

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Strength of Soul
Psalm 138*

Sunday, February 9th



Prelude

“Praeludium” by Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Special Announcement

Dr. Mary Young

***Call to Worship (from the Iona Abbey Worship Book, p.149)**

Helena Kessler

One: Creator of the cosmos, of eternity and time:

All: Be with us in this time.

One: Savior of the world, healer of the nations:

All: Be with us in this place.

One: Breath of all that lives, of people near and far:

All: Stir within our lives.

One: Maker-Spirit-Son, God of here and now:

All: Be present in our worship, that we may find new ways to be present in your world. Amen.

***Hymn (Insert)**

With All My Heart, I Lift Your Name

***Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***Prayer of Confession**

Lord of hosts, Jesus of Galilee, Holy Spirit, forgive us for the ways we have fallen short. You ask us to look to the margins and care for the lost; we center ourselves. You ask us to give away; we grab for more. You ask us to love one another; we cannot see beyond our divisions. The world is full of violence, from the global to personal. Forgive us. Help us. We call on you, our beloved, our help, our God, our hope.

***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**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

***Response of Praise #468**

In My Live (v. 1)

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

***Passing of the Peace**

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

Scripture

Hebrew Scripture

Psalm 138

O.T. pg. 577

Gospel Reading

Luke 5:1-11

N.T. pg. 62

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

Sermon

“Strength of Soul”

Rev. Chris Peters

***Hymn #694**

Great God of Every Blessing

Affirmation of Faith (Confession of 1967, 9.50)

Louisa McConnell

One: How does the church respond to God’s call to be reconciling people?

All: The church responds to the message of reconciliation in praise and prayer. In that response it commits itself afresh to its mission, experiences a deepening of faith and obedience, and bears open testimony to the gospel.

Anthem

“God of Heaven” by Heather Sorenson

God of Heaven

Westminster Choir

God of all the earth and sky

Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

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 #726**

Will You Come and Follow Me (vv. 1, 2, 4 & 5)

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

“Fuga” by Dietrich Buxtehude

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

Thank you to Kathryn Brockmeier who wrote the text for our hymn based on Psalm 138, “With All My Heart, I Lift Your Name.”

Today’s confessional order in worship comes from *The Presbyterian Outlook: Order for Worship: February 2, 2025* by Rose Schrott Taylor, Digital Content Editor for the Presbyterian 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

Liturgists: Helena Kessler and Louisa McConnell

Music Director: Dr. Mary Young

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Greeters: Stephanie & Scott Rogers

Ushers: Kathy Anderson, Barbara Wright-Chollet, Marilyn Hood, Joyce Douglas

Dishwashers: Lisa and Steve McConnell

Sanctuary Audio and Livestream: Dale Minter



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

The week of Feb. 9, 2025

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

Adult Ed | 10:45 AM | Lounge

February 9, 2025

Thinking Ahead—“The Top Ten Mistakes Made in Estate Planning and how you can avoid them,” presented by Andrew Loudon. Mr. Loudon is well known in our community for advocating wise consideration on pre-planning for one’s estate. Expect an enlightening session packed with practical advice based on extensive experience.

February 16 – No regular Adult Ed. class.

February 23—Rhonda Obermeier will tell us about "Sleep in Heavenly Peace," an organization that builds and delivers beds to children in need of a bed and a safe place to sleep. Rhonda is Co-chairman of the Lincoln Chapter.

Meeting of the Congregation | Feb. 16

The Annual Stated Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, Feb. 16, following the worship service. The agenda includes the presentation of the 2024 annual reports, presentation from Foundation, the election of Nominating Committee At-Large members, the presentation of the 2025 budget and the approval of the pastor’s terms of call for 2025. The February Messenger, which contains annual reports from the committees at Westminster as well as other information, is available on the church’s website—westminsterlincoln.org.

