

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday



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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 “Grand Choeur for Organ and Brass” - Theodore Dubois/Arr. David J. Brockman

Welcome Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Choral Introit “Hope is Alive”

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 118:24; Isaiah 65:17–18)

One: Rejoice and be glad:

Many: This is the day that the Lord has made!

One: Rejoice and be glad:

Many: Heaven and earth will never be the same!

One: Rejoice and be glad:

Many: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

8 am Joan Roberts

10 am Karen Hoffman

***Hymn #232**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

***Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Loving God, we have heard the good news; we have sung and shouted, “Alleluia!” Still, we fall short and act selfishly day-to-day. You have called our names in love, yet we withhold your love from those we deem to be outsiders. We have seen your mercy, yet we silence those who seek your peace. We have claimed you as Lord, yet we give other authorities the honor you deserve. Forgive us. Renew us. Change us. Help us to see the possibility of a stone rolled away. Help us to hear Mary’s bold message. Help us become the people you created us to be – people loved and loving. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

***Time of Silent Confession**

Lord, hear our prayer. ***Amen.***

Response to Confession: Kyrie Eleison

Traditional Liturgical Text
Arranged by Paul John Robinson

Vocals

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e -

6

Vox.

le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

12

Vox.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son

Detailed description: The image shows three staves of musical notation for the Kyrie Eleison response. The first staff is labeled 'Vocals' and the second 'Vox.' with a '6' above it. The third staff is also labeled 'Vox.' and has a '12' above it. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' repeated across the staves. The notation includes treble clefs, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff also continues the melody and lyrics, ending with a double bar line.

***Assurance of Forgiveness** (1 Cor. 15:24-26)

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

***Response of Praise #826 (verse 1)**

Lift High the Cross

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

***Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.***

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

***Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

*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.***

Children's Chat

10 am Rev. Chris Peters

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Gospel Lesson

John 20:1-18

N.T. pg. 114

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

Sermon

"Stones"

Rev. Chris Peters

***Hymn #238**

Thine Is the Glory

Prayers of the People

8 am Joan Roberts; 10 am Karen Hoffman

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.***

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Anthem

"Christ the Lord is Risen Again" (John Rutter)

***Hymn #606**

Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

*Hymn #245

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

“Toccata” from *Symphonie No. 5* by C-M. Widor (organ and brass)

Today's words for worship, or “liturgy,” are adapted from the resource *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1.*, Rev. Dr. Kimberly Bracken Long, editor. Dr. Long is currently the editor of *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts*, the PCUSA's liturgy journal. She is an ordained PC(USA) minister and served as Professor of Sacramental and Liturgical Worship at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA. Scripture references in our liturgy are from *Feasting on the Word* and from the day's Revised Common Lectionary readings. The Prayer of Confession was written by Pastor Chris to reflect themes in the John scripture reading.

Westminster welcomes and values children in worship. All kids and their families are welcome to pick up a gold Children's Worship bag or blue Infant Bag in the Narthex (Sheridan Blvd. foyer). There will be no Faith Village today, so children may return to sit with parents following Children's Chat. A nursery is available for kids under 5. 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: This Sunday we will resume giving through an offering in our worship service, leaning on the theology of offering as a response of gratitude to God's word in worship. Checks may be made out to Westminster Presbyterian. General donations go to support the annual budget of the church, which includes Children/Youth support, staffing, building use, worship, and mission. You may also place an offering in our Giving Baskets following the service. These are located near the exits. 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

Music Director: Dr. Mary Young

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Liturgist: 8 AM Joan Roberts; 10 AM Karen Hoffman

Greeters: 8 AM Kathy & David Anderson; 10 AM Stephan Biheng & Josh Swanson

Ushers: 8 AM Bruce & Margaret Sheffield, Robyn Uebele, Marijane England

10 AM Marilyn Hood, Joyce Douglas, Diana Wild, Marijane England

Dishwashers: Barbara and David Arunski

Sanctuary Audio and Livestream: Stephan Biheng and Dale Minter



*"I am the vine,
you are the branches . . ."*

The week of April 20, 2025

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

A Note from Pastor Chris

Welcome! We are overjoyed that you're worshipping with us this Easter Sunday! At Westminster we strive to be a welcoming, faithful, learning, and service-focused community. If you'd like to learn more or have questions, feel free to contact me at chris@westminsterlincoln.org.

