

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

**July 14, 2024**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prelude** “Shout to The Lord” arr. Kim Collingsworth

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

**\*Call to Worship** Deacon April Kaul

One: God calls!

**All: God gathers!**

One: God challenges!

**All: God moves!**

One: God liberates!

**All: God saves!**

One: Guide us and our lives, O Holy One, so all creation might flourish.

**All: Let us worship God with a response of joy, grace, love, and justice!**

**\*Hymn #10** *Sing Glory to the Name of God*

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

**\*Time of Silent Confession**

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

***Holy God, we lessen ourselves in the face of overwhelming problems. We tell ourselves we are powerless to create positive change. We tell ourselves peace is impossible as we invest in weapons of war, say words of division, and label our neighbor as ‘other.’ We refuse new ideas, new solutions, new voices. Forgive our reluctance, God. Forgive our ignorance. Forgive our excuse-making. Turn us to all that is possible through you. Amen.***

**\*Response to Confession #471**

**O Lord, Hear My Prayer**

*O Lord, hear my prayer.*

*O Lord, hear my prayer.*

*When I call, answer me.*

*O Lord, hear my prayer.*

*O Lord, hear my prayer.*

*Come and listen to me.*

**\*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 #581**

**Glory be to the Father**

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,***

***and to the Holy Ghost;***

***as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,***

***world without end. Amen, 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**

Hebrew Scriptures                      Psalm 24                      O.T. pg. 502

Old Testament Prophets              Amos 7:7-15                O.T. pg. 855

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

**Sermon**

Visions of Justice: “A Plumb Line”  
Rev. Chris Peters

**\*Hymn (Insert)**

*Let Justice Flow*

**Moment of Gratitude  
Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Special Music**

“Nobody Knows” arr. Jay Althouse  
Nicole Solberg – alto, Ben VandeVere – saxophone,  
Dr. Mary Young – piano

**Prayers of the People  
The Lord’s Prayer**

Deacon April Kaul

*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 #450**

*Be Thou My Vision*

**\*Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

**Postlude**

“Great Is The Lord” arr. Jack Schrader

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

Today’s words for worship are adapted from resources for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 2024 in the Presbyterian Outlook. Our Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and Assurance of Pardon are adapted from words by Rev. Teri McDowell Ott, Editor of the Outlook. Today’s Introduction to the Call to Worship and Invitation to Confession are written by Pastor Chris.

**Flowers are given** by Jim Nissen in memory of Ginger Nissen and in honor of their 72<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on July 20.

**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 April Kaul

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

**Organist:** John Ross

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

**Greeters:** Paul Korslund & Stephan Biheng

**Dishwashers:** Karen & Ray Stevens

**Ushers:** Marybell Avery, Kathy Anderson, Joan Roberts, & Joyce Douglas



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

**The week of July 14, 2024**

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

**Visions of Justice**

**A two-week dive into prophetic images for community-oriented justice in the Old Testament.**

<b>July 14</b> <b>A Plumb Line</b> Amos 7:7-15	<b>July 21</b> <b>Shepherds</b> Jeremiah 23:1-6
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\*The object above is a plumb line.  
Learn more about it in worship!

“For the next two weeks we shift in worship to a focus on two prophetic images for community-oriented justice in our lives as people of God. We’ll hear from the prophets Amos and Jeremiah, who both use imagery to help the people understand how God hopes for them to be changed and to make change. Through those words, we’ll be inspired to change and make change in our daily lives as well!” – Pastor Chris

### **Farewell Reception for Tracy**

There will be a reception to celebrate Tracy’s work with Westminster and her journey ahead. Please join us in Fellowship Hall following the worship service today.

### **Dear Westminster Family,**

With a mix of gratitude and bittersweet emotions, I want to share that my last day with Westminster was Friday, July 12, 2024. I will be moving on from my Visual Communication Coordinator position at the church to

fully focus on my business venture in commercial photography, including real estate media, food photography, product photography, and headshots.

Thank you for your support and friendship over the past years (almost 8!) I have truly enjoyed supporting this amazing congregation, the various ministries, life groups, church events, etc. The support and encouragement I have received from the church community has been invaluable, and I am deeply thankful for the friendships and connections I have made here. It has been a true blessing. Your faith, generosity, and commitment to our community and environment has continually inspired me, and it has been an honor to work alongside each of you. If you'd like to stay in touch my email is [tracyhoffmanphotography@gmail.com](mailto:tracyhoffmanphotography@gmail.com).

I will always hold my time at Westminster Presbyterian Church close to my heart and keep you all in my prayers. Please stop by Fellowship Hall after worship so we can share a little more time together.

With gratitude and love,  
Tracy Hoffman

### **Adult Education in July**

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

### **Need for Volunteers**

Due to a smaller number of folks who are available to sit at the front desk from 10 am to 2 pm, we are scheduling things a little differently this month. There will not be a volunteer at the desk on Thursdays or Fridays. Therefore, we will need some help collating the bulletin and any inserts for the week. We're looking for one or two people to come on Friday morning after 10 AM. The task takes 30 minutes to an hour. You can add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Garden Room on the day you are available. If you have questions, direct them to Joanne Gabriel, Office Manager, at [joanne@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:joanne@westminsterlincoln.org) or call the church office.

Along with this change, for the time being, we ask that you call ahead or contact a staff member if you need to stop by the church on Thursday or Friday. We would be glad to provide access if needs are known in advance.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Parking Lot Repairs Update**

The second – and final - round of work on Westminster’s Parking Lot has begun! These long overdue repairs will create a much safer and more welcoming physical lot for our “front door” at Westminster. Please note that this week’s work is in the lot section closest to the building and may continue through this coming Sunday. Continue to watch the eVine for updates on what sections are being repaired and when.

## Star City Sound Show at WPC July 27

Join us for an unforgettable concert with Star City Sound, an all-new mixed a cappella group formed and directed by Logan Langholdt and Dr. Mary Young! The chorus performs all things acapella including barbershop, vocal jazz, pop, Disney, and folk songs. They are performing on Saturday, July 27 at 7 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church. The Lincoln Continentals sponsor this exciting show that is free and open to the public!

## Ladies' Night Out

**Tuesday, July 30, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at LaPaz!**

You are invited to join us this month at La Paz, located at 321 N Corner Blvd. \*Please RSVP to Robyn Uebele at [robynu2@hotmail.com](mailto:robynu2@hotmail.com) /(937) 935-6858. We hope you can join us.

## Week Beginning July 14

<p><b><u>Sun. (July 14)</u></b> 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Adult Ed, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> <p><b><u>Tues. (July 16)</u></b> 10:30 AM Lincoln City Library— Fellowship Hall 3 PM <i>Steering the Ship</i> Homestead Meeting, Lounge 4 PM Stewardship &amp; Finance, Library 6 PM Personnel, Zoom 7 PM Faith and Cancer Support Group, Library</p>	<p><b><u>Wed. (July 17)</u></b> 1 PM Prairie Readers, Lounge 1:30 PM Heart &amp; Hands, Library</p> <p><b><u>Thurs. (July 18)</u></b> 9 AM Friendship Home, All Staff Meeting, Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM Summer Star City Sound Rehearsal, Sanctuary 7 PM Camera Club, Lounge</p> <p><b><u>Sun. (July 21)</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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