

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

November 17, 2024

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



## Prelude

“Antiphon II” by Marcel Dupré  
“His left hand is under my head, and his right hand doth embrace me.”

## Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

## Why Westminster: A Stewardship Moment

Elder Marybell Avery

## Choral Introit

“Sicut Cervus” by Palestrina  
“As the deer longs for running waters, so my soul longs after You, oh God.”  
Brenda Wristen, Mary Young, Dylan Anderson and Mason Bruggeman

## \*Call to Worship (excerpts from Hannah’s Song in 1 Samuel 2; Common English Bible)

Elder Karen Hoffman

One: Then Hannah prayed: My heart rejoices in the Lord. My strength rises up in the Lord! My mouth mocks my enemies because I rejoice in your deliverance.

**Many: No one is holy like the Lord no, no one except you! There is no rock like our God!**

One: Don’t go on and on, talking so proudly, spouting arrogance from your mouth,  
**Many: The Lord is the God who knows and weighs every act.**

One: Let us worship God, who knows us, knows our actions, and yet still approaches us with grace, mercy, and love!

**\*Hymn #401**

*Here in this Place (Gather Us In)*

**\*Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

**\*Time of Silent Confession**

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

*Eternal God, too often we settle for the way things are. We embrace what is comfortable and disengage from the work of necessary change. We fail to hope for a new day and a new world because our present reality feels good enough. Forgive us. Have mercy upon us. Fill us with the passion to live and work towards a world made just and equitable and new. Amen.*

**\*Response to Confession #444**

**Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive (vs. 1 & 4)**

*“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” you taught us, Lord, to pray.  
But you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.  
Then, by your mercy reconciled our lives will spread your peace.*

**\*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 #205**

**Live in Charity (x3)**

*Live in charity and steadfast love  
Live in charity; God will dwell with you. (1 & 3)  
Ubi caritas, et amor.  
Ubi caritas, deus ibi est. (2)*

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

*Please share a sign of welcome and inclusion (high five, handshake, fist/elbow bump) with your neighbors. Children in grades 1-5 may go to Faith Village, our children’s Sunday School opportunity, at this time. Leaders will meet the children at the front / pulpit end of the sanctuary.*

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

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Camila Lubben and Rudy Hofferber

## **Apostles' Creed (Modern Version)**

***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 saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

## **Question of the Congregation**

**Elder: Do you, the members of Westminster, promise to love and nurture Camila and Rudy, to provide for their Christian Education, and to set an example of faithfulness, to the end that they come to confess Jesus Christ as Lord?**

***All: We do. Camila and Rudy, we welcome you with joy and hope, energy and enthusiasm, laughter and communion, nurture and faith, love and acceptance.***

## **Hymn #486 (vv. 1&4)**

## ***Child of Blessing, Child of Promise***

***Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,  
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.***

***Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God's call.***

***Grow to laugh and sing and worship; trust and love God more than all.***

## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scripture**

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:38-44

N.T. pg. 49

*Today's scripture is from the lectionary for Sunday, November 10. Next Sunday we will shift back to the proper Sunday for Reign of Christ Sunday.*

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

### **Sermon**

“Why Give?”

Rev. Chris Peters

### **Anthem**

“For When We Love” by Elaine Hagenburg

### **New Member Welcome**

Martin and Martine Biheng

Tyler and Alex Lubben

**Prayers of the People**  
**The Lord's Prayer**

Elder Karen Hoffman

***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 #463**

***How Firm a Foundation***

**Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

**Postlude**

“Antiphon V” by Marcel Dupré  
“How fair and how pleasant art thou.”

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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: lectionary texts and the Presbyterian Outlook order of worship for November 17, 2024 by Rev. Dr. Teri McDowel Ott, Editor of the 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 Karen Hoffman

**Music Director:** Dr. Mary Young

**Organist:** John Ross

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

**Greeters:** Stephanie and Scott Rogers

**Ushers:** Leslie Miner, Robyn Uebele, Marijane England, David Anderson

**Dishwashers:** Tom Pappas & Laurel Van Ham

**Sanctuary Audio and Livestream:** Stephan Biheng



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

**The week of Nov. 17, 2024**

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

### **Fall Stated Congregational Meeting**

The Fall Stated Congregational meeting will take place today following the worship service postlude. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect Officers of the Church (Ruling Elders and Deacons), to hear a financial update, and to present the new Trustees for the Foundation for 2025.

