

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



**September 24, 2023**

**Loving God, Loving Neighbor  
Neighboring**

**Prelude** “Gentle Spirit” Three Quiet Meditations by Charles Callahan  
Willa Foster Jones, guest organist

**Welcome** Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

**Special Announcement:** Peace and Global Witness Offering  
Deacon Gary Haller

**\*Call to Worship** (Psalm 25:1-2, 4-5, 8-10) Elder Jaime Hemmerling  
One: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**All: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame.**

One: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

**All: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.**

One: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore God instructs sinners in the way.

**All: God leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble the way.**

One: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.

**All: Let us worship God with gladness!**

**\*Hymn #35** Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

**\*Call to Confession** Elder Jaime Hemmerling

**\*Time of Silent Confession**

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

*God of Mercy, we confess that we have failed to live as your children. We have set our minds on the hopes*

*of this world, and have neglected the call of love. We have pursued selfish aims in our daily business. We have harbored uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors. Forgive and renew us, O Lord. Direct us in your paths, to show charity and mercy toward our neighbors. In the name of Christ, our Savior and Teacher, 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**

Elder Jaime Hemmerling

*We pour water into the baptismal font at this time as a sign of our renewal in baptism and in confession. It is a visual reminder of the Nicene Creed's affirmation, "I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins," and Romans 5:5 that promises, "God's love is being poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit."*

...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**

Rev. Chris Peters

*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.)*

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture

Epistle

Colossians 1:3-20

N.T. pg. 199

Gospel Lesson

Luke 10:25-37

N.T. pg. 71

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

### Sermon

“Neighboring”

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

### \*Hymn #320

**The Church of Christ in Every Age**

### \*Affirmation of Faith (PCUS Declaration of Faith 9:4)

Rev. Chris Peters

**Christ calls us to live for our neighbors. Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded. His life in behalf of others led to persecution and death. He commanded his disciples to live the same way. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet. Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves.**

### Moment of Gratitude

Rev. Chris Peters

### Special Music

“The Gift of Love” by Hopson/arr. Larson  
Krista Lawrence & Sebastian Sorensen, soloists

### Prayers of the People

Elder Jaime Hemmerling

### 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 #316 Where Charity and Love Prevail (v.1-2, 4-5)**

**\*Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

**Postlude**

"A Trumpet Fanfare" by Gilbert M. Martin

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\*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. 2; Proper 10 Complementary. Rev. Dr. Kimberly Bracken Long, editor.

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:** Elder Jaime Hemmerling

**Music Director (interim) and Organist:** John Ross

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

**Ushers:** Martha Kingsbury, Suzanne Bartlett, Becky Bockrath

**Greeters:** Scott & Stephanie Rogers

**Dishwashers:** Larry & Mary Peach



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

**The week of Sept. 24, 2023**

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

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

**10:45 AM in the Lounge Today**

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).

**Presbyterians in the Park | Sunday, October 1 | 10:30 AM**

**Come join us for worship, fellowship and fun!**

The worship service next week will be at 10:30 AM at the Antelope Band Shell, 1630 Memorial Drive, with potluck luncheon afterwards at the Auld Center. The Church Life Committee will be providing fried chicken, rolls, and drinks. Congregation members with last names starting with A-M are asked to bring a dessert. Last names beginning with N-Z are to bring a side dish. See you at the park!

**October Adult Ed | 10:50 AM | Lounge**

It’s Reformation month, and Pastor Jimmy will look at “other” reformations in the faith community, other than that of Luther and Calvin.

**Oct 8 The Reforms of King Josiah in Judah, 7<sup>th</sup> century BCE**

## 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.

## 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 is a tote at the east entrance.

## Can you pull some strings for the Church?



To provide greater protection for the Preschool, we will be re-positioning the security cameras so that each door, the hallways and the playground are covered. As a cost-saving measure (and because it requires no technical skill!), we will be stringing the cables to each camera location. The work will require standing on a step ladder and moving cable above the ceiling tiles. It should take only a few hours of your time if we can get enough folks to help. If you can assist with this project, please contact Steve Larson at [steve.larson111@gmail.com](mailto:steve.larson111@gmail.com). Your assistance would be most appreciated and help keep the little people safe.

