


Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

October 13, 2024

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Everything Good About God is True I

A night sky with the Milky Way galaxy and a mountain range silhouette. The text is overlaid on the sky.

**Everything Good
about God is True:
“A Few Words about
the Creator and Us”**

Prelude

“He Hideth My Soul” arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

*Call to Worship (Psalm 90:12, 14, 16-17; Common English Bible Translation) Deacon Claire Titus

One: Teach us to number our days so we can have a wise heart.

Many: Fill us full every morning with your faithful love so we can rejoice and celebrate our whole life long.

One: Let your acts be seen by your servants; let your glory be seen by their children.

Many: Let the kindness of the Lord our God be over us. Make the work of our hands last. Make the work of our hands last!

*Hymn #619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

*Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

*Time of Silent Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Saving God, we stand before you with our pride revealed. Nothing we say or do or fail to say or do, can be hidden from you. You hear the angry words we preach to ourselves; you sift through the rubble of hurts we have caused; you see how we fail, weighed down by all the ‘stuff’ that we put before following Jesus. Lord, forgive us. Empty our hands of the hoard of unneeded things we cling to, and then fill our hearts and hands with your grace and hope. Give us the trust and the courage to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord, for it is in Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

*Response to Confession #437

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

*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 #591**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

***Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!***

***Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Share a sign of welcome and inclusion (high five, handshake, fist/elbow bump) with your neighbors. In light of the school holiday weekend, there will be no children's chat today. Children who wish to go to Faith Village may come to the front to dismiss with their leaders.
May the peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Hebrew Scriptures

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

O.T. pg. 853

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:17-31

N.T. pg. 46

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

Sermon

"A Few Words about the Creator and Us"

Rev. Chris Peters

***Hymn #320**

The Church of Christ in Every Age (verses 1-3 & 5)

Litany of What We Believe about Our Creator (From: PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith)

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

One: In whom do we trust?

All: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image: male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

One: But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Many: Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

One: We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

Many: In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

**Moment of Gratitude: Blessing of Hearts & Hands Knit Items
Prayer of Dedication**

Anthem

For Everyone Born (arr. Tom Trenney)

The congregation is invited to sing on the first and last verses, using hymn #769, Glory to God hymnal.

Prayers of the People

Deacon Claire Titus

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 #582**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

“And Can It Be” arr. Kim Collingsworth

*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 90 selected verses for our Call to Worship; *Where the Broken Ones Gather: Lectionary Liturgies for RCL Year B* by Rev. Thom M. Shuman for our Confessional Sequence, *the PC(USA) Book of Confessions: A Brief Statement of Faith* for our Litany of What We Believe, and *The PCUSA Book of Common Worship (2018)* for elements of the Blessing and Dedication of Heart and Hands Knit Items.

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 Phillip & Josh Whitfield

Ushers: Barbara Wright-Chollet, Joyce Douglas, Joan Roberts, Kathy Anderson

Dishwasher: Lisa & Steve McConnell

Sanctuary Audio and Livestream: Dale Minter





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

The week of Oct. 13, 2024

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



A worship and sermon series reminding us of the goodness of God and our active role in God’s world!

“A better story of faith exists, and it has the capacity to heal the world—if we only embrace, articulate, and live it more courageously.” Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow, author and pastor, will be teaching and preaching at Westminster on Nov. 9 & 10.

Sunday 10/13 – A Few Words about the Creator and Us

Sunday 10/20 – A Few Words about the Spirit and Us

Sunday 10/27 – A Few Words about Jesus and Us

Sunday 11/3 – A Few Words about the Good News and Us

Saturday 11/9 – Community-Wide Event featuring Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow, Author and Pastor (9:30 AM – 2 PM at Westminster)

Sunday 11/10 – Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow preaching and leading Adult Education hour at Westminster

Adult Ed schedule:

Oct. 13: Elder Sebit Deng will tell his immigration story as a journey of faith.

Oct. 20: Service of Service, packing kits for Lincoln Hygiene Network.

