

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

October 27, 2024

Reformation Sunday

Everything Good About God is True III

**Everything Good
about God is True:
“A Few Words about Jesus
and Us: Live By Faith”**



Prelude

"Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne, BuxWV 137" by Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 145)

Elder Jaime Hemmerling

One: One generation shall laud the Lord's works to another;

Many: They shall declare God's mighty acts!

One: They shall celebrate the fame of God's abundant goodness;

Many: They shall sing aloud of the Lord's righteousness!

***Hymn #624**

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

***Call to Confession**

Elder Jaime Hemmerling

***Time of Silent Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

God of our forebearers, you raised up brave and able reformers to renew the church. We confess that we have lost our way again. We are content with easy religion, with too much money and too little charity; we have cultivated our indifference. Lord, shake us with your word and renew us by your Spirit. Help us to never shrink from duty or sacrifice and serve in the name of Jesus our Savior. 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**

Elder Jaime Hemmerling

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. Chris Peters

Share a sign of welcome and inclusion (high five, handshake, fist/elbow bump) with your neighbors.

May the peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:7, 16-17

N.T. pg. 181

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:46-52

N.T. pg. 47

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 "A Few Words about Jesus and Us: Live by Faith" Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***Hymn #385**

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

***Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed, contemporary text)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Moment of Gratitude

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Anthem

A Mighty Fortress (arr. Kyle Pederson)
Calvin Sheldon, electric guitar
Westminster Choir

Prayers of the People

Elder Jaime Hemmerling

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 #361**

O Christ, the Great Foundation

Charge & Benediction

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Postlude

“Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BWV 720” by J.S. Bach

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

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 Jaime Hemmerling

Interim Music Director: Dr. Mary Young

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Greeters: Stephan Biheng & Paul Korslund

Ushers: Becky Bockrath, Martha Kingsbury, Bruce Sheffield, Margaret Sheffield

Dishwashers:

Sanctuary Audio and Livestream: Dale Minter





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

The week of Oct. 27, 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 November 9 & 10.

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

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

Sat., Nov. 9, 9:30 AM – 2 PM at Westminster

Community-Wide Event featuring Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow,
Author and Pastor

Sun., Nov. 10, 9:30 AM

Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow preaching and leading Adult
Education at Westminster



For tickets to the Nov. 9 Special Speaker Series Event at Westminster, follow this link or reserve and pay for your spot at the sign-up table in the Garden Room on Sunday. Tickets are \$5 with an optional \$5 lunch. <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/e6a55ebf-ae0a-4e76-b469-da1dce5a96fc>

Adult Ed for Today | 10:40 AM | Lounge

“Cathedrals, Abbeys, and Kirks” by Rev. Jimmy Shelbourn, stories of the Reformation in Britain.

Everything Good about God Is True

Book Discussion Groups

Wednesdays, 6:00-6:30pm

(“plus overtime as needed”)

Where: the Parlor

Host: Marijane England

Thursdays, 12:00-12:40pm

Where: the Lounge classroom

Host: Pastor Chris

Position Open at Westminster

Westminster is looking for a part-time Communication and Administration Coordinator—22 hrs./wk. The position description is on the website—westminsterlincoln.org. To apply: Send cover letter and resume to office@westminsterlincoln.org.

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.

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

Photographic Artwork Exhibit

Dale Minter will be exhibiting some of his photographic artwork in the hallway going from the garden room to the main sanctuary in the coming weeks. Please feel free to explore the visual journey.

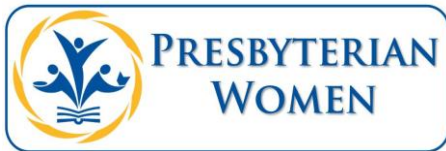
There will be a UNL Evening of Choirs Concert at Westminster on Thursday evening, Oct. 31 at 7:30 PM. Come and enjoy the music!

Communion Schedule Note

Communion will be held one more time in 2024, on Sunday, November 24th, in celebration of Reign of Christ / Christ the King Sunday. This scheduling was approved by Session in accordance with Book of Order guidelines. Did you know... the PC(USA) Book of Order requires a minimum of quarterly communion celebrations for our congregations, though many are like Westminster and celebrate roughly once-a-month?

Could you take a turn?

We are still in need of dishwashing volunteers for the third and fourth Sundays of the even numbered months. Step up and help Westminster fulfill our pledge to be "green."



There's Still Time...

to add more personal care products to the **barrel** by the east entrance steps. **Presbyterian Women** in partnership with the Lincoln Hygiene Network

will end the Westminster 2-month collection on **OCTOBER 31**. For all the products and the self-worth and dignity of the receivers, we give our gratitude to God and to all of you who have participated. We will update on the final number of items soon. **A special thank you to Westminster staff, the Foundation, and everyone who participated in the Service of Service to pack items on October 20.**

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Do Everything in LOVE

Daylight Savings Time ends the first weekend in November. Turn your clocks back an hour before you get up on Sunday morning or you'll be early for church.

Seize the Day!

This beautiful weather won't last forever! Seize the day with October's Environmental Justice Action: Reverence for the Land. Simply enjoy twenty minutes outside experiencing awe and gratitude. And tell someone how good it felt!

Week Beginning Oct. 27

<u>Sun. (Oct. 27) Reformation</u> 9:30 AM Worship, Faith Village 10:45 AM Adult Ed, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship	1:30 PM Hearts and Hands, Library 3:30 PM UNL Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM Spooktacular, Parking Lot 6 PM Reading Group, Bruce Reyes-Chow Book, Parlor 7 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
<u>Mon. (Oct. 28)</u> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study, Library 3:30 PM UNL Choir Rehearsal 6 PM Session, Lounge 6:30 PM Scouts, Cole Hall	<u>Thurs. (Oct. 31)</u> 12 PM Reading Group, Bruce Reyes-Chow Book, Lounge 7:30 PM UNL Evening of Choirs, Sanctuary
<u>Tues. (Oct. 29)</u> 8 AM Preschool Halloween Party, Fellowship Hall 9:45 AM Staff Meeting, Conference Room 5 PM Ladies' Night Out, Billy's	<u>Sun. (Nov. 3) All Saints' Sun.</u> 9:30 AM Worship/Baptisms, Faith Village 10:45 AM Adult Ed, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 2 PM Baby Shower, FH
<u>Wed. (Oct. 30)</u> 8 AM Preschool Halloween Party, Fellowship Hall	

Worship services are available on-line at this link:

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

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