

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

March 2, 2025

Gifts of Women Sunday



\*Please rise in body or spirit for the parts of worship with an asterisk (\*) before the title. Parts of worship that are *bolded and italicized* are for all worshippers to read together aloud.

**Prelude**

“Larghetto” & “Allegro” from *Sonata in C* by G.F. Handel  
Sanda Masic, flute

## Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

### \*Call to Worship (based on 1 Corinthians 13:1, 5-7, The Message Bible paraphrase)

Joyce Douglas

One: The voice of God is calling us to come with all that we are and all that we carry to worship.

***Many: Come! Let us worship!***

One: God calls us to gather, to receive grace in our gathering and to reorient us again to the ways of God.

***Many: Come! Let us worship.***

One: So come, bring all that you are to be molded by grace, refocused toward love, and woven together as a community in Christ.

***Many: Come! Let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.***

### \*Hymn #401

***Here in this Place***

### \*Call to Confession

Joyce Douglas

### \*Prayer of Confession

***Oh God, sometimes we are so overwhelmed with how we have to navigate the world that we forget to look beyond ourselves at what our neighbors are experiencing. We miss Your child, right next to us, maybe even in the pew across from us, who is suffering, or carrying the weight of the world on their shoulders. May we share your mission of justice, love, and humility with one another, so that we can share the burden and walk through this life a little lighter. For Your glory alone. Amen.***

### \*Time of Silent Confession

Lord, hear our prayer. ***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

Joyce Douglas

Believe and share the good news!

***In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!***

### \*Response of Praise #468

***In My Life (v. 1)***

***In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.***

***In my life, Lord, be glorified today.***

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Joyce Douglas

*Please share a sign of welcome and inclusion that is mutually comfortable (high five, handshake, fist/elbow bump) with your neighbors.*

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

**Prayer for Illumination**

Rev. Lauren Peters

**Scripture**

New Testament Reading

Acts 9:36-43

N.T. pg. 128

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

**Sermon**

“Get Up”

Rev. Lauren Peters

**\*Hymn #324**

***For All the Faithful Women***

**Commissioning of Glenna Haller**

**Delegate to UN’s Commission on the Status of Women**

**Anthem**

*Credo* mvmt. I: “I Believe in God” by Margaret Bonds\*

Westminster Choir

\*This Credo was written by black female composer Margaret Bonds, who was the first black soloist to perform with the Chicago Symphony. It uses text written by W.E.B Du Bois’ that promotes racial justice and equality.

I believe in God

Who made of one blood

All nations that on earth do dwell

I believe that women

Black and brown and white are sisters

Alike in soul and the possibility of infinite development

Deep within that sacred space

You take me in your warm embrace

There, I find my breathing place

**The Lord’s Supper**

Rev. Lauren Peters

**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.***

**\*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.*

**Blessing and Sharing of the Elements  
Prayer After Communion**

Rev. Lauren Peters

**\*Hymn #435**

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

**\*Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Lauren Peters

**Postlude**

"Great is the Lord" arr. Jack Schrader (Mary Young)

**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:** Joyce Douglas

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

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

**Greeters:** Stephanie & Scott Rogers

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

**Dishwashers:** Paul Korslund

**Sanctuary Audio and Livestream:** Stephan Biheng and Dale Minter

**Communion Servers:** Rev. Lauren Peters, Susie Hughes, Jaime Hemmerling, Mailyn Hood, Rachel Hoffman, Karen Hoffman



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

**The week of Mar. 2, 2025**

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

### **Pancake Brunch**

You are invited to a Shrove Sunday pancake brunch after the service today, provided by Westminster Youth. No Adult Ed class will be held.



**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.

### **California Wildfires**

Between the California on a Plate event and other contributions by members of Westminster, \$2,411 was raised for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help those affected by the California wildfires. Thank you for your generosity!

### **Lunch Bunch**

Lunch Bunch will meet on Tuesday, March 4, 11:30 A.M., at The Mettle Grill, 5500 S. 56th Street. R.S.V.P. to [jimkinkennon@gmail.com](mailto:jimkinkennon@gmail.com) or text 402-290-5888.

## **Opportunities for Study and Fellowship During Lent**

### **Book Study**

Marijane England will lead a study during Lent using the book, “Lent in Plain Sight” by Jill J. Duffield. The class will meet on Thursdays at noon in the Lounge, beginning on March 6, meeting weekly throughout Lent.

