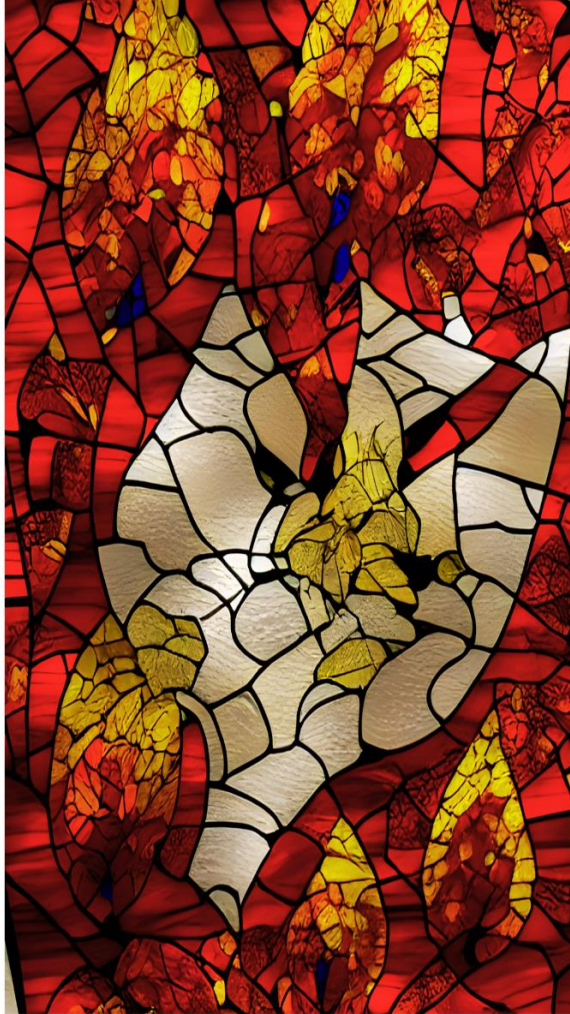


Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday



*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and began to speak in other languages as the
Spirit enabled them to speak.*

Acts 2:4 (CEB)

Prelude

“Fantasia on TON-Y-BOTEL” by Richard Purvis

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Choral Introit

“Awake My Soul” - Elaine Hagenburg

***Call to Worship**

Deacon Claire Titus

One: Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters. From your breath all creation drew life.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, create us anew!

One: Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration the prophets spoke and acted in faith.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, speaker of justice!

One: Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God; you make us the living temple of your presence.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, who makes us disciples!

One: Holy Spirit, Giver of life, you guide and give gifts – wisdom, counsel, knowledge, faith – that the whole creation may be transformed!

All: Come, Holy Spirit, giver of our gifts to use and to share! Amen.

***Hymn #280**

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

***Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***Time of Silent Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Lord of life, your Spirit inspires us to hear the voices of others. Still, we often shy away from worship and service that is truly transformational. In this broken and fearful world, the Spirit encourages us to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. Forgive us for when we have avoided such Spirit-guided work and living. Lord, call us, inspire us, equip us, and send us by your Spirit to be bold, brave, and to seek just transformation in this world. Amen.

***Response to Confession #90**

Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

***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 #35 (verse 1)**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;

join me in glad adoration!

***Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Share a sign of welcome and inclusion (high five, handshake, fist/elbow bump) with your neighbors.

We pass Christ's peace to one another and to those viewing on live stream.

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.)

Congregational Prayer for Illumination: #288 Spirit of the Living God (3x)

Scripture

Hebrew Scripture

Genesis 11:1-9

O.T. pg. 9

Gospel

Acts 2:1-21

N.T. pg. 119

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

Sermon

"The Unorthodox Spirit"

Rev. Chris Peters

Anthem:

Guide Me As I Walk Along (A Cherokee Hymn)

arr. James E. Green

John Ross, percussion & Sanda Masic, flute

Guide me, Jehovah as I walk along

Weak I am. Strong you are

Always, always help us

When I step on the banks of the Jordan River

Pentecost Offering

Prayers of the People

Deacon Claire Titus

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 #539

We Will Go Out with Joy

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

“Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire” by Flor Peeters

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

Today's confessional liturgy is written by Pastor Chris. The Prayer of Confession uses lines 65-71 in the PCUSA's Brief Statement of Faith as part of the prayer. Our Call to Worship is adapted from A Litany for Pentecost from the PCUSA Book of Common Worship, 2018.

The flowers are given by the Worship & Music Committee in honor of Dr. Mary Young, who just received her DMA degree.

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

Liturgist: Deacon Claire Titus

Interim Music Director: Dr. Mary Young

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Greeters: Carol & Jim Bishop

Dishwashers: Tom Pappas & Laurel Van Ham

Ushers: Leslie Miner, Robyn Uebele, Cynthia Olson





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

The week of May 19, 2024

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

Sunday LiNK Pentecost Cookie Social

Today at 10:45 AM

Let's celebrate the birthday of the church! Today we celebrate Pentecost with sugar cookies in the Garden Room after the service. Using Pentecost colored frosting and various toppings, you are invited to craft your own special birthday creation.

