

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

August 4, 2024

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude “We Come to the Hungry Feast” by David Cherwien

Welcome Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

***Call to Worship (Psalm 132:13, 15-16)** Deacon Claire Titus

One: For the Lord has chosen Zion;

All: God has desired it for the Lord’s habitation:

One: God will abundantly bless its provisions;

All: God says, “I will satisfy its poor with bread.

One: Its priests I will clothe with salvation,

All: And its faithful will shout for joy.”

One: Let us worship God with joy for Christ’s provision in our lives!

***Hymn #509** *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

***Call to Confession** Deacon Claire Titus

***Time of Silent Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, in Jesus, we have met full life – here and forever. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the hope of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace, that day by day we might move closer to the people you call us to be. 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**

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 #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

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

N.T. pg. 193

Gospel Reading

John 6:24-35

N.T. pg. 98

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

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

Sermon "Jesus Provides: Food that Endures"

Rev. Chris Peters

***Hymn #497**

Bread of Life from Heaven (vv. 1-3, 5)

Affirmation of Faith (from the PC(USA)'s A Brief Statement of Faith)

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

Special Music

“My Good Lord’s Done Been Here”

Michael Jha

The Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

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.

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

“Simple Gifts”

Michael Jha

***Hymn #526**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” by Wilbur Held

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

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

Today’s words for worship are gathered and adapted by Pastor Chris from the following resources: Psalm 132 for our Call to Worship; and the Presbyterian Outlook Order of Worship for Sunday, August 4th, 2024 (by Rev. Dr. John Wurster, Pastor, St. Phillip Presbyterian Church, Houston, TX).

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: Kathy & David Anderson

Dishwashers: Kelly Braswell-Burbach & Dorrie Gage

Ushers: Diana Wild, April Douglas, David Anderson

Communion Servers: Ray Stevens, Tom Welstead, Marybell Avery, Emily Killham, Carolyn Harp

Sanctuary Audio and Livestream: Stephan Biheng and Dale Minter



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

The week of Aug. 4, 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 | 10:45 AM | Lounge

August 4: "Preserving Cultural Art of Native Americans"

Join us for Adult Education led by Dr. Mary Young on "Preserving Cultural Art of Native Americans." Discover the reasons behind its historical exclusion, the challenges of preserving tribal languages, and how recent laws are helping reclaim and protect this cultural art (specifically music).

August 11 continues the theme of appreciation of indigenous spirituality. As Department Chair of Political Science at East Central University (Oklahoma), Director of Water Resource Policy and Management, and Director of the Native American Legal Clinic, Christine Pappas (child of Westminster) has a unique perspective to discuss **"The Competitive Advantage of Tribal Governments."**

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 11, 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.

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.

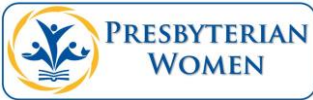
Lunch Bunch will meet on Tues., Aug. 6, at 11:30 AM at Parkers Smokehouse on "O" Street. As always, no agenda, no program, just fun. All are welcome. Please RSVP to Jim Kinkennon at 402-290-5888 or jimkinkennon@gmail.com so we have an accurate count.

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

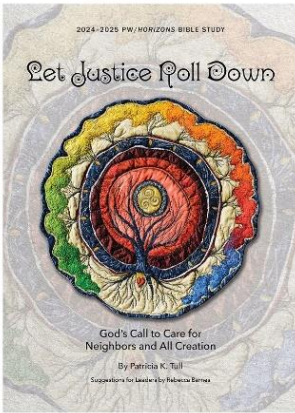
Prairie Readers will meet in the Lounge on Wed., Aug. 21 at 1 PM. Kathryn Govaerts will facilitate the discussion of Ann Patchett's book *Tom Lake*.



Presbyterian Women's Annual Kick-off Saturday, August 24 10 AM in Cole Hall

All women of Westminster are invited to gather for fellowship and information about the year ahead. We center on fellowship that leads to friendships, a Bible study on social justice and eco-justice that leads to deeper understanding of scripture, and mission opportunities that lead to caring for our neighbors. Study books will be available, also coffee and treats.

Questions? Contact Linda Burchard.
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Interim Communications Plan

This week begins a new interim chapter in our communications work at Westminster. We are now working with Ashley, a remote Ministry Assistant (with the company Virtual Ministry Assistants). Ashley will handle the Messenger, eVine, Facebook, and updates to here-and-there items such as our website calendar. Please send e-Vine / Vine or other general communication notes you would like published across our channels to both communications@westminsterlincoln.org (Ashley's WPC email) and to joanne@westminsterlincoln.org (Joanne Gabriel, Office Manager). As this is a new approach for us, if you have any questions or concerns with what you see over the coming weeks, please

reach out to Pastor Chris or Joanne. WPC's Personnel Committee is working on reviewing communications and admin needs at WPC to envision a new job description that best fits our needs now and in the coming years. Your pledged support to the annual budget is a big factor in ensuring our staff support is maintained year-to-year and expanded as needs change. Thank you!

Week Beginning Aug. 4

<p><u>Sun. (Aug. 4)</u> 9:30 AM Worship with Communion 10:45 AM Adult Ed, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 2 PM Crossroad Music Festival Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Tues. (Aug. 6)</u> 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch 5 PM Adult Ed, Conference Room</p> <p><u>Wed. (Aug. 7)</u> 1:30 PM Heart & Hands, Library 5:30 PM Preschool Open House, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><u>Thurs. (Aug. 8)</u> 6:30 PM Church-Wide Pool Party, Star City Shores</p> <p><u>Sun. (Aug. 11)</u> 9:30 AM Worship, Blessing of the Backpacks 10:30 AM Ice Cream Social, Garden Room 10:45 AM Adult Ed, Lounge 11 AM Worship Readiness and Leader Prep for Youth, Sanctuary 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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