## 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](mailto:mhood0529@gmail.com).

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

A ceiling or oscillating fan will allow you to set the thermostat up to use less A/C and yet keep you comfortable. Run fans only when persons are in the room and turn up the A/C temp to save \$. If you have other tips to share, send them to Pastor Jimmy at [jimmy@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:jimmy@westminsterlincoln.org).

### **Coffee & Conversations -- High School Bible Study | Oct. 1, 1 PM**

This fall we would like to invite all high school students to join us for a monthly Bible Study. Our first meeting will be October 1 at 1:00 PM at The Mill, 2021 Transformation Drive. At that time, we will discuss future logistics to determine the where, when, and what of our time together. If you have any questions, please contact Trish at [trish@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:trish@westminsterlincoln.org) or (402) 570-0163.

### **SHAMPOO and SOAP = DIGNITY**

### **SHAVING CREAM and TOOTHPASTE = SELF-ESTEEM**

**Presbyterian Women at Westminster** are inviting you to fill the gap by filling the barrel with needed items. These basic hygiene products will be given to the **LINCOLN HYGIENE NETWORK** for distribution to over 20 non-profit groups in Lincoln and Lancaster County.

Find the list of needed items and the colorful barrel at the east end of the Garden Room at the top of the stairs from the parking lot. We have already filled the barrel once with over 350 items.

### **Can we do it again? YES!**

Financial donations are accepted online: [lincolnhygienenetwork.org](http://lincolnhygienenetwork.org) or can be mailed to **Lincoln Hygiene Network / 21635 S. 68th Street / Hickman, NE 68372**

**Won't you be? Please, won't you be? Won't you be a neighbor?**

**Lunch Bunch** will meet at Granite City, 6200 O St., at 11:30 A.M., Tuesday, October 3. As always, no agenda, no program, just fun. Please R.S.V.P. to Jim Kinkennon at [jimkinkennon@gmail.com](mailto:jimkinkennon@gmail.com) or 402-290-5888.

**Worship services are available on-line at this link:**

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

## **CROP Walk | October 8 | 1 PM**

*"There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread."* ~Mahatma Gandhi

Hunger is the world's most solvable problem -- join Team Westminster in helping solve that problem by participating in this year's CROP Walk. You can help by registering to walk, collecting pledges, and joining us at Bethan Christian Church on October 8 or you can sponsor a walker with an online donation through the Lincoln CROP Walk website, <https://tinyurl.com/27rt5m2c>. Please send your t-shirt size to Trish at [trish@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:trish@westminsterlincoln.org) after you register.

### **Staff Schedules this Week**

Pastor Chris will be away from the office for Continuing Education this afternoon through Wednesday, returning to the office Thursday. Pastor Jimmy will be off for vacation Wednesday through next Sunday. If there are any pastoral concerns this coming Wednesday, please contact the church office and we will help connect you with a deacon.

### **Week Beginning September 24**

<p><b><u>Sun. (Sept. 24)</u></b> 9:30 AM Worship/Faith Village 10:45 AM Potential New Member Class, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 6:30 PM Youth Group, Youth Area</p> <p><b><u>Mon. (Sept. 25)</u></b> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study— Reading the Bible, Library 6:30 PM Scouts, Pack Meeting, Cole Hall</p> <p><b><u>Tues. (Sept. 26)</u></b> 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Deacons, Lounge</p> <p><b><u>Wed. (Sept. 27)</u></b> 1:30 PM Hearts &amp; Hands, Library 5:30 PM WestminsterLINK</p>	<p>6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><b><u>Thurs. (Sept. 28)</u></b> 12:30 PM Friendship Home, Lounge</p> <p><b><u>Fri. (Sept. 29)</u></b> 5:30 PM World on a Plate—Luau Hawaii, Pappas Home</p> <p><b><u>Sun. (Oct. 1)</u></b> 10:30 AM Presbyterians in the Park/Communion, Antelope Park Bandshell Followed by potluck lunch at the Auld Center 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 1 PM HS Bible Study, The Mill 6:30 PM Youth Group</p>
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