

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



October 8, 2023

**One God, One-in-Christ, One Westminster--  
All with Gratitude!**

**Prelude**

“Prelude in A Major, BWV 536a” by J.S. Bach

**Welcome**

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

**\*Call to Worship** (Psalm 19:1-4) Deacon Cynthia Olson

One: The heavens declare the glory of God!

**All: The skies proclaim God’s handiwork.**

One: The day pronounces God’s glory without a sound,

**All: The night expounds God’s knowledge without a word,**

One: And yet their voice goes out through all the earth.

**All: Let us join our voices with the voice of creation in declaring God’s glory!**

**\*Hymn #645**

**Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above**

**\*Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

**\*Time of Silent Confession**

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

*Loving God, you rescued people from the land of captivity, out of the house of slavery. When they griped from thirst, you gave them water. When they complained out of fear, you gave them guidelines to live by. Forgive us for turning from your direction for our lives. We fail by bowing to the gods of profitability, by making idols of excess living, and by refusing your command to Sabbath rest. Remind us of your call to holy rest this day. Direct us in the ways of peace and care for ourselves and for our*

**neighbors. Your mercy has met us in Christ, and so we give thanks. Amen.**

**\*Response to the Confession**

**#437**

***You are the Lord, giver of mercy!  
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!  
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!***

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

*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**

**#582, v. 1**

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

*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**

Hebrew Scriptures Exodus 20:1-20

O.T. pg. 66

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

**Sermon** “We Shall: From Negativity to Gratitude” Rev. Chris Peters

**\*Hymn #291**

**Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness**

**\*Affirmation of Faith (Apostles’ Creed Modernized)**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

**Moment of Gratitude**

Personnel Committee

**Special Music**

"Living Water" by Lloyd Larson  
Westminster Choir

As the deer yearns for streams of water so my soul yearns for you, O God.  
My soul thirsts for living water where I go to meet God.

In seasons when my soul is cast down, I’ll put my hope in God!

By day the Lord will direct with His love, His song will be with me.

**Prayers of the People**

Deacon Cynthia Olson

**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 #658**

**God Is So Good**

## \*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

### Postlude

“Fugue in A Major, BWV 536b” by J.S. Bach

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

Today’s words for worship are adapted from Feasting on the Word Liturgies Year A, Volume 2, 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:** Deacon Cynthia Olson

**Interim Music Director:** Mary Daughtery

**Organist:** John Ross

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

**Ushers:** Joan Roberts, Marilyn Hood, Marybell Avery, Joyce Douglas

**Greeters:** Kathy Phillip & Josh Whitfield

**Dishwashers:** Lisa & Steve McConnell





*"I am the vine,  
you are the branches . . ."*

**The week of Oct. 8, 2023**

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

**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 Luther and Calvin.

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

Oct 15 The Reforms under Ezra & Nehemiah, Jerusalem 5<sup>th</sup> century BCE

**CROP Walk | Today | 1 PM**

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

The CROP walk is happening today! Join Team Westminster now to help solve the problem of hunger. You can help by registering to walk, collecting pledges, and joining us at Bethany Christian Church today at 1 pm, or you can sponsor a walker with an online donation through the Lincoln CROP Walk website, <https://tinyurl.com/27rt5m2c>. The route is a 1.5 mile loop, beginning at Bethany Christian Church. Questions? Contact Trish at [trish@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:trish@westminsterlincoln.org).

**Directory Photos**

If you missed it last time, Jim Kinkennon will be available to take directory photos today and tomorrow from 11:30 AM to 5 PM. Please call the front desk (402-475-6702) to set up an appointment. The best time to call is between 10 AM and 2 PM, Mon., Wed., Thurs., or Fri. or 9 AM to 1 PM on Tues. We would love to include your smiling face in the Church Directory!

**Prairie Readers | Oct. 18**

Prairie Readers will meet October 18 at 1 PM in the Lounge. We are so pleased to have Pat Leach as our guest speaker. Pat will discuss several titles from the American Library Association's notable books list.

Westminster Friends,

It is with joy that I announce the hire of **Mary Daugherty** as our new **Interim Music Director**. In our interview, it was clear that Mary is a wonderful candidate and great fit for WPC (see bio below). Mary will begin by visiting our choir and worship services this week while working on transitional items for leadership with John and our staff. I hope you will welcome her warmly soon!