### **Nominations**

#### **Board of Deacons**

##### **Class of 2025**

Barb Arunski

##### **Class of 2026**

Ashley Lammers

Kathy Phillip

Claire Titus

##### **Class of 2027**

April Douglas

Dorrie Gage

Joan Roberts

Diana Wild

#### **Board of Elders**

##### **Class of 2025**

Colton Graham

Rachel Hoffman

Kathy Rohwedder

Tom Welstead

##### **Class of 2027**

Sebit Deng

Marilyn Hood

Paul Korslund

Bob Leavitt

Ron Souliere

#### **Foundation Members**

Stan Campbell (Class of 2025)

Deb Schorr (Class of 2026)

Chip DeBuse (Class of 2027)

## **Adult Ed**

Today: “Sharing reflections on the Bruce Reyes-Chow experience at WPC.” Bring your thoughts and if you wish your books and favorite passages or questions for the group. Led by Marijane England.

Nov. 24: Dale Minter will talk about the photographs he created that are hanging in our hallway. He will give a background about the journey and the process of producing these images. Please join the talk and discussion in the lounge after service.

## **Environmental Justice: Concerned about hunger?**

Two things:

LEARN about world hunger [here](#).

DO something about it HERE—at Westminster! Buy fair trade coffee and chocolate, serve at the Matt Talbot Kitchen and the Gathering Place, and bring something for the Food Pantry. They can always use canned fruit, pork and beans, tuna, and dry cereal.

## **Angel Tree**

Once again Westminster is partnering with the Salvation Army Angel Tree Project. Christmas and holiday gifts from the Angel Tree are given to children from low-income families. Gifts, toys, clothing, and much more are provided for children from infants to age 12.

Starting Nov. 12, look for the Angel Tree at the top of the stairs across from the receptionist’s desk. Pick a tag from the tree, shop. Return the unwrapped gifts, with the tag attached to the bag, placing them under the tree.

Gifts must be returned to the church by Dec. 12. Most people, especially children, look forward to receiving clothing and gifts over the holidays. Will you be someone’s angel?

Thank you, Mission & Outreach

## **New Members**

Today we welcome new members:

Alex and Tyler Lubben

Martin & Martine Biheng

### **Call for Baked Goods | December 8**

Advent is coming up fast and the Youth Group will be sponsoring a baked goods auction at the Advent Workshop again this year to support various mission initiatives throughout the year. We are calling for our talented and creative bakers to donate something special to the cause. Cakes, pies, brownies, bars, breads, or anything you would like to make is welcome.

Contact Trish at [trish@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:trish@westminsterlincoln.org) or complete this form <https://shorturl.at/h8tmd>. Please indicate ingredients if possible. Master creations can be delivered between 10-2 PM on Friday or on Sunday morning the week before the Advent Workshop.

### **Pie and Fellowship | November 20**

6:00 PM-6:30 PM

Treat your taste buds and kick off the holidays with this culinary cornucopia. We will start by sharing a special meal of delectable soups before moving on to dessert. We invite you to bring your favorite pie to share and sample the wonderful desserts brought by other families! We will provide whipped topping. If possible, please RSVP to Trish at [trish@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:trish@westminsterlincoln.org) or 402-570-0163 to give our chefs an idea of how much food to make.

### **Dale Minter Photo Exhibition Open House**

Tues., Nov. 19, from 6-8 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church,  
2110 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln, NE

This is an opportunity for friends and family from outside our church community and our church community to view the photographic exhibit and fellowship. There will be refreshments available.

### **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.”

## Week Beginning Nov. 17

<p><b><u>Sun. (Nov. 17)</u></b> 9:30 AM Worship, Faith Village Baptisms, New Members 10:30 AM Fall Stated Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary 10:45 AM Adult Ed, Lounge 10:50 AM Farmhouse Initiation, Sanctuary 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> <p><b><u>Mon. (Nov. 18)</u></b> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study, Library 7:30 PM Senior Recital— Reagan Hinze, Sanctuary</p> <p><b><u>Tues. (Nov. 19)</u></b> 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 12 PM BRC Reading Group Wrap-Up, Lounge 6 PM A &amp; P, Conference Room 6 PM Art Exhibit Open House, Memory Lane 7 PM Faith and Cancer Support Group, Library</p>	<p><b><u>Wed. (Nov. 20)</u></b> 1 PM Prairie Readers, Lounge 1:30 PM Hearts and Hands 6 PM W3 (Welcome to Westminster on Wed.) 6 PM Pie &amp; Fellowship, Cole Hall 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><b><u>Thurs. (Nov. 21)</u></b> 9 AM Friendship Home, FH 10 AM Homestead Presbytery, Norfolk 5 PM Ladies' Night Out 7 PM Lincoln Continentals Rehearsal, Sanctuary 7 PM Camera Club, Lounge</p> <p><b><u>Sun. (Nov. 24) Reign of Christ</u></b> 9:30 AM Worship, Faith Village 10:45 AM Adult Ed, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p>
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**Worship services are available on-line at this link:**

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

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