

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

November 24, 2024

Reign of Christ Sunday



Prelude

“Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals” by Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Why Westminster: A Stewardship Moment

Elder Sarah Baltensperger

***Call to Worship** (based on Rev. 1:4-5 and Isaiah 6:3)

Deacon Claire Titus

One: Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come.

Many: And grace and peace from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness.

One: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

Many: The whole earth is full of God’s glory.

***Hymn #263**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! (vv. 1, 3 & 4)

***Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***Time of Silent Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to you only pieces of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head; we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve you with what is left over after we have filled our desires. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our picking and choosing the times and places we will respond to your call. Giver of Mercy, teach us what it means to follow you, even when it might come with a cost. With hope in Christ we pray, 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.
Ubit 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.***

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8

N.T. pg. 245

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

Anthem

“Pilgrim’s Hymn” by Stephen Paulus
Ronnie Zanella, Guest Director

Gospel Reading

John 18:33-37

N.T. pg. 113

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

Sermon

“Belonging to the Truth”

Rev. Chris Peters

*Hymn #269

Lead On, O King Eternal!

The Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus (Sung During Prayer)

Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



heaven and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

Music During Communion

"Et Incarnatus Est" from Mass in C minor by Mozart
Reagan Hinze

Blessing and Sharing of the Elements Prayer After Communion

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

*Hymn #647

Give Thanks

*Moment of Gratitude

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

"Now Thank We All Our God" by Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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

Today's words for worship are adapted by Pastor Chris from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Vol. 2 Reign of Christ, Semicontinuous Lections* (Rev. Dr. Kimberly Bracken Long, Editor).

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 **Music Director:** Dr. Mary Young **Organist:** John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere **Greeters:** Joyce Douglas and Marilyn Hood

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

Dishwashers: Lisa & Steve McConnell **Sanctuary Audio and Livestream:** Stephan Biheng

Communion Servers: Dave Arunski, Marybell Avery, Sarah Baltensperger, Tom Welstead, and Jim Kinkennon



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

The week of Nov. 24, 2024

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

A note from Pastor Chris on this Sunday’s Service

This Sunday is Reign of Christ / Christ the King Sunday in the church calendar. For me, this means a morning of scriptures that point us to the truth – the truth that Jesus is Lord of all the Earth. For the early church, this affirmation would mean that no Roman Emperor, no King is Lord – Christ alone is Lord. The “Feast of Christ the King” was first celebrated in 1925 as a new feast in the Roman Catholic calendar. We celebrate it not as a Feast, but as a reminder of Christ’s value for all nations, Christ’s welcome for all people, and that Christ’s reign is one of peace. Today we end a liturgical year before beginning a new year of the church calendar in Advent on Dec. 1!

Adult Ed

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

Food Pantry

Thanksgiving is fast approaching, and we look forward to being with family and friends, enjoying a delicious meal, and counting our many blessings. Unfortunately, not everyone has those blessings and may even be hungry on Thanksgiving. One of our blessings at Westminster is our Food Pantry and thanks to all of you, we can provide food for six families every week. As you are shopping, please think of our pantry and purchase a few extra items for the People’s City Mission. If you need suggestions, there is an envelope on the side of the large wooden box where you may place your donations. It contains lists of ideas for donations that you may purchase. Please feel free to take one and take it shopping with you. Thanksgiving and every day will seem even more special when we reach out and help feed the hungry. Thanks again to all of you that make it possible for us to have a Westminster Food Pantry!

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.

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

Thanksgiving and Thank You

Presbyterian Women are filled with gratitude for Westminster's participation in the annual collection for the Lincoln Hygiene Network. Needs are met and dignity restored all over Lincoln. Westminster collected **2,565 hygiene products** in the barrel at the top of the east stairs. That's an AMAZING amount! Added to that is the 1,000 travel hygiene kits that were assembled at the Service for Service on October 20 and some additional monetary donations. Giving is at the heart of our love for GOD and gratitude is our response. **Thank You Westminster!**

Lunch Bunch | Tues., Dec. 3 | 11:30 AM

The Eatery Restaurant, 2548 S. 48th Street

This restaurant is finally open on Tuesdays and we are excited to return. We have the private room. Please RSVP to jimkinkennon@gmail.com or text 402-290-5888.

Youth Room Renovation

Many thanks to those who have visited our wish list and sent us items for our new space! We are still looking for assistance in adding new games, storage options, and other kitchen appliances/accessories. Please check out our Amazon wish list (<https://shorturl.at/3LHqL>) for items that would enhance the experience for our youth. Items can be delivered directly to the church (c/o Trish Souliere) or dropped off at the front desk.

This project was made possible through the Nissen Fund (Westminster Foundation) and we are so grateful to everyone who supports the Foundation for their incredible generosity.

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 or complete this form <https://shorturl.at/h8tmd>. Please indicate ingredients if possible. Master creations can be delivered between 10-2 on Friday or on Sunday morning the week before the Advent Workshop.

Advent Workshop | December 8

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Advent is just around the corner! We invite you to dive into the holiday season with your Westminster family at the Advent Workshop. We will gather after the service to renew friendships, enjoy food together, and make lasting memories. At the craft tables, we will be making Baby Jesus in a Nutshell ornaments, A Kiss a Day Advent Calendars, and Baby Jesus in a Manger Fingerprint pictures. After you make a craft, you can enjoy the hot chocolate and coffee bar and then taste the various chili offerings and select the winner of the coveted Silver Ladle. Be sure to check out the Youth Group Mission Baked Goods Auction for a selection of delicious items from the Youth Group and your favorite Westminster bakers to stock up on Christmas treats. We look forward to seeing you there!

Week Beginning Nov. 24

Sun. (Nov. 24) Reign of Christ

9:30 AM Worship with
Communion, Faith Village
10:45 AM Adult Ed, Lounge
12 Noon Sudanese Worship

Mon. (Nov. 25)

11 AM Explorers Bible Study,
Library
4 PM Stewardship & Finance,
Library
6:30 PM Scouts, Youth Areas &
Gym
7:30 PM Senior Recital—Dylan
Anderson, Sanctuary

Tues. (Nov. 26)

5:30 PM Deacons, Lounge

Wed. (Nov. 27)

1:30 PM Hearts and Hands

Thurs. & Fri. (Nov. 28 & 29)

Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Sat. (Nov. 30)

10 AM Decorate the Sanctuary

Sun. (Dec. 1)

9:30 AM Worship, Faith Village
1 PM Laux Baby Shower,
Fellowship Hall
12 Noon Sudanese Worship

Worship services are available on-line at this link:

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

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