### **Adult Ed During Lent**

*Jumping Off from Hebrew Scriptures into Lent* is the topic of the Adult Ed sessions during Lent. They will be taught by Pastor Jimmy and will meet in the Lounge at 10:40 AM on Sundays, beginning on March 9. Look for more information in the Messenger.

### **Schedule of Worship Services for Lent and Easter**

Ash Wed., March 5	6 pm
Palm Sunday, April 13	9:30 am
Maundy Thursday, April 17	5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
Good Friday, April 18	6 pm
Easter Sunday, April 20	8 am & 10 am

### **For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. (Matt. 25:35)**

You are invited to join the Westminster Mission team as we live the gospel of Matthew. A team of volunteers cook, serve, and clean up for Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach the first Friday on even numbered months. We arrive around 5 PM and are ready to leave by 7 PM. If you have questions or would like to be part of the team, please contact Gary Haller or the church office.

### **Economic Climate Justice**

Seems it would be fair if the greenhouse gases Americans generate—almost three times the global average— just stayed within our country's borders. But climate change doesn't work that way. So the next best way to be fair is to reduce our reliance on combustion of fossil fuels. Starting at home, we can switch to solar panels, heat pumps, electric vehicles, even induction cooktops. On a larger scale, we can urge government and industry to face up to climate change. As people of faith, our collective voices and actions make a difference.

## **Prairie Readers**

Join Prairie Readers Wednesday, March 19 at 1 PM in the lounge to learn what secrets *The Secret Keeper of Main Street* is keeping. The author, Tricia Thomas, writes about a small but wealthy oil boom town in Oklahoma. Dale Minter will lead the discussion.

**Don't forget to set your clocks ahead an hour next Sat. night when you go to bed. Daylight savings time begins on March 9.**

## **Landscape Upkeep Invitation**

While the reality of snow is on our minds and finally on the ground, let's plan ahead for spring. There is a lot of last year's foliage that can be taken down any time. As we have all heard, the insects and birds depend on leaving leaf litter and the like in place over the winter months. It's time to transition and here's what to do - chop and drop. On some warm enough day an ambitious person could take hand clippers or a battery hedge clipper and cut down the top 4" of the Russian sage between the parking bays. Let the stems fall and cut down the next 4". Keep going until you reach the crown. Experts say it's respectable mulch.

## **Youth Group: Chopped, Feeding of the Five(ish) Judges**

**March 23, 5 - 7:30 PM**

Get ready for the return of Chopped, Feeding of the Five(ish) Judges! We invite you to save the date and get your aprons, mixing bowls, and best creative ideas ready!

Chopped: The Feeding of the Five(ish) Judges IV is almost here! Brush up on your kitchen skills and get ready to whip up a masterpiece out of an array of secret ingredients on Sunday, March 23, at 5 PM.

## **Staff Schedules**

Joanne Gabriel will be out of the office on March 3 and 4.

## Week Beginning March 2

### **Sun. (Mar. 2)**

9:30 AM Worship—Gifts of  
Women Sunday, Communion,  
Faith Village  
10:45 AM Equal Exchange Coffee  
Available, Garden Room  
10:45 AM Shrove Sunday  
Pancake Brunch, FH  
10:45 AM Confirmation Class,  
Youth Cafe  
12 Noon Sudanese Worship

### **Mon. (Mar. 3)**

11 AM Explorers Bible Study,  
Library  
6:30 PM PW Circle 4, Lounge  
6:30 PM Scouts Pack Meeting

### **Tues. (Mar. 4)**

5 PM Adult Education,  
Conference Room

### **Wed. (Mar. 5) Ash Wed.**

10 AM PW Circle #3, Lounge  
1:30 PM Hearts & Hands, Library  
3:30 PM UNL Rehearsal,  
Sanctuary  
6 PM Wednesday Night Children  
& Youth, Youth Areas  
6 PM Ash Wed. Worship Service,  
Sanctuary  
7 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### **Thurs. (Mar. 6)**

12 PM “Lent in Plain Sight” Study,  
Lounge  
6 PM Lincoln Continentals  
Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### **Fri. (Mar. 7)**

3:30 PM UNL Rehearsal,  
Sanctuary

### **Sun. (Mar. 9)**

9:30 AM Worship, Faith Village  
10:45 AM Adult Ed., Lounge  
12 Noon Sudanese Worship  
3 PM UNL Concert, Sanctuary

**Worship services are available on-line at this link:**

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