Oct. 27: “Cathedrals, Abbeys, and Kirks” by Rev. Jimmy Shelbourne, stories of the Reformation in Britain.

Westminster “Service of Service” II

A combined time of worship and congregational service project.

Sunday, October 20, 9:30 AM, Westminster Gym

This year’s project will be packing Travel Hygiene Kits for distribution by Lincoln Hygiene Network to neighbors in Lincoln experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity.

Let’s work together to complete 1,000 kits next Sunday!

W3 (Welcome to Westminster on Wednesdays)

We have resumed Wednesday activities! We meet at 6:00 PM for dinner in Cole Hall, though the gym is available at 5:30 for anyone who would like to come earlier. Activities in Faith Village and Youth Group begin at 6:30 PM and end at 8:00 PM.

Hearts and Hands

We are grateful for the work of Hearts and Hands this past year to knit and crochet items to be donated to Peoples’ City Mission. The yearly count: Scarves-45, Hats-57, Shawls-3, Bears-44, Children’s hats-4, Children’s hat/scarf sets-2, Blankets-3, Bibs-1. Those participating include: Francy Scheele, Dorrie Gage, Jeanne Atkinson, Suzy Giannoble, Cathy Hershberger, Donna Wyatt, Marilyn Maude, Dorothy Smiley and Linnea Fredrickson. They are always eager to welcome new members to their group.

October Prairie Readers

Prairie readers will meet on October 16 at 1 PM in the Lounge. We all look forward to this special event in our yearly calendar. Pat Leach will be our guest and will review selected titles from the Notable Books List created by the American Library Association. Everyone is welcome!

Game Night | Friday, Oct. 18 at 6 PM.

We will meet in Cole Hall. Come join us in the fun! Bring your favorite game. Bring a snack to share with everyone.

Spooktacular | October 30

Spooktacular is coming soon, and we need your help! There are two main ways you can contribute.

1. First, we are looking for donation bags of candy, crackers, packaged snacks, and/or any small handouts for our stations to distribute to the children.
2. Or, if you are feeling more adventurous and creative, consider hosting a trunk of your own. What does that mean? It involves decorating your car trunk with a fun theme and *maybe* even dressing up in a costume. On October 30, you will bring your trunk to Westminster and pass out treats to the children. As a thank you, we will provide one meal for each trunk.

Please note: plan to arrive by 4:30-5 pm to find a spot and put the finishing touches on your decorations.

If you can host a trunk or have questions, contact Sarah Baltensperger at sarah.baltensperger@gmail.com or Stacy Graham at babyruth19@hotmail.com.

Bible Study on Environmental Justice

October's Environmental Justice action is centered on reverence for the land. Sometime this month go outside and treat yourself to twenty minutes of experiencing gratitude and awe. And if it feels good, tell someone about it.

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).

Week Beginning Oct. 13

<p><u>Sun. (Oct. 13)</u> 9:30 AM Worship, Faith Village 10:45 AM Adult Ed, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p>	<p>6 PM Reading Group, Bruce Reyes-Chow Book, Parlor 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p>
<p><u>Mon. (Oct. 14)</u> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study, Library 4 PM Financial Futures Group, Lounge</p>	<p><u>Thurs. (Oct. 17)</u> 12 PM Reading Group, Bruce Reyes-Chow Book, Lounge 7 PM Lincoln Continentals Rehearsal, Sanctuary 7 PM Camera Club, Lounge</p>
<p><u>Tues. (Oct. 15)</u> 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 2:15 PM Steering the Ship, Presbytery, Lounge 7 PM Faith and Cancer Support Group, Library</p>	<p><u>Fri., (Oct. 18)</u> 6 PM Game Night, Fellowship Hall</p>
<p><u>Wed. (Oct. 16)</u> 1 PM Prairie Readers, Lounge 1:30 PM Hearts and Hands 6 PM W3 (Welcome to Westminster on Wednesdays), Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><u>Sun. (Oct. 20)</u> 9:30 AM Service of Service for Lincoln Hygiene Network, Gym 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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