Rev. Chris Peters



Mary is a pianist, singer, and conductor from Rochester, NY. She holds a BA in Piano Performance, an MA in Choral Conducting, and is completing DMA in Choral Conducting at UNL. When Mary is not teaching or performing, she enjoys cooking, hiking, traveling, and researching Native American Music.

**Curious about Judaism?**

**Want to know more?**

**You are Invited to South Street Temple for**

***A Taste of Judaism***

Tuesdays 7 to 9 p.m.

Oct. 10, 17, and 24

There will be Jewish food and beverages, as well as ideas to explore about God/Jewish Spirituality, Torah/Jewish Values, and *K'lal Yisrael*/Jewish Community.

To register, email SST Board Member, Julie Moore at [julmoo@msn.com](mailto:julmoo@msn.com) as soon as possible. Include your name and contact

information. If you have questions, phone or text Board Member Maria Cadwallader at 402-309-6775. The sessions will be downstairs in the social hall at B'nai Jeshurun/ South Street Temple, 20<sup>th</sup> and South Streets. Parking is available in the lot on the west side of the temple and on 20<sup>th</sup> St. Enter through the door facing South Street on the building's SW end, close to the parking lot. **This Tuesday, Pastor Chris and a group from Westminster are planning to attend. Call Julie Moore for spot availability.**



## **Youth Group: Roca Scary Farm**

**Sun., Oct. 15, 6:00 PM**

Get ready to get scared! The Youth Group will meet at Roca Scary Farm next Sunday. The cost for admission is \$24.50 + tax. Bring your friends and get the Halloween fun started! Assistance with cost is available.

## **Ladies' Night Out | Wed., Oct. 18**

You are invited to our next WPC Ladies' Night Out at Billy's Restaurant, located at 1301 H. Street on Wed., Oct. 18, from 5:00–7:00 PM. Feel free to invite a friend – the more the merrier! Cost: \$15/per person. This is our prearranged pricing for family-style heavy appetizers. This price does not include tip, tax and drink cost. RSVP: We would love to have a seat at the table for you and all our friends. Please kindly reply to [robynu2@hotmail.com](mailto:robynu2@hotmail.com) by Mon., Oct. 16.

## **History Buffs | Sat., Oct. 28, 9 AM**

### **Prairie Pines Nature Preserve - Its Backstory**

Sue Kohles, a member of the preserve's Board of Directors, will share how a Christmas tree farm begun by a University horticulturist became a northeast Lincoln treasure. Until a new site was negotiated, Prairie Pines almost found itself neighbors with the proposed new Nebraska prison. Meet at the site - 112th and Adams St., or carpool from WPC leaving at 8:30 AM. The program will begin with a presentation in the Welcome Center and end with an optional guided hike.

## **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?**

## Faith and LGBTQ+ Identity Film Screening

OutNebraska invites members of inclusive faith communities to attend any of three Sunday screenings of the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Prairie Pride Film Festival at The Ross Media Arts Center. The three Sunday films examine the intersection of faith and LGBTQ+ identities. A panel discussion of faith leaders will follow the 4:30pm showing, *1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture*. Details and ticket information are available at <https://theross.org/events/ppff23/>

## Week Beginning October 8

<p><b><u>Sun. (Oct. 8)</u></b> 9:30 AM Worship/Faith Village 10:45 AM Adult Ed., Lounge 11:30 AM Directory Photos, FH 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 1 PM CROP Walk 6:30 PM Youth Group, Youth Area</p> <p><b><u>Mon. (Oct. 9)</u></b> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study— Reading the Bible, Library 11:30 AM Directory Photos, FH 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. (Oct. 10)</u></b> 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 10 AM Circle 5, Lounge</p>	<p>5 PM Personnel, Zoom 6 PM A &amp; P, Conference Room</p> <p><b><u>Wed. (Oct. 11)</u></b> 1:30 PM Hearts &amp; Hands, Library 4:30 PM Foundation Marketing, Library 4:30 PM Foundation Finance, Lounge 5 PM Foundation Board, Lounge 5:30 PM WestminsterLINK 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><b><u>Sun. (Oct. 15)</u></b> 9:30 AM Worship/Faith Village 10:45 AM Adult Ed., Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 3 PM Lincoln Police Explorers Training 6:30 PM Youth Group, Roca Scary Farm</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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