

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

**June 2, 2024**

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prelude**

Alec Doyle, cello

**Welcome**

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

**Special Announcement: Stained Glass Windows** Jim White

**\*Call to Worship** (See Liturgy Notes for more background.)

Deacon Marijane England

One: The God who has searched us and knows us, who is acquainted with all our ways, that God calls us each by name.

**All: Speak, Holy One, your servants are listening!**

One: The God who liberated slaves from Egypt, the Lord of the Sabbath who bids us rest, that God empowers us to make Jesus' life visible in our very bodies.

**All: Speak, Holy One, your servants are listening!**

One: Let us sing aloud to God, our strength, and shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

**\*Hymn #621**

**I will Call upon the Lord (x2)**

**\*Call to Confession**

Deacon Marijane England

**\*Time of Silent Confession**

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

*Lord of Life, you call us to rest, but we are too busy working. You call us to offer rest to others, but we are too busy demanding. You call us to remember that you are always at work in our lives, but we are too busy worrying. Forgive our need to feel busy and to fill our schedules with anything but holy rest. Remind us that our value*

***comes from you, not from anything we produce or how productive we appear to others. Teach us the rhythms of your grace, and grant us rest for our weary souls. Amen.***

**\*Response to Confession #649 (verse 3)**

**Amazing Grace**

***Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come.***

***'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.***

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness** Deacon Marijane England

*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 (verse 1)**

**Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

***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. Chris Peters

*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.***

**Prayer for Illumination**

## Scripture

Gospel Reading Mark 2:23-3:6 N.T. pg. 36

Epistle Reading 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 N.T. pg. 180

*An “epistle” is a letter. In the New Testament there are 27 books total and 21 of those are letters/epistles by different authors to different communities.*

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## Sermon

“Grace is Given”

Rev. Chris Peters

## \*Hymn #409

**God is Here! (vv. 1, 3, 4)**

## Vacation Bible School Commissioning

### Special Music

**Come to Me**

by Dan Forrest

### The Lord’s Supper

#### Invitation

Rev. Chris Peters

#### 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.***

### 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 #507 **Come to the Table of Grace (v. 1, 2, 3)**

### \*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

## Postlude

Alec Doyle, cello

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

### Liturgy Notes

Today's Call to Worship comes from Glory to God hymnal online, Proper 4. This Call utilizes several lectionary scriptures of the day. Our confessional liturgy is adapted from The Presbyterian Outlook: Order of Worship for June 2, 2024 by Rev. Ellen Williams Hensle, Associate Pastor for Youth and Discipleship at Westminster Presbyterian, Austin, TX. The Assurance of Pardon was written by Pastor Chris.

**Today's flowers are provided by Helen Hayes and Janet McCall.**

**Westminster welcomes and values children in worship.** All kids and their families are welcome to pick up a blue Children's Worship Bag in the narthex (Sheridan Blvd. foyer). If a parent feels a break is needed for their child during the service, our **Infant Room** is available. This is at the north end of the Narthex.

### 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 Marijane England

**Interim Music Director:** Dr. Mary Young

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

**Greeters:** Paul Korslund & Josh Whitfield

**Dishwashers:** Kelly Braswell-Bubach and Dorrie Gage

**Ushers:** April Douglas, Diana Wild, David Anderson

**Communion Servers:** Marybell Avery, Sebit Deng, Sarah Gergen, Jim Hlava, Karen Hoffman, and Ray Stevens



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

**The week of June 2, 2024**

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

Many Sundays Pastor Chris stands before the church and says, “In the Presbyterian Church we believe our response to God’s grace is gratitude...” and we then celebrate something positive in the life



of Westminster as our Moment of Gratitude. But what does the Bible have to say about God’s grace in Jesus Christ – this “thing” for which we’re supposed to be grateful? Grace is a central topic in the New Testament letter of Second Corinthians. Join us in June and early July for a series exploring The Nature of Grace and how it is given, grows, transforms, drives, inspires, and is sufficient in and for our lives!



**Westminster Welcome Sunday, June 2, 2024**

Have you ever wondered...  
“What’s Session?”  
“Where is the kitchen?”  
“What is the vision of Westminster?”  
“Why does membership matter?”

... Or a slew of other questions, you should join us for our next Westminster Welcome discussion in the Lounge Classroom. Westminster Welcome is a time of learning and conversation about Westminster with Pastor Chris and members. While our focus is on helping you know more and giving time for a Q&A, we will include a brief ‘no strings attached’ discussion about membership.

All are welcome to join us – those considering joining, curious visitors, and even long-time members.

