

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



October 22, 2023

One God, One-in-Christ, One Westminster--

All with Gratitude!

Why Westminster Sunday

Prelude

“Improvisation on SIMPLE GIFTS”

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Special Announcement:

PCUSA Mission Co-Worker in
South Sudan, Kristi Rice

***Call to Worship** (Romans 12, excerpts from The Message
paraphrase)

Deacon Carolyn Harp

One: Paul wrote to the Roman church, “I’m speaking to you
out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me... We are
like the various parts of a human body.

**All: Each part gets its meaning from the body as a
whole, not the other way around.**

One: The body we’re talking about is Christ’s body of chosen
people.

**All: Each of us finds our meaning and function as a
part of Christ’s body.”**

***Hymn #450**

Be Thou My Vision

***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. You give us
gifts for the service and support of your vision of
justice and peace. Still, we give ourselves the glory,
seeking praise for our efforts. You call us to do our*

part with joy and hope. Still, we argue to get our own way. Lord, still our hearts in worship. Meet us with your Spirit's comfort. Inspire us to find our gifts and to use them to your glory. 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

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Scripture

Epistle Reading

Romans 12:1-8

N.T. pg. 161

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

Sermon

“Why Westminster: Sharing Gifts of All Kinds”

Carolyn Harp, Skyler Bennett, Rev. Chris Peters

***Hymn #733**

We All Are One in Mission

Moment of Gratitude

Children/Youth Committee

Welcome of New Members

Special Music “Building on a Rock” arr. Linda Spevaceck-Avery

Westminster Choir

Prayers of the People

Rev. Chris Peters

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**

To All Who Enter Here

(inserted in back of red hymnal)

Commissioned in Celebration of Westminster’s Centennial, Feb. 12, 2006

***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Postlude

“Toccata in F” by Dietrich Buxtehude

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

Today’s words for worship (“liturgy”) are written by Pastor Chris, inspired by words or themes in Exodus and Romans 12.

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 Carolyn Harp

Interim Music Director: Mary Daughtery

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Greeters: Joyce Douglas, Marilyn Hood

Ushers: Suzanne Bartlett, Becky Bockrath, Martha Kingsbury

Dishwashers: Megan and Jason Woita



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

The week of Oct. 22, 2023

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

Today is our annual Why Westminster Sunday! We'll hear from members and Pastor Chris about “why” Westminster is their church community of choice! We'll also have a special Prayers of the People using prayers submitted by members at Presbyterians in the Park, and we'll welcome Kristi Rice, a PCUSA Mission Co-Worker serving in South Sudan! It's the first of three straight “full and fun” Sundays of worship at WPC!”

Adult Ed.

We will have a mission emphasis at Adult Ed today, with speaker Kristi Rice, a PCUSA Mission Co-Worker serving in South Sudan. Next week, Oct. 29, we will continue with the Reformation series, focusing on the Wesleyan Reforms in England 1700s, taught by Pastor Jimmy.

New Member Sunday

Today we welcome the following new members to Westminster: Ben Overbay, Josh Swanson, Paul Korslund, Rohn and Beth Loyd.

Spooktacular | Wednesday, October 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Believe it or not, Spooktacular is coming soon! On Wed., October 25 at 5:30 PM, put on your best costume and come to Westminster to play games, trick or treat, and have a frightfully fun evening. Here are a few of the activities you can look forward to:

Trick-or-treating, Bounce House, Photo Booth, Food Trucks, Giant Games (Connect 4, Jenga) And more!

You can help us make this event possible in a couple of ways: Please consider donating bags of candy, packaged snacks, pencils, and/or any small handouts for the children. Look for collection buckets at the top of the steps by the East entrance. Volunteer to staff a game or craft table. Wear a costume and decorate your car trunk or table

inside with a fun theme then pass out treats to the children. Vehicles need to arrive by 4 pm to find a spot and put the finishing touches on your decorations.

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 UNL 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.

Heritage Sunday | October 29

Celebrate our Scottish history and heritage as Presbyterians in worship! We will celebrate a Kirken of the Tartans, a symbolic moment in worship where those of Scottish heritage are invited to bring forward a symbol of their heritage for a blessing. Continuing a shift reflecting God's wide embrace Westminster began around 2018, all are welcome to bring an appropriate symbol of their heritage for blessing. We'll be community together with a Caramel Apple Bar following worship.

