

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

**June 30, 2024**

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prelude** "Morceau Symphonique" by Alexandre Guilmant  
Dr. Scott Anderson, trombone

**Welcome** Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

**\*Call to Worship** Elder Jaime Hemmerling

One: We trust that the Lord is with us.

**All: And all shall be made well.**

One: Our faith is the light that guides us:

**All: Through work, life, and in the world.**

One: Rejoice and know that God is here.

**All: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord.**

**\*Hymn #307** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

**\*Call to Confession** Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

**\*Time of Silent Confession**

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

*Lord, forgive us, for in the busyness of our lives we have forgotten to seek you. Instead of looking at the glory of every single miracle around us – from the beauty of the flowers to the turning of the leaves – we have focused on completing our own tasks. We have asked for miracles, but we haven't asked for you. Help us see what you have already given us and to see all people as you see them. When we think all is lost, remind us how your forgiveness comes like the morning, leading us out of the darkness every time. 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**      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 (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. 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.***

**Special Music**

"Prelude and Chorale on 'Svatý Václave'"  
by Václav Nelhýbel

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**

Hebrew Scriptures      Lamentations 3:22-33      O.T. pg. 766

**\*Hymn #59**

***The Steadfast Love of the Lord  
(Congregation x3)***

**Epistle Lesson**

2 Cor. 8:7-15

N.T. pg. 183

*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.***



**Flowers are given** by Marilyn Maude in memory of her husband, Ted Maude.

**Scott Anderson**, our guest musician, is the Professor of Trombone in the Glenn Korff School of Music at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Dr. Anderson teaches undergraduate and graduate trombone students, and History of Rock n Roll. He also teaches honors seminars on The Beatles and Bob Dylan.

**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:** Elder Jaime Hemmerling

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

**Organist:** John Ross

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

**Greeters:** Marilyn Hood & Kelly Braswell-Burbach

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

**Ushers:** Erika Schafer Family

Today's words for worship are adapted from resources for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 2024 in the Presbyterian Outlook. Parts from the Outlook include our Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession by Evie Hughes, a youth member of First Presbyterian, Ft. Thomas, Kentucky and our Call to Confession and Assurance of Pardon, written by Rev. Carol Holbrook Prickett, Pastor of Crescent Springs Presbyterian near Cincinnati, OH.



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

**The week of June 30, 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 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!

### **Adult Education in June and July**

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

July 7 – No Adult Ed

The following weeks in July, we will have an opportunity to hear from 3 members of the congregation, who will share their faith stories.

July 14 – Marijane England

July 21 – Karen Hoffman

July 28 – Claire Titus

### **Dishwashers Needed**

A huge thank you to all the volunteers that helped with dishwashing this past year! Westminster made a commitment in the fall of 2007 to stop using disposable cups during our Sunday morning coffee hour. We’ve honored that commitment for almost 17 years now, thanks to lots of people each doing a little. With that in mind, we are in need of dishwashers to fill a few open shifts for the next year (July-June). Please contact Lisa McConnell at [lpeach\\_2001@yahoo.com](mailto:lpeach_2001@yahoo.com) if you are interested in helping out.

## **Foundation Snippets from the June 12, 2024 Meeting**

--The Foundation expresses gratitude and remembrance for the life and work of Allen Wachter, Foundation Vice-President and Treasurer who passed away.

--The Foundation accepted the external audit by Grafton which showed no issues with Foundation finances.

--A new bid for the remainder of the parking lot and sidewalk concrete repair work came in at \$45,000. The Foundation committed funds to pay for the repair work up to \$89,283. With \$45,000 utilized in 2023, the new bid is in-line with the balance of funds committed.

--The Foundation approved the slate of officers for the remainder of 2024:

President: Joyce Douglas

Vice-President and Secretary: Erika Schafer

Treasurer: Stacy Graham

Finance Committee Chair: Stacy Graham

Marketing Committee Chair: Pat Leach

## **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!

## **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!

### **Landscaping Needs at Westminster**

This is a list of things that need to be done to beautify our church grounds. Could you pick an item to complete? Let Tom Pappas know.

#### **Parking strip #1**

- clip off dead peony blossom heads, go down to the shape of the plant - several inches. (Hand clippers and bucket.)
- The ash tree by the steps has suckers coming up from the base. With a hand clipper clip off suckers as low to the ground as possible.
- Shovel and sweep materials out of curb and back into planting area.

#### **Rose beds**

- All blooms are spent, even the best ones. Clip off every stem just above the first big leaf.
- Hand clippers and gloves.

#### **Daisies**

- There are spent daisies in several beds. Cut the blooms down to the crown.

#### **Lower level by youth room**

- In the lower bed there is mainly vinca and hostas - and tall prickly lettuce. Pull out the prickly lettuce and any other weeds.

#### **Burning bush north of playground**

- There's a dead spot facing north that needs to be cut out with a loop.

#### **Weeds in seams**

- A string trimmer is a good way to take care of it without poison.

### **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).

## July Meeting of Prairie Readers

Prairie Readers will meet at 1 PM in the Lounge on July 17. Linda Burchard will facilitate the discussion of “The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder” by David Grann.

## 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.

## Staff Schedules

Pastor Chris will be out of the office July 1 - 7. Please contact Pastor Jimmy or the church office with any pastoral concerns during this time. Trish will also be out of the office next week, returning on July 8.

## Week Beginning June 30

<p><b><u>Sun. (June 30)</u></b> 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Adult Ed, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> <p><b><u>Tues. (July 2)</u></b> 10:30 AM Lincoln City Library— Heavy Equipment, Parking Lot 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch 5 PM Adult Education, Conference Room</p>	<p><b><u>Wed. (July 3)</u></b> 1:30 PM Heart &amp; Hands, Library</p> <p><b><u>Thurs. (July 4)</u></b> Building Closed for the Holiday</p> <p><b><u>Fri. (July 5)</u></b> Building Closed for the Holiday</p> <p><b><u>Sun. (July 7)</u></b> 9:30 AM Worship with Communion 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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