

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

November 5, 2023

All Saints' Sunday / Commitment Sunday
One God, One-in-Christ, One Westminster—
all with Gratitude!

Prelude / Introit

“Forever Joyful” by Brian Balmages
Guest String Players from Union College

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

***Call to Worship**

Deacon Gary Haller

One: Come, all who are weary from the past week.

All: We come seeking rest; We come seeking comfort.

One: Come, all who are in need of inspiration for the week ahead.

All: We come seeking God's truth, word and worship that will set us on the faithful path.

One: Come, all who are humble, open, and ready to learn.

All: We come as God's students, ready to listen and learn.

***Hymn #326**

For All the Saints

***Call to Confession**

Deacon Gary Haller

***Time of Silent Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, we cry out to you in this moment on this particular day. Life is made up of many beginnings and endings. Too often, we are afraid to let go, and afraid of what will happen if we don't let go. We too often seek to reclaim the past rather than work now for a better future. Lord, renew us. Make it possible for us to grow and change by your grace. Help us become open to new adventures, trust in your timing, and share our gifts for a better world. With

all the saints that have gone before, we pray in the name of the risen Lord, Jesus Christ. 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**

Deacon Gary Haller

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.)

Special Music

"Come Find His Rest" arranged by Dan Forrest
Westminster Choir

Congregation sing when directed:

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Hebrew Scriptures

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

O.T. pg. 508

Gospel Reading

Matthew 23:1-12

N.T. pg. 25

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

Sermon

“For All the Saints: A Vision for Gratitude”

Rev. Chris Peters

*Hymn #716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Moment of Gratitude

Building and Grounds Committee

Music During Communion

“The Power of Your Love”

Krista Sorenson and Mary Daugherty, duet

John Ross, piano

Commitment Cards

As you come forward for communion, you are invited to bring forward a 2024 pledge commitment card or the intention card in your bulletin.

After receiving the elements (bread and juice), place your card in the baskets on the podiums before returning to your seat.

The Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Blessing of the Elements

Prayer After Communion

*Hymn #708

We Give Thee but Thine Own

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

"With Gratitude" by Katie O'Hara LaBrie
Guest String Players from Union College

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

Today's words for worship are adapted from *The Presbyterian Outlook Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost* by Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott, Editor. Today's Prayer of Confession is inspired by a "Blessing for Beginnings and Endings" by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie in *The Lives We Actually Have: 100 Blessings for Imperfect Days*.

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 Gary Haller

Interim Music Director: Mary Daugherty

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Greeters: David & Kathy Anderson

Ushers: Diana Wild, Carol Boehler, Skyler Bennett, Rob & Amanda Edge

Dishwashers: Becky Bockrath and Sarah Baltensperger

Communion Servers: Glenna Haller, Gary Haller, Jaime Hemmerling, Sebit Deng, Sue Shamblin



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

The week of Nov. 5, 2023

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

Today is All Saints’ Sunday

For all the saints, who from their labors rest . . . We remember the following people who have died since All Saints’ Day 2022:

Name	Date of Death
Willie Shafer	Dec. 3, 2022
Don Hamann	Dec. 26, 2022
Ellen Gibson	Jan. 10, 2023
Lee Sonderegger	Feb. 7, 2023
Shirley Grauer	Feb. 11, 2023
Brian Wagner	Feb. 13, 2023
Jean Patoka	Apr. 20, 2023
Joan Tomlinson White	May 2, 2023
Clifford Bomberger	July 5, 2023
Jo Daniels	Aug. 6, 2023
George Hancock	Aug. 13, 2023
Barbara Youngscap	Sept. 24, 2023
Noreen Amend	Oct. 29, 2023

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.

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. Join us to talk, hang out, do your homework, have fun, and more!

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.

Youth Group | Nov. 12

The Westminster Youth Group and Good Shepherd Youth Group will be headed to Sun Valley on Nov. 12 for pizza, games, and laser tag. The plan is to meet at Sun Valley around 1 PM, pending confirmation. Please bring \$5 per person, max of \$15 for admission. Please let Trish know if you plan to attend by text 402-570-0163 or email trish@westminsterlincoln.org.

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.

Wednesday November 15, 2023 | Pie and Fellowship

Let's eat, drink, and be thankful together! Please join us Wednesday, November 15 at 5:45 p.m. for an all-church soup dinner followed by a pie potluck. Bring your favorite pie to share with the group and invite a friend to share with your church family. After feasting on good food, finish off the meal with a trip - or two - through the line-up of holiday desserts. Whipped topping will be provided. Please RSVP here <https://forms.gle/aLqBLfAhd2MXHSXF9> or contact Trish at trish@westminsterlincoln.org if you plan to attend so we can be sure to have enough food available.

Prayers of sympathy for the family of **Noreen Amend**, the mother of Cori Amend. Noreen's Memorial Service was held at Westminster on Nov. 3.

Fall Stated Congregational Meeting | Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023

The Fall Stated Meeting of the Congregation will be held jointly during the worship service on Sunday, Nov. 19. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect Officers of the Church (Ruling Elders and Deacons) for 2024 and to hear a Stewardship & Finance Committee update.

Ladies' Night Out | Wednesday, November 29 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

You are invited to join us this month at LILA MAE'S SOUTHERN KITCHEN AND LOUNGE! Their address is 2110 Winthrop Rd. Join us and bring a friend. RSVP to Robyn Uebele at robynu2@hotmail.com, by Sunday November 26.

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.

Advent Workshop

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

Advent Workshop Baked Goods Auction

The season of expectation and giving is coming soon, bringing with it opportunities to spread good cheer with unexpected gifts. The Youth Group will be sponsoring a baked goods auction at the Advent Workshop again this year to support various mission initiatives throughout the year, including the annual Angel Tree gifts. We are calling for our talented and creative bakers to donate something special to the cause. Cakes, pies, brownies, bars, breads, or anything you would like to make is welcome. Contact Trish at trish@westminsterlincoln.org or complete this form <https://forms.gle/GU9y4Vinjjoimb3v9>. Please indicate ingredients if possible. Master creations can be delivered between 10-2 on Friday or on Sunday morning before the service.

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 November 5

<p><u>Sun. (Nov. 5) All Saints Sunday</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> <p><u>Mon. (Nov. 6)</u> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study—Reading the Bible, Library 6:30 PM Scouts—Den Meetings 7 PM Circle 4</p> <p><u>Tues. (Nov. 7)</u> 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 5 PM Adult Committee, Conference Room 6 PM Building and Grounds, Lounge</p>	<p><u>Wed. (Nov. 8)</u> 1:30 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 5:30 PM WestminsterLINK 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Thurs. (Nov. 9)</u> 5:30 PM World on a Plate—India, Tom Pappas & Laurel Van Ham's home</p> <p><u>Sat. (Nov. 11)</u> 8 AM Car Club Breakfast, Cole Hall</p> <p><u>Sun. (Nov. 12)</u> 9:30 AM Worship/Faith Village 10:45 AM Confirmation Class 10:50 AM Adult Ed.—Exploring Thankfulness, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 1 PM Youth Group—Laser Tag</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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