Personal Care Product Collection Ends October 31

Thanks Westminster! Your generous donations of personal care products for Lincoln neighbors through the **Lincoln Hygiene Network** has been a success. Many nonprofits have benefitted. There is still time to add more things to the barrel in the Garden room until **OCTOBER 31**. Lists of items are available by the barrel. Presbyterian Women are grateful for your contributions.

Equal Exchange Coffee

Mission/Outreach is pleased to bring Equal Exchange Coffee to Westminster friends. Available the first Sunday of the month. When we give the opportunity to purchase Equal Exchange coffee during Fellowship Hour after services or for the holidays, we're making a strong statement about our values as a community. We're proclaiming that our congregation believes that it's vital to keep small farmers on the land providing food for their families and having some economic control over their lives; that it's important to work with indigenous

producers and women; that sustainable agricultural methods are a vital way to address climate change.

Our congregation is proud to offer a brew that is both delicious and reflects our values of social justice. By choosing this fairly traded coffee, you are supporting a whole separate ethical supply chain—not huge corporations. Enjoy it! Buy some to bring home, and share it with friends.

World on a Plate | Nov. 9

World on a Plate will be exploring the culinary delights of India! Mark your calendar...Thursday, Nov. 9 at 5:30 PM. Tom Pappas and Laurel Van Ham will be hosting at Winsome Manor, 4150 South Street. RSVP - text (402) 202-9889 with how many will attend and the dish you will bring.

Advocacy Workshop, Saturday, Nov. 4, 9:30-11:00 AM

Do you get discouraged or feel overwhelmed by problems like hunger, climate change, and poverty? Not sure how to do anything? Learn how you can make a difference at a free advocacy workshop! You'll learn the basics of advocacy, hear a brief overview of the hunger and environmental aspects of the Farm Bill, and practice active hope by expressing your concerns to policy makers about whatever matters to you. Coffee and a snack provided, no registration required, First Plymouth Church Pilgrim Hall (use west door, then go upstairs).

Organized by the First-Plymouth Climate Action Team and Bread for the World Team, and Nebraska Interfaith Power & Light. Co-sponsored by Green@Heart at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Bethany Christian Church Green Chalice, Saint Paul United Methodist Church Climate Justice Team, Green Sanctuary Committee of the Unitarian Church of Lincoln, and First Presbyterian Church.

Prairie Readers | Nov. 15

Prairie Readers will meet Nov. 15 at 1 PM. We will create our reading list for 2024 so come prepared to introduce us to your nomination for next year's reading pleasure.

Week Beginning October 22

<p><u>Sun. (Oct. 22)</u> 9 AM Session Meeting with New Members, FH 9:30 AM Worship/Faith Village 10:30 AM FarmHouse Fraternity Initiation Service, Sanctuary 10:45 AM Confirmation Class, FH 10:50 AM Adult Ed. South Sudan Mission Report, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 6 PM Youth Group</p> <p><u>Mon. (Oct. 23)</u> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study— Reading the Bible, Library 6 PM Session, Lounge 6:30 PM Scouts—Den Meetings</p> <p><u>Tues. (Oct. 24)</u> 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 10:45 AM Stewardship & Finance, Library 5:30 PM Deacons, Lounge</p> <p><u>Wed. (Oct. 25)</u> 1:30 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 2 PM PW Coordinating Team, Lounge 3 PM UNL Women’s Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>	<p>5:30 PM WestminsterLINK, Spooktacular 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Thurs. (Oct. 26)</u> 9 AM Friendship Homes, FH 12 PM Friendship Homes, Lounge 6:30 PM UNL Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Fri. (Oct. 27)</u> 1 PM UNL Men’s Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Sat. (Oct. 28)</u> 9 AM History Buffs, Prairie Pines Nature Preserve</p> <p><u>Sun. (Oct. 29) Heritage Sunday</u> 9:30 AM Worship/Faith Village 10:30 AM Carmel Apple Bar, Garden Room 10:45 AM Confirmation Class 10:50 AM Adult Ed.—Seasons of Renewal, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 3 PM UNL Concert, Sanctuary 6 PM Youth Group</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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