

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

July 7, 2024

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” by Larry Shackley

Welcome Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Choral Introit “Jubilate Deo” by Peter Anglea
O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with a song.

***Call to Worship (Psalm 123)** Deacon Claire Titus
One: To you I lift up my eyes, O Lord;
Many: O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
One: Our eyes look to the Lord, our God,
Many: For the Lord will have mercy upon us!

Hymn #63 *The Lord is God

***Call to Confession** Deacon Claire Titus

***Time of Silent Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Mighty God: as our Guardian, you hold us fast, when all around us is shaken. You provide, when our own strength has faltered. Yet how often we turn aside from you, depending on our own resources rather than your sufficient grace. Forgive our failure to fully trust in your love. Remind us to cast our cares on you, certain of your abiding love, revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
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 Claire Titus
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.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Gospel Reading Mark 6:1-6 N.T. pg. 40

Epistle Lesson 2 Cor. 12:2-10 N.T. pg. 185

*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

"The Nature of Grace: God's Grace is Sufficient"

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***Hymn #415**

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

***Affirmation of Faith (1977 PCUS "Declaration of Faith" Ch. 1)**

We believe in one true and living God.

***We acknowledge one God alone,
whose demands on us are absolute,
whose help for us is sufficient.***

That One is the Lord,

*whom we worship, serve, and love.
God is greater than our understanding.
We do not fully comprehend who God is or how God works.
God's reality far exceeds all our words can say.
The Lord's requirements are not always what we think is best.
The Lord's care for us is not always what we want.
God comes to us on God's own terms
and is able to do far more than we ask or think.*

Special Music

“I Wait for You in Silence” by David Hill

**The Lord's Supper
Invitation**

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.

Music During Communion “Nearer, Still Nearer” arr. Lord Larson
Emily Chapman and Dr. Mary Young

***Hymn #340**

This Is My Song

***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Postlude

“When Morning Gilds the Skies” by Robert J. Powell

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

Thank you to the following members of the small group that provided music in today's service: Dr. Emily Chapman, Nicole Solberg, Casey Allen,



Dr. Mary Young, Bryson Cole, Will Sheldon, Logan Langholdt, and Ethan Walsh.

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 Claire Titus

Interim Music Director: Dr. Mary Young

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Greeters: Kelly Braswell-Burbach and Josh Whitfield

Dishwashers: Paul Korslund

Ushers: Diana Wild, David Anderson, Joyce Douglas

Communion Servers: Susie Hughes, Sarah Baltensperger, Jim Kinkennon, Kathy Rohwedder, Jaime Hemmerling, Laurel Van Ham

*"I am the vine,
you are the branches . . ."*

The week of July 7, 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 July

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 if you are interested in helping out.

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.

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.

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!

Landscaping Needs

Thank you to all who helped with the tasks on the list of landscaping needs at the church. Tom Pappas has sent a new list.

- We've been clobbered by prickly lettuce and bindweed. With a gloved hand, grab the lettuce stem near ground level and pull. With new rain it should come up.
- Follow bindweed to the ground and pull it. It's nearly impossible to get the complete root.

- If someone has a string trimmer, it's the best way to remove weeds from the concrete seams and cracks. (Without poison)
- Take a broom into the Prayer Garden and sweep mulch back off the flagstone.
- Mulch in the parking lot strips should be swept and scooped back into the planting areas.

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!

Prayers of sympathy to Amy and Todd Peterson and family, at the death of Amy’s mother, Barb Dittenber.

Staff Schedules

Pastor Chris will be out of the office until July 8. Please contact Pastor Jimmy or the church office with any pastoral concerns during this time.

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.

Week Beginning July 7

<p><u>Sun. (July 7)</u> 9:30 AM Worship with Communion 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> <p><u>Mon. (July 8)</u> 11 AM Memorial Service and Luncheon for Barb Dittenber</p> <p><u>Tues. (July 9)</u> 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 10:30 AM Lincoln City Library— Fellowship Hall 5 PM Building and Grounds, Lounge 5 PM Church Life, Library 5 PM Personnel, Zoom 5:30 PM Worship & Music, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>6 PM Mission & Outreach, Lounge 6 PM Welcoming Task Force, Library</p> <p><u>Wed. (July 10)</u> 1:30 PM Heart & Hands, Library</p> <p><u>Thurs. (July 11)</u> 6:30 PM Summer Star City Sound Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Fri. (July 12)</u> Youth Trip to Kansas City/Branson</p> <p><u>Sun. (July 14)</u> 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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