Have questions or wish to let us know you're coming, contact Pastor Chris ([chris@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:chris@westminsterlincoln.org)). If you aren't around that Sunday and are interested in joining with our next group of new members, please reach out to Chris! We anticipate welcoming new members on June 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adult Education in June**

Today - Westminster Welcome led by Pastor Chris Peters

June 9 - Librarian Vicki Wood on censorship and intellectual freedom

June 16 – Administration and Planning Committee will present a “town hall” regarding emerging issues with WPC security

June 23 and 30 - “Godspell: the Sources and the Scriptures” led by Pastor Jimmy Shelbourn

### **VBS Volunteer Commissioning**

Our Hero Hotline VBS begins this week, and we have some amazing people who have volunteered to provide leadership. We will be recognizing these volunteers today during worship, as well as offering them a special blessing as they prepare their hands and hearts to share God's word.

### **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.

### **Youth Group: Kansas City/Branson Trip in July**

The Youth Group will be taking a trip this summer! We will drive to Branson, Missouri to see the production of Esther at the Sight and Sound Theater, take a day to have fun at Worlds of Fun, and engage in a service project in Kansas City. The trip will run from Thursday night to Sunday night, July 11-13. Please register here

<https://forms.gle/63tH9HTG6WKGW3Vx5>.

*Note: all youth must have a signed permission form to attend.*

<https://shorturl.at/DPsrM>.

**Mission/Outreach is pleased to bring Equal Exchange Coffee and Equal Exchange Organic Chocolate to Westminster friends. The coffee you enjoy during the fellowship hour is also Equal Exchange.**

By choosing the Equal Exchange brand, we are making a strong statement about our values as a community.

**Available for Purchase:**

We give the opportunity to purchase Equal Exchange products during Fellowship Hour after services on the first Sunday of each month.

Thank you for supporting our ongoing commitment to making these products available.

**Update Regarding Our Annual Book Sale**

After thoughtful consideration, we have decided that there will not be a Book Sale this year. Consequently, we will also not be accepting any book donations at this time. Our plans for the future are uncertain, so please watch for further announcements. Thank you for the unwavering support you have shown us over the years!

**Lunch Bunch**

Lunch Bunch, our daytime casual lunch gathering for WPC members and friends, will meet at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, June 4, at Lila Mae's. This is not our usual time, but is when they open.

**Faith Village**

To allow families to worship together over the summer, we are taking a break from Faith Village. We will continue to email weekly guides that include scriptures to read, questions to help generate discussion, and activities to help reinforce the lectionary lesson for the week. If you are interested in delving into a particular topic further, please let Trish know at [trish@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:trish@westminsterlincoln.org).

**Lights Out! Green@Heart 2024 Campaign**

Seems every family has one (usually mom or dad)—the person who reminds everyone else to “Turn out the lights!” when leaving a room. But that person doesn’t live in our church building. When lights are left burning in empty rooms at Westminster they are quite literally “burning” the fossil fuels that contribute to global warming. They are also adding to the “Utilities” line item in our budget instead of items like “Children’s Ministry” or “Associate Pastor.”

So Westminster is starting a “Lights Out” campaign. Please—if you or your group members are finishing up in a classroom, meeting room, office—turn off the lights as you leave. Same for the lights in hallways if you’re leaving a part of the building that no one else is using. It may take a little while to learn where the light switches are, but we can do this!

**Staff Schedules**

Pastor Jimmy will be out of the office on vacation through June 15. He and Carol are (again) in Scotland.

**Week Beginning June 2**

<p><b><u>Sun. (June 2)</u></b>            9:30 AM Worship/Communion/                VBS Commissioning            10:45 AM Adult Ed, Lounge            12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> <p><b><u>Mon. (June 3)</u></b>            9 AM VBS: Hero Hotline</p> <p><b><u>Tues (June 4)</u></b>            9 AM VBS: Hero Hotline            10:30 AM Lincoln City Library                Summer Event, Fellowship Hall            12 PM Lunch Bunch            5 PM Adult Ed, Conference Room</p>	<p><b><u>Wed. (June 5)</u></b>            9 AM VBS: Hero Hotline            1:30 PM Hearts &amp; Hands, Library</p> <p><b><u>Thurs. (June 6)</u></b>            9 AM VBS: Hero Hotline            6:30 PM Summer Star City Sound                Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><b><u>Fri. (June 7)</u></b>            9 AM VBS: Hero Hotline</p> <p><b><u>Sun. (June 9)</u></b>            9:30 AM Worship            10:45 AM Adult Ed, Lounge            12 Noon Sudanese Worship</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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