

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

**February 11, 2024**  
**Transfiguration Sunday**

## Prelude

## Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

## Souper Bowl of Caring Announcement

### \*Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 50:1-6) Rev. Chris Peters

One: God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

***All: Every time we encounter beauty, God's perfection shines forth, calling to us.***

One: God's revelation is a devouring fire, burning away our doubts.

***All: The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God is the creator, the redeemer and the judge.***

### \*Hymn #193

***Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain***

### \*Call to Confession

Rev. Chris Peters

### \*Time of Silent Confession

### \*Unison Prayer of Confession

***Almighty God, when we encounter beauty and love and wonder in the world, so often we seek to control it, to contain it. Forgive us for all the ways we seek to pull things under our power, for the ways we fashion the world and put ourselves first. We are selfish, God. We push aside your command to love in order to seek comfort. Heavenly parent, we take this opportunity to acknowledge our lies and our denial, laying bare our hearts and minds before you now.***

**\*Response to the Confession**

**Hear the Good News of Salvation**

**#441 (verse 2)**

*(From the Glory to God hymnal notes: "this text, was written by John B. Renville, the first Native American Dakota to be ordained to the Presbyterian ministry and was published in the Dakota hymnal.")*

**All the sins I have committed,  
to my Savior now I bring.  
I bow down with tears of anguish;  
Christ forgives and so I sing:  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!  
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me.  
Love me still and cleanse within.**

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Rev. Chris Peters

*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**

**Glory to God #583**

*(From the Taize Community of France)*

***Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!***

**\*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**

Karen Hoffman

*(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 Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:1-12, 14

N.T. pg. 180

Gospel Lesson

Mark 9:2-9

N.T. pg. 44

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

**Sermon** “Seeking Shelter: The Transfiguration Transforms Disciples”

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

\*Hymn #189

**O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair**

\*Affirmation of Faith (1977 PCUS Declaration of Faith, ch. 10.)

Rev. Chris Peters

***Hope in God gives us courage for the struggle.  
The people of God have often misused God's promises  
as excuses for doing nothing about present evils.  
But in Christ the new world has already broken in  
and the old can no longer be tolerated.  
We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.  
But hope plunges us into the struggle  
for victories over evil that are possible now  
in the world, the church, and our individual lives.  
Hope gives us courage and energy  
to contend against all opposition,  
however invincible it may seem,  
for the new world and the new humanity  
that are surely coming.  
Jesus is Lord!  
He has been Lord from the beginning.  
He will be Lord at the end.***

**Moment of Gratitude**

**(Recognition of Outgoing Elders/Deacons)**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Special Music**

“Be Thou My Vision” arr. Paul Robinson  
Westminster Choir

**Prayers of the People**

Rev. Chris Peters

**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 #192**

***Shine, Jesus, Shine***

**\*Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

## **Postlude**

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

Today's words for worship (liturgy) are adapted from *The Presbyterian Outlook: Worship Resources for February 11, 2024* by Rose Taylor Schrott.

**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 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 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

**Interim Music Director:** Mary Young

**Organist:** John Ross

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

**Greeters:** Carol & Jim Bishop

**Ushers:** David Anderson, Joyce Douglas, Barbara Wright-Chollet, Marilyn Hood

**Dishwashers:** Barb & Dave Arunski



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

**The week of Feb. 11, 2024**

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

**Today we say thank you to those who have finished their terms of service as elders and deacons:**

**Elders**

Tim Gergen

Glenna Haller

Ernie Hines

Stanley Rediger

Diana Wild

**Deacons**

Lisa McConnell

Becky Bockrath

Gary Haller

Carolyn Harp

Jim Kinkennon

Mary Peach

Claire Titus\*

Janell Welstead\*

\*Ended Deacon Term and Accepted New Term

**Souper Bowl of Caring: Can Drive and Collection**

Westminster's Youth Group is joining over 2600 other organizations in collecting money today, February 11, to fight hunger and food insecurity. The funds raised at Westminster will be donated to Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach and the Gathering Place in Lincoln. Matt Talbot has served the homeless and near homeless for nearly 28 years, with feeding the hungry as the core of their mission. The Gathering Place was founded in 1982 and is a soup kitchen that provides over 27,000 hot, nourishing evening meals to those who are homeless, near-homeless, or otherwise food-insecure in Lincoln each year. We ask you to join this important movement, sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday -- look for youth group representatives holding soup pots by the sanctuary exits. Every dollar donated creates over \$20 for food charities, which means that a gift in any amount is greatly appreciated and truly makes a difference.

## **Soup-er Bowl Soup Can Drive**

Along with the Souper Bowl of Caring collection, this year the Westminster Youth Group is also sponsoring a Soup-er Bowl Soup Can drive, ending on February 11, Souper Bowl Sunday. We invite you to bring cans or boxes of soup to church and drop them off in the tote at the top of the East stairs. Soup donations will benefit the Westminster Food Pantry. If you have any questions, contact Trish at [trish@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:trish@westminsterlincoln.org).

