

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE



October 29, 2023

Heritage Sunday

Prelude

“Farewell to Stromness” by Peter Maxwell Davies

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

*Call to Worship (Psalm 90:1-4)

Dorothy Smiley

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

All: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

One: You turn us back to dust, and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”

All: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

One: Let us worship God with joy and hope!

*Hymn #649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

*Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

*Time of Silent Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

O Lord, be pleased to have compassion on us. We condemn our evil ways. As you remove our guilt and pollution, grant us the daily increase of your Holy Spirit, that your Spirit may produce the fruits of holiness and righteousness well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

(From a 1542 Prayer of Confession by John Calvin)

*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.**

Kirkin' o' The Tartans and Blessing of Our Symbols of Heritage

Please bring your symbols of heritage forward. For Tartans of Scottish heritage, please say the last name into the microphone.

Prayer of Blessing

Rev. Chris Peters

***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.)

Special Music

Celtic Laud by Craig Courtney
Westminster Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 23 (in Broad Scot's tongue)

Dorothy Smiley

Hebrew Scriptures

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

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

Sermon "Past to Present to Future: From Disappointment to Gratitude" Rev. Chris Peters

***Hymn #833 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go (v. 1-3)**

Moment of Gratitude Worship & Music Committee

Special Music "Gaelic Blessing" by John Rutter
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 #726 Will You Come and Follow Me? (v.1, 4-5)**

***Charge & Benediction** Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude "Foundation"
Jimmy Shelbourn, bagpipes
John Ross, organ improvisation

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

Kirkin' o' the Tartans

The Kirkin' is a celebration of the Scottish roots of the Presbyterian Church. It commemorates the defiance the clans of Scotland displayed when ordered by their English conquerors in 1746 to cease wearing their tartans or playing bagpipes upon threat of death. The practice of concealing scraps of family tartans and having them secretly dedicated and blessed in churches was a political statement, not sanctioned with religious practice.

The ceremony had its beginning in this country when the late Dr. Peter Marshall, a native of Scotland, preached a series of sermons in support

of the British War Relief. His sermon on May 2, 1943, was entitled “Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan.” Dr. Marshall was Pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., and it was there that the Kirkin’ was first held. The service rapidly spread over the United States and Canada and is enjoyed in every part of the world. As we celebrate this tradition as well as other symbols of our individual heritages, let us rededicate our lives to God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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: Dorothy Smiley

Interim Music Director: Mary Daugherty

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Acolytes: Collins Larson

Greeters: Scott & Stephanie Rogers

Ushers: Erika Schafer and family

Dishwashers: Sue Shamblin and Maureen Hergert



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

The week of Oct. 29, 2023

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

Heritage Sunday

Today we celebrate our Scottish history and heritage as Presbyterians in worship! We will celebrate a Kirkin 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.

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 29 The Wesleyan Reforms in England 1700s
Nov 5 The Great Awakening in the United States
Join us for how these historical moments inform our faith today!

Youth Group | Sundays at 6 PM-7:30 PM

All youth are invited to come on Sunday evenings, 6 PM-7:30 PM. This week we will be having a Halloween Party! Dress up in costume and join us for spooky fun games and snacks.

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.

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.

Lunch Bunch will meet at *Toast* in Fallbrook

Tues., Nov. 7, 11:30 AM

As always, no agenda, no program, just fun. Please R.S.V.P. to Jim at jimkinkennon@gmail.com

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.

Prairie Readers | Nov. 15

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

Acolytes

We are looking for children and youth of all ages to serve as acolytes during our worship service. Please add your name to the schedule here <https://shorturl.at/jjOX7>. If you have any questions, please contact Trish, trish@westminsterlincoln.org or 402-570-0163.

Hearts & Hands

Hearts & Hands is a fun-loving group that meets every Wed. from 1:30 – 3 PM, in the church library. Our mission is to knit and crochet items for the People's City Mission—hats, scarves, baby items, toys, etc. We donate finished items in November before the holidays. All needle work folks are welcome to come visit and see what you're missing! Laughter is free. All yarn donations are welcome! Questions? Call Francy Scheele, 402-310-4212.

Wednesday Night LiNK

Join us on Wednesday nights at 5:30 PM for an evening of food, fun, and friends. We gather at 5:30 PM and invite families to join us for dinner at 5:45. At 6:15, children and youth from nursery age through high school will meet to explore the Bible, engage in discussions, and have fun.

Advent Workshop

The Advent workshop will take place on Sunday, December 3, from 10:45-11:45 AM in Fellowship Hall.

Junior League Diaper Drive Update

The most recent Diaper Drive was the Junior League's most successful, collecting 29,422 diapers and Pull Ups for families in-need across all locations. Westminster is proud to serve as a host site for drop-offs. Thanks to all who donated!

Week Beginning October 29

<p><u>Sun. (Oct. 29) Heritage Sunday</u> 9:30 AM Worship/Faith Village 10:40 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> <p><u>Mon. (Oct. 30)</u> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study—Reading the Bible, Library</p> <p><u>Tues. (Oct. 31)</u> 9:45 AM Staff Meeting</p> <p><u>Wed. (Nov. 1)</u> 10 AM Circle 3, Lounge 1:30 PM Hearts & Hands, Library</p>	<p>5:30 PM WestminsterLINK 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Thurs. (Nov. 2)</u> 12:30 PM Friendship Homes, Lounge 6:30 PM Scouts—Monthly Pack Committee Meetings, Youth Cafe</p> <p><u>Sun. (Nov. 5)</u> Commitment Sunday 9:30 AM Worship/Faith Village/Communion 10:45 AM Confirmation Class 10:50 AM Adult Ed.—Seasons of Renewal, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 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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