

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

September 22, 2024

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Everyday Faith

“Faith Yields”

Prelude

“Out of Nowhere” by Green/Heyman

Keaton Clark, saxophone

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 1:1-3, Common English Bible)

Deacon Megan Woita

One: The truly happy person doesn't follow wicked advice, doesn't stand on the road of sinners, and doesn't sit with the disrespectful.

Many: Instead of doing those things, these persons love the Lord's Instruction, and they recite God's Instruction day and night!

One: They are like a tree replanted by streams of water...

Many: They are like a tree that bears fruit at just the right time and whose leaves don't fade. Whatever they do succeeds.

***Hymn #475**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

***Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***Time of Silent Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have often acted out of selfish ambition and vain conceit. We have allowed envy and self-interest to guide our actions, rather than the wisdom that comes from above. Forgive us for the times we have caused conflicts among ourselves and others. Lord of creation, renew us and make us new again. Help us to submit our life direction to your guidance, resist what is wrong, and draw near to your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Scriptures

Psalm 1

O.T. pg. 489

Epistle Reading

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

N.T. pg. 230

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

“Faith Yields”

Rev. Chris Peters

*Hymn #409

God Is Here!

Affirmation of Faith (Westminster Larger Catechism Questions 104-105; Expansive Language)

Q. 103. Which is the First Commandment?

A. The First Commandment is, “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”

Q. 104. What are the duties required in the First Commandment?

A. ... the knowing and acknowledging of God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify (God) accordingly; by thinking, meditating, remembering, highly esteeming, honoring, adoring, choosing, loving, desiring, fearing of God; believing God; trusting, hoping, delighting, rejoicing in God; being zealous for God; calling upon God, giving all praise and thanks, and yielding all obedience and submission to God with the whole person; being careful in all things to please God, and sorrowful when in anything God is offended; and walking humbly with God.

Moment of Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Anthem

“Jazz Cantate” (Andy Beck)
Westminster Choir

Cantate Canticum Novum

Sing we a joyful new song

Cantate Canticum Novum

Lift up your Voice loud and strong!

Prayers of the People

Deacon Megan Woita

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 #80**

You Shall Go Out with Joy (The Trees of the Field)

***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

“Ceora” by Lee Morgan
Keaton Clark, saxophone

*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 1 for our Call to Worship, the PCUSA Book of Common Worship, and The Presbyterian Outlook Order of Worship: 18th Sunday after Pentecost (by Dr. Bobby Hulme-Lippert, Speaker and Writer; former pastor of congregations in Decatur, GA, Richmond, VA, and Georgetown, TX; and former U.S. Army Chaplain.

Flowers are given by Rita and Jim Kinkennon in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary.

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 Megan Woita

Interim Music Director: Dr. Mary Young

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Greeters: Stephanie & Scott Rogers

Ushers: April Douglas, Martha Kingsbury, Marijane England

Dishwasher: Lisa & Steve McConnell

Sanctuary Audio and Livestream: Stephan Biheng





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

The week of Sept. 22, 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

WPC is Hosting Mural Painting

The South Branch City Library is getting a new mural, and it’s going to be painted in Fellowship Hall at WPC during Sept. Stop by and see what Chloe, the artist, is working on. There will be a Community Painting Event in the parking lot today, beginning at 1 pm, if you’d like to do some painting on the mural. This is a project of the Lux Center for the Arts.

The upcoming Sunday Adult Ed schedule:

Today: Rev. Chris Peters will be presenting "Westminster Welcome" for anyone interested in knowing more about WPC with the possibility of joining. Please email Pastor Chris at chris@westminsterlincoln.org to attend this session.

Sept. 29: Lincoln Lutheran Family Services will present "Our Mission."

Oct. 6: Rachel Gibson from the Nebraska League of Women Voters will explain the upcoming Nebraska ballot initiatives.

Westminster Cabaret for a Cause, Sun., Oct. 6 at 2 PM

Join us for an afternoon of powerful songs filled with hope and new beginnings as we celebrate local Lincoln talent and give back to the community. Bring a nonperishable food item for the pantry at WPC for admission.

Presbyterian Women (PW) is on the MOVE with LOVE

- Continue to fill the Lincoln Hygiene Network barrel by the east entrance stairs.
- All hands on deck for the Service of Service on October 20.
- PW Presbytery Hybrid FALL GATHERING--Lincoln First Presbyterian on Saturday, Oct. 5, 10:00-Noon
- Contribute to the THANK OFFERING for national and global health-related projects and initiatives that help families.
135 years of giving for over 1,600 projects
8 projects funded this year including one in our Synod

Do EVERYTHING in LOVE



Landscaping Sign-Up

This is the link to sign-up to do a project that will beautify the church grounds—<https://t.ly/AF00>-. Your help is needed and appreciated. Questions? Contact Gary Haller (817-757-2980) or Tom Pappas (402-202-4454).

Ladies' Night Out | Mon., Sept. 30 | 5-7 PM

ZipLine Tap & Grill in Fallbrook; 575 Fallbrook Blvd #109 (formally Schilling Bridge location) <https://ziplinetapandgrill.com/>

We want to have a seat at our table for you. Please RSVP by Sat., Sept. 28 to Robyn Uebele at robynu2@hotmail.com (937) 935-6858.

October Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will meet at Mazatlan, 211 N 70th St., on Tues., Oct. 1, at 11:30 a.m. R.S.V.P. to Jim Kinkennon at 402-290-5888 or jimkinkennon@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

Bible Study on Environmental Justice

Did you notice the Environmental Justice action in last week's Vine? This is Westminster's church-wide collaboration with Presbyterian Women's nationwide Bible study. So icy (in case you missed it) the action is just a quick way to get started: Read a definition of Environmental Justice in Wikipedia and compare that to Ezekiel 3:17-19. Easy, huh?!

Call for Candy

Fall has arrived and that means Spooktacular is coming soon! In order to host the best trunk or treat/fall festival party, we need your help! We are seeking bags of candy, crackers, packaged snacks, and/or any small handouts for our stations to distribute to the children. Look for collection buckets at the top of the steps by the East entrance.

Youth Group: Mini Golf Excursion | September 29

The Youth Group will meet at Adventure Golf Center to play a round of mini golf at 5 PM on Sunday, Sept. 29. Admission is \$9 per golfer; scholarships are available.

Week Beginning Sept. 22

<p><u>Sun. (Sept. 22)</u> 9:30 AM Worship, Faith Village 10:45 AM Westminster Welcome, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 1 PM to 3 PM Community Mural Painting Event, Parking Lot</p> <p><u>Mon. (Sept. 23)</u> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study, Library 6 PM Session, Lounge 6 :30 PM Den Meeting, Scouts</p> <p><u>Tues. (Sept. 24)</u> 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Deacons</p>	<p><u>Wed. (Sept. 25)</u> 1:30 PM Hearts and Hands 3 PM Stewardship and Finance, Library 6 PM W3 (Welcome to Westminster on Wednesdays) 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Thurs. (Sept. 26)</u> 7 PM Lincoln Continentals Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Sun. (Sept. 29)</u> 9:30 AM Worship, Faith Village 10:45 AM Adult Ed, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 5 PM Mini Golf for Youth</p>
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Worship services are available on-line at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@WestminsterLincoln/streams>