

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

**August 11, 2024**

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prelude**

“Prière à Notre-Dame” from *Suite Gothique*  
by Léon Boëllmann

**Welcome**

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

**\*Call to Worship**

(Adapted from Psalm 130:5-7, CEB)  
Elder Sarah Baltensperger

One: I hope, Lord.

***All: My whole being hopes, and I wait for God’s promise.***

One: My whole being waits for my Lord—

***All: more than the night watch waits for morning;***

One: yes, more than the night watch waits for morning! Israel,  
wait for the LORD!

***All: Because faithful love is with the LORD; because great redemption is with our God!***

**\*Hymn #515**

***I Come with Joy (vv. 1 & 3-5)***

**\*Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

**\*Time of Silent Confession**

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

***Christ calls us to stand with the least and the last,  
but we cling to power and what we feel is owed to us.  
We fear what the world might say if we live out truly  
faithful actions of grace, peacemaking, and love.***

***Lord, we ask for and embrace your mercy once  
again. Change our hearts and refocus our actions.  
Help us risk following where Christ calls, knowing  
that Christ calls us to lives of faith, friendship, and  
sharing. 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.***

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

*(Children in Grades 1 – 5 are invited to either come to Faith Village for a Bible lesson, friendship, and fun following the Blessing of the Backpacks or to find and sit with their parents. Parents can pick up their children in Faith Village following the service. Faith Village is located through the door to the right of the East entry steps.)*

**Prayer for Illumination**

## Scripture

Hebrew Scriptures

Numbers 11:1-9

O.T. pg. 129

Gospel Reading

John 6:35, 41-51

N.T. pg. 98

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

**Sermon** “Jesus Provides: Bread from Heaven” Rev. Chris Peters

**\*Hymn #694**

***Great God of Every Blessing***

**\*Affirmation of Faith: Confirmation Catechism,**

**Questions 49-50**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Question 49. What is the mission of the church?

***All: The mission of the church is to bear witness to God's love for the world in Jesus Christ.***

Question 50. What forms does this mission take?

***All: The church's mission takes a wide variety of forms, including evangelism, work for social justice, and ministries of care. Yet the center is always the same: Jesus Christ. In every case the church extends mercy and forgiveness to (those in need) in a way that points finally to Jesus.***

**Moment of Gratitude**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Special Music**

“Ave Maria” by Bach/Gounod  
Catriona McNeally

**Prayers of the People**

Elder Sarah Baltensperger

**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.***

**\*Hymn #314**

***Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness***

**\*Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

## **Postlude** “Menuet gothique” from *Suite gothique* by Léon Boëllmann

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\*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 130:5-7 for our Call to Worship; and the Presbyterian Outlook Order of Worship for Sunday, August 11th, 2024 (by Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott, Editor and Publisher, The Presbyterian Outlook).

**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 Sarah Baltensperger

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

**Organist:** John Ross

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

**Greeters:** Carol & Jim Bishop

**Ushers:** Marilyn Hood, Joyce Douglas, Marybell Avery, Kathy Anderson

**Dishwashers:** Lisa & Steve McConnell

**Sanctuary Audio and Livestream:** Dale Minter



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

**The week of Aug. 11, 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**

**“The Competitive Advantage of Tribal Governments”**

August 11 continues the theme of appreciation of indigenous spirituality as begun by Dr. Mary Young’s “Preserving Cultural Art of Native Americans” last week. 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.”

**Today is 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 today 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 today.

## **Calling WPC Children and Youth!**

Today, 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.

## **Youth Group: Kiddie Pool Kickball**

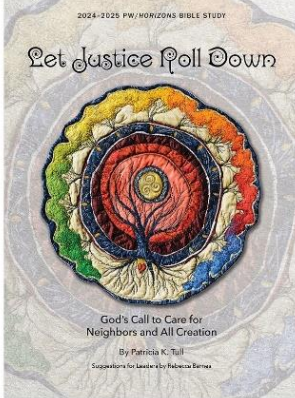
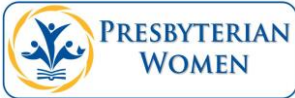
The Youth Group will be getting together with the kids from Good Shepherd at 11:30 AM on Sunday, August 18 for lunch and a wild game of Kiddie Pool Kickball. All current and incoming Youth Group kids are invited to the party and encouraged to bring along a friend or two. Please let Trish know if your youth will be attending so that we have enough food and can plan activities accordingly either by email at [trish@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:trish@westminsterlincoln.org) or text 402-570-0163.

## **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*.

## **Calvin Crest Fun Day | August 24**

Calvin Crest is having a party and you are invited! Come join the all-day event and spend the day relaxing in the sun. Activities include sand volleyball, human foosball, music, games, food and more. Check out the details here <https://calvincrest.org/familyfunday/> and get away for the day.



## **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 "Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation" by Patricia K. Tull 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.  
(402) 477-5572, [lindajburchard@gmail.com](mailto:lindajburchard@gmail.com)

## **Insteadium | August 24-25**

Connect with other Middle and High School Students from area churches at this short and sweet overnight event we call INSTEADIUM. This is designed for Middle and High Schoolers and their youth leaders. The event officially starts at 5:00 PM on Saturday, August 24 and ends at 11:00 AM on Sunday, August 25, but you can spend more time at Calvin Crest if you arrive earlier in the day for the 5th Annual Family Fun Day. Let Trish know if you are interested, [trish@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:trish@westminsterlincoln.org) or (402) 570-0163. Details are here <https://calvincrest.org/insteadium/>.

## **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](mailto:communications@westminsterlincoln.org) (Ashley's WPC email) and to [joanne@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto: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. 11**

<p><b><u>Sun. (Aug. 11)</u></b>            9:30 AM Worship, Blessing of the Backpacks, Faith Village            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>	<p><b><u>Wed. (Aug. 14)</u></b>            1:30 PM Heart &amp; Hands, Library            4:30 PM Foundation Marketing, Library            4:30 PM Foundation Finance, Lounge            5 PM Foundation Board Meeting, Lounge            6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>
<p><b><u>Mon. (Aug. 12)</u></b>            Fall Preschool Session Begins</p>	<p><b><u>Thurs. (Aug. 15)</u></b>            9 AM Friendship Home—All Staff            7 PM Camera Club, Lounge</p>
<p><b><u>Tues. (Aug. 13)</u></b>            4 PM Stewardship &amp; Finance, Library            5 PM Building and Grounds, Lounge            5 PM Church Life, Library            5 PM Personnel, Zoom            5:30 PM Worship &amp; Music, Fellowship Hall            6 PM Mission &amp; Outreach, Lounge            6 PM A &amp; P, Conference Room</p>	<p><b><u>Sat. (Aug. 17)</u></b>            10 AM Homestead Presbytery Meeting, Calvin Crest</p> <p><b><u>Sun. (Aug. 18)</u></b>            9:30 AM Worship            10:45 AM Adult Ed, Lounge            12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p>

**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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