With Gratitude,

You are invited to come to Fellowship Hall for a **Cinnamon Roll Connection Hour** between the services.

Faith Village, our children's worship time, will not meet today.

Interested in Joining Westminster or Learning More? We'll welcome New Members on Sunday, May 25 during worship. Please leave contact info in the Friendship Pad and check the appropriate interest boxes, and a member or staff member will be in touch this week!

Upcoming Adult Education Speaker Series | Sundays | 10:45 AM | Lounge

April 27 – A WPC first. Are you ready for Creation Care Jeopardy? On April 27 our annual creation celebration will present a game show inspired Q and A during the adult ed time with special guest Edison McDonald returning as emcee. It promises to be fun, informative, zany, and hopefully inspiring. The competition will be tempered by cooperation because we'll play in teams.

May 18 – Using Native Plants! Bob Henrickson from the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum will discuss the benefits of using Nebraska native plants in landscaping. Learn how these plants support biodiversity, conserve water, and create beautiful, low-maintenance gardens.

Make a Date!

"We don't inherit the Earth from our ancestors. We borrow it from our children." What does that mean to you? To people older or younger than you? How about celebrating Earth Day during April by inviting someone from a different generation (20-30 years older or younger than you) to have a conversation about climate change. Make it short and fun—meeting at a coffee shop, going out for ice cream, even a short phone call. Keep it candid and non-judgmental. And be sure to take turns talking and listening. There's a good chance you'll both learn something.

Fight Hunger and Poverty: Take faithful action in challenging times

Together we'll explore the current and future impacts of dismantling and defunding safety nets and programs that meet often desperate needs of people near and far, like nutrition programs in the U.S. and life-saving assistance abroad. And together we'll take action in real time and resource each other on ways to move forward with determination and hope. We'll also find guidance and insights from partners who are directly impacted. Join the Advocacy Hour on April 23 at 11 am to learn, act, and be inspired by each other! Come be part of the conversation at Westminster as we imagine what we can do together.

VBS Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace | July 14-18

It's time to register for VBS! Join us in exploring Egypt through the story of Joseph. All through family drama, lies and subterfuge, a faked death, palace intrigue, natural disaster, and more, see how God's plan unfolds. We will meet at Good Shepherd, 8300 E Pointe Road, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. Children and volunteers can both register here <https://vbspro.events/p/gspcwpc25>. Questions? Contact Trish by email at trish@westminsterlincoln.org or by phone or text at 402-570-0163.

TLC for Cone Flower Seeds

Thank you everyone for your enthusiastic response to our call for help in starting Westminster's new native flower garden—so enthusiastic that we ran out of pots! Here's a little information to help you with plant care going forward. If possible, keep your plant in a sunny window. Put a saucer under the pot—it's porous! Keep the soil slightly moist, but don't let the pot stand in water. Germination will take 10-21 days. Keep us updated on the emergence and growth of your seedlings so we can decide on a favorable date for bringing them back to church. Talking to plants is fun for us and maybe also for the plants. Thank them and tell them about the garden we're preparing for them!

Westminster Ladies' Night Out | Tues., April 29 from 5 - 7 PM.

Join us this month at [Billy's Restaurant](#), 1301 H Street.

We have a prearranged price of \$17/per person (not including drink cost, tip, and taxes). Nader will have an assortment of family-style offerings. If you require a special dietary dish, please coordinate with Nader, or feel free to order off their menu to suit your needs.

For those who have never joined us at Ladies' Night Out, please know this is a group of women of varying ages and fluid attendance (in other words, come when you can) solely for fellowship and casual gathering.

As always, it promises to be a fun time of catching up and meeting new women. Feel free to bring a friend! Please RSVP by Sun., April 27 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!

Schedule for April 21

The church building will be closed for a staff holiday on Monday, April 21. No meetings will be held at the church on April 21.

Lunch Bunch in May

Lunch Bunch will meet at Tico's, 317 S 17th St, on Tuesday, May 6, at 11:30 A.M. Never an agenda or program, just food and fun.

Please RSVP to jimkinkennon@gmail.com or text to 402-290-5888.

