampire power, or “phantom load,” is energy consumed by appliances and electronics which are plugged in, but not in use. This can easily add \$180 to an annual electricity bill according to the National Resources Defense Council. Unplug devices once fully charged. Unplug devices not in use which do not recharge batteries. If you have other tips to share, send them to Pastor Jimmy at 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.

Single & Age 55 plus Social Group

Church Life was asked if there would be enough interest to start a group. A leader would be necessary to get it going. If you are interested in leading and organizing this group or being a member, please contact Marilyn Hood (member of Church Life) at mhood0529@gmail.com.

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
HAWAI’I WILDFIRES - DR000165

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, after you register.

Week Beginning September 17

<p><u>Sun. (Sept. 17)</u> 9:30 AM Worship/Faith Village 10:45 AM Intergenerational Program, Fellowship Hall 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 6 PM Youth Group</p> <p><u>Mon. (Sept. 18)</u> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study— Reading the Bible, Library 6:30 PM Scouts, Pack Meeting, Cole Hall</p> <p><u>Tues. (Sept. 19)</u> 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 10:45 AM Stewardship and Finance, Library 7 PM Faith and Cancer Support Group, Library</p>	<p><u>Wed. (Sept. 20)</u> 1 PM Prairie Readers, Lounge 1:30 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 5:30 PM WestminsterLINK 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Thurs. (Sept. 21)</u> 9 AM Friendship Home All Staff Meeting, FH 12 Noon Friendship Home, Lounge 7 PM Camera Club, Lounge</p> <p><u>Sun. (Sept. 24)</u> 9:30 AM Worship/Faith Village 10:45 AM Potential New Member Class, 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>

Televised Worship

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

Channel 1302/Spectrum & Channel 13/Windstream.

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