

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

September 8, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

“Madrigal” by Philippe Gaubert
Sanda Masic, flute

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Special Announcement

Landscaping Upkeep
Tom Pappas and Gary Haller

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 15:1-2)

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

One: Who may abide in the presence of God?

Many: Who may live on God's holy mountain?

One: All those who walk blamelessly and do what is right.

Many: All those who speak from the heart.

One: Let us worship from the heart - with joy and with gladness!

***Hymn #2**

Come, Thou Almighty King

***Call to Confession**

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***Time of Silent Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

God of favor, we have not been true to you. You have chosen the poor in the world, but we have not valued them. You plead the cause of the hurting, but we just hurt them more. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have favored the rich and dismissed those with needs by empty words. Soften our hearts and make straight our ways. Help us to value all people as made in your image, bearing an imprint of your love. Amen.

***Response to Confession #466**

Come and Fill Our Hearts

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Alleluia!*

***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**

You Make Beautiful Things (Chorus x2)

*You make beautiful things,
You make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things,
You make beautiful things out of us.*

***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.

Children's Chat

Sarah Baltensperger

(Children in Grades 1 – 5 are invited to either come to Faith Village for a Bible lesson, friendship, and fun following the Children's Chat 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

Rev. Chris Peters

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

Interim Music Director: Dr. Mary Young

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Greeters: Kelly Braswell-Burbach & Josh Whitfield

Ushers: Marilyn Hood, Joan Roberts, Marybell Avery, Barbara Wright-Chollet

Dishwasher: Gary & Glenna Haller

Sanctuary Audio and Livestream: Stephan Biheng

WPC Finance Update* as of 7/31/24

Pledged Total for 2024:	520,000.00
Pledges Received:	338,453.04 (65% of total)
Pledges Yet-to-be-Received:	181,546.96
Total Expenses To-Date:	511,879.14
Total Income**:	427,063.03
Foundation Support To-Date:	52,000.00
Surplus or Deficit as of 7/31:	-32,816.11
Total Annual Budget:	887,500.00

*excludes special projects (stained glass windows, etc.)

**does not include Foundation Support



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

The week of Sept. 8, 2024

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



September Sermon Series

This September join us in worship for “Everyday Faith,” a series exploring the practical side of our faith from the New Testament letter of James. Over the month we’ll be encouraged to be doers of God’s word, value people of all classes, speak well of our neighbor, and to pray thoughtfully. As we navigate community in an election season, our consideration of James will invite us to live well with others and to do justice as followers of Jesus. – Pastor Chris

Adult Education – Sept. 8 – 10:45 AM in the Lounge

Belonging: Psalm 67

An interactive session on inclusion to belonging, for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities (IDD) in the faith community. We will view a presentation by Erik Carter, PhD. and discuss where we are as a faith community in *Belonging*, inside the walls of Westminster and in our community.

Erik Carter is the Luther Sweet Endowed Chair in Disabilities at Baylor University and Executive Director of the Baylor Center on Developmental Disabilities. His research and writing focus on principle-driven and research-based strategies for promoting full participation, belonging, and valued roles for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). He is particularly interested in the intersection of faith and disability, where his work focuses on calling, equipping, and supporting churches to be places of deep embrace and contribution for individuals with IDD and their families.

Building Faith, Brick by Brick

A morning for all ages to learn, have fun, and connect!

Join us Sunday, September 15 to participate in these fun activities!

- Committees and Life Groups will provide a snapshot of their upcoming activities.
- Porkcentric will have lunch available for purchase
- We will treat you to Kona Ice!
- Kids can play in the bounce house
- Games, LEGOS, and activities will be available

Building Faith, Brick by Brick is not just for kids! Mark your calendar for Sept.15 and come to celebrate the start of the new season with your Westminster family.

If anyone has any Legos that they are finished with and would like to donate to Westminster, please leave them at the receptionist desk. We want to increase our collection before September 15. Thanks!

Prairie Readers

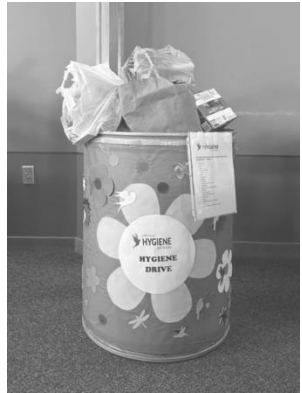
Prairie Readers will meet at 1 PM in the lounge on Wed., Sept. 18. Susie Hughes will lead the discussion of *The Art Thief* by Michael Finkel.

Bible Study on Environmental Justice

This month Presbyterian Women “nationwide” begins a nine-month Bible study on Environmental Justice. And Westminster “congregation-wide” has an opportunity to learn right along with them. To get started, read a definition of Environmental Justice in Wikipedia and compare that to the message in Ezekiel 34:17-19.

The PW Barrel is Back!

Presbyterian Women at Westminster will partner again with the Lincoln Hygiene Network to collect hygiene products for over 20 nonprofit groups in the Lincoln area. We're not just distributing products; we're restoring health, hope, and well-being one bar of soap, one toothbrush, one deodorant at a time. Please help us fill the colorful barrel at the east entrance steps at Westminster with NEW products. Pick up a list of needed items and return them during September and October. Monetary donations are welcome at lincolnhygienenetwork.org.



Do Everything in Love by helping our neighbors.

Game Night

Mark your calendars! Sept. 20 is Game Night at Westminster for all ages! Bring your favorite game and snacks to share, join in the fun, and fellowship.

We're Seeking: A/V Volunteers to Share Our Worship with the World!

Each week, Westminster's worship service is streamed live on YouTube, engaging a view audience anywhere between 50 and 100, on average. This is an important calling in our church, as we know folks watch our services from Lincoln to Florida to France! We are currently looking for 2-4 additional volunteers to help us have a more robust rotation for A/V, with the goal of having two people in our booth each Sunday. This task does include monitoring our sound board for in-house and online levels. If you are interested, please contact Dale Minter. You will find him in the balcony on most Sunday mornings.

Children and Youth Worship Leader Form

Please use the link below to indicate your interest to Pastor Chris about being a children / youth liturgist. This includes the option of writing and/or reading a part of worship for the second Sunday of the month this Fall. Instructions are included in the linked Google Form. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Chris at chris@westminsterlincoln.org <https://forms.gle/AzeLQrsnmLeNeib76>

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.

Week Beginning Sept. 8

<p><u>Sun. (Sept. 8)</u> 9:30 AM Worship, Faith Village 10:45 AM Adult Ed, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> <p><u>Mon. (Sept. 9)</u> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study, Library 6 PM Children & Youth, Youth Room</p> <p><u>Tues. (Sept. 10)</u> 10 AM PW Circle 5, Lounge 4 PM Stewardship & Finance, Library 5 PM Church Life, Library 5 PM Personnel, Zoom 5 PM Building & Grounds, Lounge 5:30 PM Worship & Music, FH 6 PM A & P, Conference Room</p>	<p>6 PM Mission & Outreach, Lounge</p> <p><u>Wed. (Sept. 11)</u> 1:30 PM Hearts and Hands, Library 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Thurs. (Sept. 12)</u> 10:30 AM Barbara Dinsdale Memorial Service, Sanctuary 7 PM Lincoln Continentals Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Sun. (Sept. 15)</u> 9:30 AM Worship, Faith Village 10:45 AM Fall Activities/Food/Games, Parking Lot 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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