## **Sunday Social Hour – Shrovetide Sunday Pancake Brunch**

**February 11, 10:45 AM**

All church members are invited to attend a Shrove Sunday Pancake brunch in the Fellowship Hall today after the worship service. The Zanders will be flipping pancakes for a pancake bar – all the pancakes will be plain pancakes, and you will be able to decorate your pancake with your choice of delicious toppings. Coffee, juice, and sausage will also be provided. Join your church friends in preparing for the upcoming season of Lent by sharing pancakes in Fellowship Hall!

## **Lent 2024**

### **Wandering Heart: Join the Journey!**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xp70zF4r59E>**

We want you to “Join the Journey” of Lent 2024 with Westminster, Lincoln, NE! This year we will figure out faith with the disciple Peter using the Wandering Heart theme and focus by A Sanctified Art ([sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)). This Lenten journey will encompass Sunday worship, Faith Village, and Adult Education *and* educational programming for all ages on Wednesday nights! To ‘join the journey’, pick up a Lent Passport, which will guide you through the theme each week. Passport stamps may be earned by either attending worship on Sunday or by visiting our Wandering Heart Spirituality Stations in Fellowship Hall. A new station will be added each week. By stamping six of seven stops, you will be able to enter a drawing for either a prime parking spot at the 8:00 or 10:00am Easter service, or for a faithful fun family Easter basket with activities, candy, and more surprises! This Lent, our Westminster family is challenged to Join the Journey in a meaningful way. This is the season to re-tune our hearts on God in faith. We hope you will ‘Join the Journey’ of Lent 2024!

### **Adult Education During Lent**

During the season of Lent, Adult Education will feature discussions based on themes in the hymn “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing.” The sessions will be following the format of scripture reading and group discussion: to facilitate discussion, chairs will be in concentric circles. Join us each Sunday in Lent from 10:45 to 11:30 AM. Pastor Jimmy will be leading the discussions.

### **Used Sneaker/Sock Collection**

Green at Heart has discovered two separate programs which collect used sneakers and used socks to keep these out of landfills. The sneaker program re-sells. The sock program recycles. There will be a collection box for these beginning the first Sunday in Lent, Feb. 18 in the east entry, north alcove where Styrofoam was collected the past few months. Check your closets and bring them in!

The **Annual Stated Meeting of the Congregation** will be held on Sunday, Feb. 18, following the worship service. The agenda includes proposed bylaws changes, the presentation of the 2023 annual reports, the presentation of the 2024 budget, election of Nominating Committee members and the approval of the pastor’s terms of call for 2024. The February Messenger, which contains annual reports from the committees at Westminster as well as other information, is available on the church’s website—[westminsterlincoln.org](http://westminsterlincoln.org).

### **Faith and Cancer Support Group**

#### **Tuesday, February 20 | Library at 7 PM**

Cancer is associated with many emotions wrapped up within. In our support group at Westminster, we can share those thoughts and feelings with others who are experiencing similar concerns. This Life Group meets every third Tuesday of the month from 7-8 PM in the church library. All are welcome. Contact Bruce Sheffield at 402-783-0394 or Janice Rohwedder at 402-730-5568.

### **Prairie Readers | Feb. 21**

Prairie Readers will meet February 21 at 1 PM in the Lounge. Diana Wild will lead the discussion of “Foster” by Claire Keegan. This book is one of The Times (UK) Top 50 Novels published in the 21st Century.

## Week Beginning February 11

<p><b><u>Sun. (Feb. 11)</u></b> 9:30 AM Worship/Souper Bowl of Caring Collection/Faith Village 10:45 AM Shrovetide Pancake Brunch, FH 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> <p><b><u>Mon. (Feb. 12)</u></b> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study, Library 5 PM Church Life, Library 5:30 PM Worship &amp; Music, Lounge 6 PM Mission &amp; Outreach, FH 6 PM WCY Children &amp; Youth—Zoom 6:30 PM Scouts—Den Meetings, Youth Areas</p> <p><b><u>Tues (Feb. 13)</u></b> 9:45 AM Staff Meeting, Conference Room 10 AM Circle #5, Lounge 5 PM Personnel—Zoom 6 PM A &amp; P, Conference Room 6 PM Building &amp; Grounds, Lounge</p>	<p><b><u>Wed. (Feb. 14) Ash Wed.</u></b> 1:30 AM Hearts &amp; Hands, Library 5:30 PM WestminsterLiNK 6:15 PM Ash Wed. Worship 7 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><b><u>Thurs. (Feb. 15)</u></b> 9 AM Friendship Home All-Staff, Fellowship Hall 7 PM Camera Club, Lounge</p> <p><b><u>Sat. (Feb. 17)</u></b> Homestead Stated Meeting—Zoom</p> <p><b><u>Sun. (Feb. 18)</u></b> 9:30 AM Worship/Faith Village 10:30 AM Annual Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary 10:45 AM Adult Ed., 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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