

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

July 28, 2024

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

*Call to Worship

Elder Jaime Hemmerling

(Adapted from Psalm 145:10-18 NRSV)

One: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

All: Let us speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of God's power!

One: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

All: The Lord is faithful in all words and gracious in all deeds!

One: The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

All: Let all eyes look to God, trusting God gives our food in due season.

One: The Lord is just in all ways and kind in all doings.

All: The Lord is near to all who call out to God, to all who call on God in truth.

*Hymn #353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*Call to Confession

Elder Jaime Hemmerling

*Time of Silent Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

God, you uphold those who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down. Therefore, we confess our sins – both things we have done and things we have left undone. We know we have clung to food and goods when others have need. We know we have feared the storms of life when others have no shelter. We confess with hope for a fresh start, knowing that you have already opened your hands to us in

forgiveness and in love. Lord, transform our hearts and minds to serve with hope and lead with love. In Christ we pray and give thanks, 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**

Elder Jaime Hemmerling

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

***Hymn #466**

Come and Fill Our Hearts (x2)

First Gospel Reading

John 6:1-15

N.T. pg. 97

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

***Hymn #320**

The Church of Christ in Every Age

***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

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

Today's words for worship are gathered and adapted by Pastor Chris from the following resources: The lectionary text of Psalm 145:10-18 for our Call to Worship; Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year B, Vol. 2 (Rev. Dr. Kimberly Bracken Long, Editor), and the Presbyterian Outlook Order of Worship for Sunday, July 28th, 2024 (by Rev. Dr. Roger Gench, Theologian in Residence, Second Presbyterian Church, Richmond, VA).

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 & Josh Whitfield

Dishwashers: Lisa & Steve McConnell

Ushers: April Douglas, Martha Kingsbury, Joyce Douglas



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

The week of July 28, 2024

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

Jesus Provides
Lessons from Jesus that provide
bread for our journey.

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July 28
Abundance / Calm
(John 6:1-15 + 15-21)
Readings and reflections will be interspersed with Taizé choruses.

August 4
Food that Endures
(John 6:24-35)

August 11
Bread from Heaven
Blessing of the Backpacks
(John 6:35; 41-51)

August 18
Clarifying Controversy
(John 6:51-58)

August 25
Bread of Life
Disability Inclusion Sunday
(John 6:56-69)

Adult Education

This week we will hear from Claire Titus, as she shares her faith story. We'll meet in the Lounge at 10:45 AM following the worship service.

Save the Date! Blessing of the Backpacks

Our annual Blessing of the Backpacks, a time to celebrate and pray for our children and youth as they begin a new year of school, will take place on Sunday, August 11 during our Children's Chat time in worship. We hope you'll plan to bring your backpack and join us! All kids are welcome – backpack or none!

Ice Cream Nachos

To celebrate the beginning of the new academic year, the Children and Youth and Church Life Committees will be serving ice cream from the UNL Dairy Store, waffle cone chips, hot fudge and more in the Garden Room after the service on August 11.

Calling WPC Children and Youth!

On August 11th, after worship and ice cream, Pastor Chris will lead a Worship Readiness and Leader Prep session for elementary, middle, and high school youth in the sanctuary. We always welcome our young people in worship, and starting this Fall we will be inviting our children and youth to help lead in worship each Second Sunday of the month! That can be 'up front' speaking or 'behind the scenes' (writing a prayer, Call to Worship, etc.). Parents are welcome to hang out in the pews to learn more as well during our session, which will last about 40 minutes.

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 /(937) 935-6858. We hope you can join us.

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 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.

Lunch Bunch will meet on Tues., Aug. 6, at 11:30 AM at Parkers Smokehouse on "O" Street. As always, no agenda, no program, just fun. All are welcome. Please RSVP to Jim Kinkennon at 402-290-5888 or jimkinkennon@gmail.com so we have an accurate count.

All Church Pool Party

Westminster has reserved Star City Shores on Thursday, August 8 from 6:30-8:00 PM to celebrate the end of the summer holiday. There are pools and play areas, interactive water features, and water slides. Bring your friends and come cool off with us!

Prairie Readers

Prairie Readers will meet in the Lounge on Wed., Aug. 21 at 1 PM. Kathryn Govaerts will facilitate the discussion of Ann Patchett's book *Tom Lake*.

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.

Landscaping Needs

Thank you to all who have helped with the continuing tasks on the list of landscaping needs at the church. Come when it works in your schedule.

- 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!

Week Beginning July 28

Sun. (July 28) 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Adult Ed, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship	Sun. (Aug. 4) 9:30 AM Worship with Communion 10:45 AM Adult Ed, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 2 PM Crossroad Music Festival Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Tues. (July 30) 5 PM Ladies’ Night Out	
Wed. (July 31) 1:30 PM Heart & Hands, Library	

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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