

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

November 3, 2024

All Saints' Sunday / 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Everything Good About God is True IV



Prelude

"Be Thou My Vision" arr. Tom Fettke

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

***Call to Worship** (based on Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Leviticus 19:18)

Deacon Cynthia Olson

One: Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Many: And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

One: Hear, O Church of God: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Many: And we shall love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our might.

One: Hear, O children of God: there is another commandment like the first.

Many: Yes: we shall love our neighbors as we love ourselves. These two commandments are the foundation of our Christian lives. Thanks be to God!

***Hymn (insert)**

O God, We Give Thanks for the Saints Gone Before Us

*This is a new hymn for All Saints' Day by Rev. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette,
Presbyterian pastor and hymn writer.*

***Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***Time of Silent Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, you have loved us by sending grace in Christ Jesus. Still, we have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. In his life and death Jesus showed us how truly to love our neighbors, but we love ourselves more than we love others. Loving God, forgive us for withholding our complete love for and devotion to you. Help us give our hearts and lives fully to you so we may be open to love our neighbors, especially those in need. Lord, forgive us, love us, and guide us through Jesus Christ. 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. 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

Eliana Grace Allen and Emilia Jayne Ellenwood

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 Eliana and Emilia, 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. Eliana and Emilia, 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

Hebrew Scriptures

Psalm 146

N.T. pg. 581

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:28-34

N.T. pg. 49

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

Sermon

"A Few Words about the Good News and Us"

Rev. Chris Peters

Anthem

Light Beyond Shadow (Dan Forrest)

Light beyond shadow

Westminster Choir

Joy beyond tears

Love that is greater when darkest our fears

Deeper the peace when the storm is around

Nearer the hope to the lost who is found

Prayer for All Saints' Day
The Lord's Prayer

Deacon Cynthia Olson

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 #326**

For All the Saints

Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

“Carillon de Longpont” by Louis Vierne

*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: Presbyterian Outlook Worship Liturgy for November 3, 2024 (Rev. Philip Gladden, Retired PC(USA) Pastor); PC(USA) Book of Common Worship (2018) for our baptismal liturgy and All Saints' Day Prayer.

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 Cynthia Olson

Interim Music Director: Dr. Mary Young

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Greeters: Glenna & Gary Haller

Ushers: Diana Wild, David Anderson, Debra Schleining, April Douglas

Dishwashers: Paul Korslund

Sanctuary Audio and Livestream: Stephan Bilheng



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

The week of Nov. 3, 2024

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

All Saints' Sunday

We remember those who have died since All Saints' Day, Nov. 1, 2023: Sushil Lacy, Carol Jean Glenn, Sandy Yates, Don Waltemath, Bill Browne, Jr., Ginger Nissen, Dal Ronnau, Allen Wachter, Wayne Beams, Bob Fredrickson, Jim Nissen, Michael Gregg, Marge Wilnes, Dixie Strauss, Barbara Dinsdale, Marilyn Palmer, Beverly Lonn



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 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

Rev. Lauren Peters will speak about her work with ministers and ministry clients. Join us in the Lounge after worship.

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.

Bible Study on Environmental Justice

I was hungry—and you fed me.

Westminster’s church-wide environmental justice study continues with a focus on Food Justice. Our November action is to LEARN and to DO. LEARN a few basics about world hunger [here](#) or by scanning the QR code. Then DO something right here at Westminster—buy fair trade coffee and chocolate on the first Sunday of each month, serve hungry people at Matt Talbot or the Gathering Place, and give to the Food Pantry! They always need canned fruit, pork and beans, tuna, and cereal.



Mission/Outreach is pleased to bring Equal Exchange Coffee and Equal Exchange Organic Chocolate to Westminster friends. The coffee you enjoy during the fellowship hour is also Equal Exchange.

By choosing the Equal Exchange brand, we are making a strong statement about our values as a community.

Available for Purchase: We give the opportunity to purchase Equal Exchange products during Fellowship Hour after services on the first Sunday of each month. Thank you for supporting our ongoing commitment to making these products available.

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.

Fall Stated Congregational Meeting | Sunday, Nov. 17, 2024

The Fall Stated Meeting of the Congregation will be held following the worship service on Sunday, Nov. 17. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect 2025 Officers of the Church (Ruling Elders and Deacons), and to elect 2025 Foundation Board Members.

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?



Since 1888 Presbyterian Women and friends have given to the **Thank Offering**, which is one of the two grant making programs of PW that support family programs and health related ministries. The money collected in 2023 funded 6 national and 2 international projects.

In our own Synod of Lakes and Prairies, \$18,000 was awarded to The Dakota Presbytery Indian Reservation

to reestablish the **Welcoming of the Child** ceremony. This Lakota tradition celebrates the births of babies, the training of new mothers by the elders, as well as teaching parenting skills to nurture healthy families.

Please consider joining Presbyterian Women of Westminster in supporting the **2024 Thank Offering** with gifts through the church office. Please write checks to: **Westminster** with "PW Thank Offering" on the memo line.

God gives us a Spirit of loving kindness, of generosity, and thankfulness. God's very nature is love and we are blessed to be a blessing!

Week Beginning Nov. 3

<p><u>Sun. (Nov. 3) All Saints' Sun.</u> 9:30 AM Worship/Baptisms, FV 10:45 AM Adult Ed, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 2 PM Baby Shower, FH</p> <p><u>Mon. (Nov. 4)</u> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study 4 PM Stewardship & Finance 6:30 PM PW Circle 4, Lounge 6:30 PM Scouts, Cole Hall</p> <p><u>Tues. (Nov. 5)</u> 8 AM General Election Voting, FH 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch 5 PM Adult Ed, Conference Room</p> <p><u>Wed. (Nov. 6)</u> 10 AM PW Circle #3, Lounge 1:30 PM Hearts and Hands 6 PM Reading Group, Parlor</p>	<p>6 PM W3 (Welcome to Westminster on Wed.) 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><u>Thurs. (Nov. 7)</u> 12 PM Reading Group, Bruce Reyes-Chow Book, Lounge 7 PM Lincoln Continentals Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Fri. (Nov. 8)</u> 5 PM Preschool Movie Night, FH</p> <p><u>Sat. (Nov. 9)</u> 9:30 AM Community Wide Event with Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow 5:30 PM Officer Dinner, Venue</p> <p><u>Sun. (Nov. 10)</u> 9:30 AM Worship, Faith Village Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow 10:45 AM Adult Ed, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p>
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