Prairie Readers

Prairie Readers will meet on February 19 at 1 PM in the Lounge. Marijane England will lead the discussion of Hernan Diaz's novel *Trust*. Everyone is welcome.

Opportunities for Study and Fellowship During Lent

Marijane England will lead a study during Lent using the book, *Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill J. Duffield. Join us on Thursdays at noon in the Lounge, beginning on March 6, meeting weekly throughout 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. Watch for more information as we get closer.

Schedule of Worship Services for Lent and Easter

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

Concerned about Climate Change? Say So!

The vast majority of U.S. citizens are worried about the threats of climate change, but such an enormous problem requires enormous solutions. How do we as individual Christians respond to God's call to care for creation? Our environmental justice action for February is to Speak Up! Your phone calls, emails, or letters can help important decision makers understand our concern.

Youth Group Murder Mystery | February 23, 5 PM-8 PM

The Youth Group will meet on Sunday, February 23 from 5-8 PM for a murder mystery party. Contact Trish for character options at trish@westminsterlincoln.org.

Glenna Haller Represents PW at the United Nations

Westminster member, Glenna Haller, will have the opportunity and privilege to represent Presbyterian Women (PW) as a delegate to the 69th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) March 10-21 in New York City. In 2018, Presbyterian Women received accreditation to the CSW with voice and vote thus strengthening the partnership between PW and the PC(USA) and enhancing Presbyterian visibility at the UN.

During the Commission's annual two-week session, representatives will gather to discuss the progress and gaps in the implementation of the 1995 Beijing Declaration and

Platform for Action, the key global policy document on gender equality created 30 years ago, as well as learn about emerging issues that affect gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. The outcomes and concrete recommendations for action will then be forwarded to the UN Economic and Social Council. Many side events bring global women together to provide additional opportunities for advocacy, information exchange, and networking.

Westminster members can support Glenna with prayer and by attending her commissioning in the worship service on March 2.

Ladies' Night Out

Join us this month at Billy's Restaurant. As always, it promises to be a fun time of catching up. Feel free to bring a friend!

Westminster Presbyterian Church Ladies' Night Out | @ **Billy's** 1301 H St; Thursday, **February 27th**, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Billy's Menu. Nader and team serve a variety of heavy appetizers family style. Our cost is \$17/per person. Additional cost of your drink, tax, and tip. Please RSVP by Monday, February 24th to Robyn Uebele at robynu2@hotmail.com (937) 935-6858. We want to have plenty of seating for all. We hope you can join us!

Week Beginning Feb. 9

<p><u>Sun. (Feb. 9)</u> Souper Bowl Sunday Offering 9:30 AM Worship, Faith Village 10:45 AM Adult Ed, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p>	<p><u>Wed. (Feb. 12)</u> 1:30 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 4:30 PM Foundation Marketing, Library 4:30 PM Foundation Finance, Lounge 5 PM Foundation Board Meeting, Lounge 6 PM Wednesday Night Children & Youth, Youth Areas 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p><u>Mon. (Feb. 10)</u> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study, Library 6:30 PM Den Meetings, Youth Areas 6:30 PM Children, Youth and Family, Zoom</p>	

Tues. (Feb. 11)

10 AM PW Circle #5, Lounge
4 PM Stewardship & Finance,
Library
5 PM Personnel, Zoom
5 PM Church Life, Library
5 PM Building and Grounds,
Lounge
5:30 PM Worship, Music &
Fine Arts, FH
6 PM Session, Lounge

Thurs. (Feb. 13)

9 AM Friendship Home, FH
6:30 PM Scout Committee
Meetings, Youth Cafe
6 PM Lincoln Continentals
Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Sat. (Feb. 15)

10 AM Homestead Presbytery,
Zoom

Sun. (Feb. 16)

9:30 AM Worship, Faith Village
10:30 Congregational Meeting
10:45 AM Confirmation Class,
Youth Cafe
12 Noon Sudanese Worship

Worship services are available on-line at this link:

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