Week Beginning April 20

<u>Sun. (Apr. 20) Easter Sunday</u> 8 AM Worship 9 AM Cinnamon Rolls, FH 10 AM Worship 12 Noon Sudanese Worship 4:45 PM Youth Serve at Matt Talbot	1:30 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 6 PM Wednesday Night Children & Youth, Youth Areas 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
<u>Mon. (Apr. 21)</u> Building closed for staff holiday	<u>Thurs. (Apr. 24)</u> 6 PM Lincoln Continentals Rehearsal, Sanctuary
<u>Tues. (Apr. 22)</u> 5:30 PM Deacons, Lounge 6 PM Communications & Outreach, Library 7:30 PM UNL Concert, Sanctuary	<u>Sun. (Apr. 27) Creation Celebration</u> 9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship, Sanctuary 10:45 AM Adult Ed, Lounge 10:45 AM Confirmation Class, Youth Cafe 12 Noon Sudanese Worship
<u>Wed. (Apr. 23)</u> 11 AM Presbyterian Advocacy Hour, Lounge	

Worship services are available on-line at this link:

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



Easter Lilies 2025

Donations for Easter lilies are given by the following members and friends:

In loving memory of Lloyd & Judy Anderson, by David & Kathy Anderson

In loving memory of Caroline & Isaac T. Avery, Jr., by Marybell Avery & Stan Campbell

In honor of Joann M. Barth, our amazing mother, by Deb & Don Schleining and Kelly Braswell-Burbach, Turner & Emma

In loving memory of Cy & Eva Billups, our beloved grandparents, by Deb & Don Schleining and Kelly Braswell-Burbach, Turner & Emma

In loving memory of our son, Mark, by Becky & Bob Bockrath

In honor of sons Chris & Ryan and their families, by Linda Burchard

In loving memory of Charlotte & Roland Campbell, by Stan Campbell & Marybell Avery

In loving memory of Sylvia & Lou Chollet and Marjorie & Joseph Glover, by Barb & Ray Chollet

Given by Mark & Vicki Davis

In loving memory of Robert C. (Bob) Dawson, by Nancy Dawson

In loving memory of Judson B. Douglas III, by Joyce Douglas

In loving memory of Ron Gumm, by Jessica Sandmeier & Todd, Catherine & Evan Gumm

In loving memory of my husband, Lewis "Chip" Hackley, by Pat Hackley

In loving memory of Rev. Roger Harp, by Carolyn Harp

In honor of my children, Karen Whitmarsh Hoffman and Phil Whitmarsh, and granddaughter Rachel Hoffman, by Carolyn Harp

In loving memory of our mothers, Genevieve and Bernice, by Karen & John Janovy, Jr.

In loving memory of Jim Johnson, by Suzann Johnson

In loving memory of David Miller, by Linda Miller

In loving memory of Bernie & Marylu Nider and Don Kreiter, by Susie Kreiter; Chris Nider; Laurie, Andy, Natasha, Maggie & Travis Glenn; Julie, Joe, Josh, Rachael & Jason Madsen; Pat & Natalie Nider

In loving memory of Bill & Joan Newson, beloved father & stepmother, by Jim & Dorothy Smiley

In loving memory of Tom Olson, Sr., by Cynthia Olson
In loving memory of Leo & Zetta Phillip, by Kathy M. Phillip
In honor of our families, by Joan & Bill Roberts
In loving memory of our parents, by Joan & Bill Roberts
In honor of Eliza Sams, by Pat Hackley
In loving memory of Ted Schirmer, by Regi Schirmer
In loving memory of Chip Smith, by Marilyn Smith & family
In loving memory of John & Althea Thorpe, Bob & Harriett Johnson, and Elizabeth,
Emerson and Arden Carver, by Stan & Gwen Thorpe
In loving memory of Allen Wachter & Ron Wachter, by Jessica Golden & Scott
Lippstreu
In loving memory of Ron & Allen Wachter, by Valery & Eric Wachter
In loving memory of our parents, by Tom & Janell Welstead
In loving memory of Mary Garrison Wright, Lucile Garrison, Ed & Polly Mallowney,
Loy Lyn Hindman, by Don & Dianna Wright
In loving memory of Dale & Norma Young, by Shalla Young & Phil Young
In loving memory of Peter Youngscap, Alice Youngscap & Barbara Youngscap, by
Dick Youngscap

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In loving memory of Jerry & Judy Buss (General Purpose), by Justin & April Douglas
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