Sunday Youth Group

May 19, 2024 5:00 PM, 8101 N. 1st Street

The end of the year is nearly here, and to celebrate the beginning of summer, we will be getting together for our end of year Youth Group party! The Hemmerlings have graciously offered to host the event, which will take place today from 5:00-7:00 PM at 8101 N. 1st Street. We will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers, playing kickball and volleyball, and paddle boating around the lake. Parents are invited to stay during the party, enjoy refreshments, and see a slideshow of the events we've done this year. RSVPs are encouraged and would be helpful, but not required to attend. We look forward to seeing you tonight. Questions? Contact Trish at trish@westminsterlincoln.org.

Youth Group: Kansas City/Branson Trip

As we head towards summer, we are working on putting together a Youth Group summer trip. The trip we are planning includes driving to Branson, Missouri to see the production of Esther at the Sight and Sound Theater. We will also visit a theme park, either Silver Dollar City or Worlds of Fun, and engage in a service project, probably in Kansas City. The trip will run from Thursday night or Friday morning to Sunday evening.

If your youth is interested in traveling with us, please complete this form <https://forms.gle/9qDDUqWnWHGadWU79>.

Pentecost Special Offering

The insert in your bulletin has information about the Pentecost special offering that we collect every year. If you would like to contribute, you can drop a check in the offering baskets, mail a check or put it in the drop box near the Business Office. Write the check out to Westminster and be sure to indicate PENTECOST OFFERING in the memo line. A special envelope is available in your bulletin, if you prefer to use one.

VBS 2024 Wish List/Prayer Calendar/Volunteers

VBS is coming soon and we could use your help!

If you are interested in donating supplies, we now have a list of the supplies we will need on an Amazon wish list here rb.gy/eybqil; many thanks to those who have already purchased supplies to support us! You are welcome to either buy something from the list or donate anything similar you might have at home. If you have any questions, please contact Trish at trish@westminsterlincoln.org or 402-570-0163. In addition to the items on the wish list, we could use snack and drink donations for our volunteers.

You can also help out by praying for our children and volunteers. We have created a 31-day calendar with daily scriptures and ideas of what to pray for. You can find that calendar here <https://shorturl.at/cmrDV>,

If you have any questions, please contact Trish Souliere at trish@westminsterlincoln.org or Dee Hughes gspcyouthne@gmail.com to explore the options.

VBS 2024: Hero Hotline

Called together to serve God.

June 3-7, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, Ages 4 years to Grade 5



Last call to sign up for VBS and be certain to get a t-shirt in the correct size! After Sunday, May 19, we will not be able to guarantee that your child will receive a t-shirt. Sign your children up now to enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they are called together to serve God. They will become Heroes and discover that answering God's call together means striving for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up!

We will be collaborating with Good Shepherd Presbyterian again this year, but sessions will take place at Westminster, 2110 Sheridan Boulevard. Registration is \$10/child (\$30 max/family). Final registration date is May 31. Register now at <https://westminster-goodshepherd.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

Faith and Cancer Support Group

Finding Comfort and Peace after the diagnosis of cancer is often very difficult to say the least. However, sharing that uneasy feeling with others who have been on that journey can be a surprising and helpful new dimension. Here at Westminster Presbyterian Church our support group is based on three specific features: sharing laughter, sharing burdens, and sharing blessings. We meet in the church library at 7 PM on the third Tuesday of each month. All are welcome. Contact Bruce Sheffield at (402) 783-0394.

End of The Trail!



Many thanks to those who donated sneakers for a re-use project and socks for recycling during Lent and Easter. We have sent 39 reusable sneakers to that project; we sent too many socks to count to Smart Wool who shreds and re-spins the fiber. This keeps things out of the landfill. The photo is of the bags, ready to go to FedEx, filling the back of a Chevy SUV with back seat folded down! This was a Green@Heart project.

Prairie Readers Date Change for June

Prairie Readers will meet Wed., June 26, at 1 PM in the Lounge. This is a week after our usual meeting on the third Wed. of the month, because the church will be closed that day as we celebrate Juneteenth. Dale Minter will lead the discussion of *Memphis* by Tara M. Stringfellow.

Week Beginning May 19

<p><u>Sun. (May 19) Pentecost</u> 9:30 AM Worship/Faith Village 10:45 AM Decorate Pentecost Cookies, Fellowship Hall 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 5 PM Youth Group—End of Year Party at Hemmerlings</p> <p><u>Mon. (May 20)</u> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study, Library 6 PM Session, Lounge</p> <p><u>Tues (May 21)</u> 9:45 AM Staff Meeting, Conference Room 6:30 PM Preschool Graduation, Fellowship Hall 7 PM Faith and Cancer Support Group, Library</p> <p><u>Wed. (May 22)</u> 9 AM Friendship Home, Fellowship Hall 10 AM Preschool Marathon & Last Day of School 1:30 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 5:30 PM WestminsterLink, Cole Hall</p>	<p><u>Thurs. (May 23)</u> 9 AM Friendship Home, Fellowship Hall 10 AM Preschool Marathon & Last Day of School</p> <p><u>Sat. (May 25)</u> 8:30 AM VBS Meeting, Cole Hall & Youth Areas 1 PM Graduation Reception for Laux Family, Fellowship Hall</p> <p><u>Sun. (May 26)</u> 9:30 AM Worship/Faith Village 10:45 AM Adult Ed, Lounge 10:50 AM Columbarium Service, Columbarium 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 3 PM Piano Recital, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Mon. (May 27) Memorial Day</u> Church building closed for the holiday.</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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