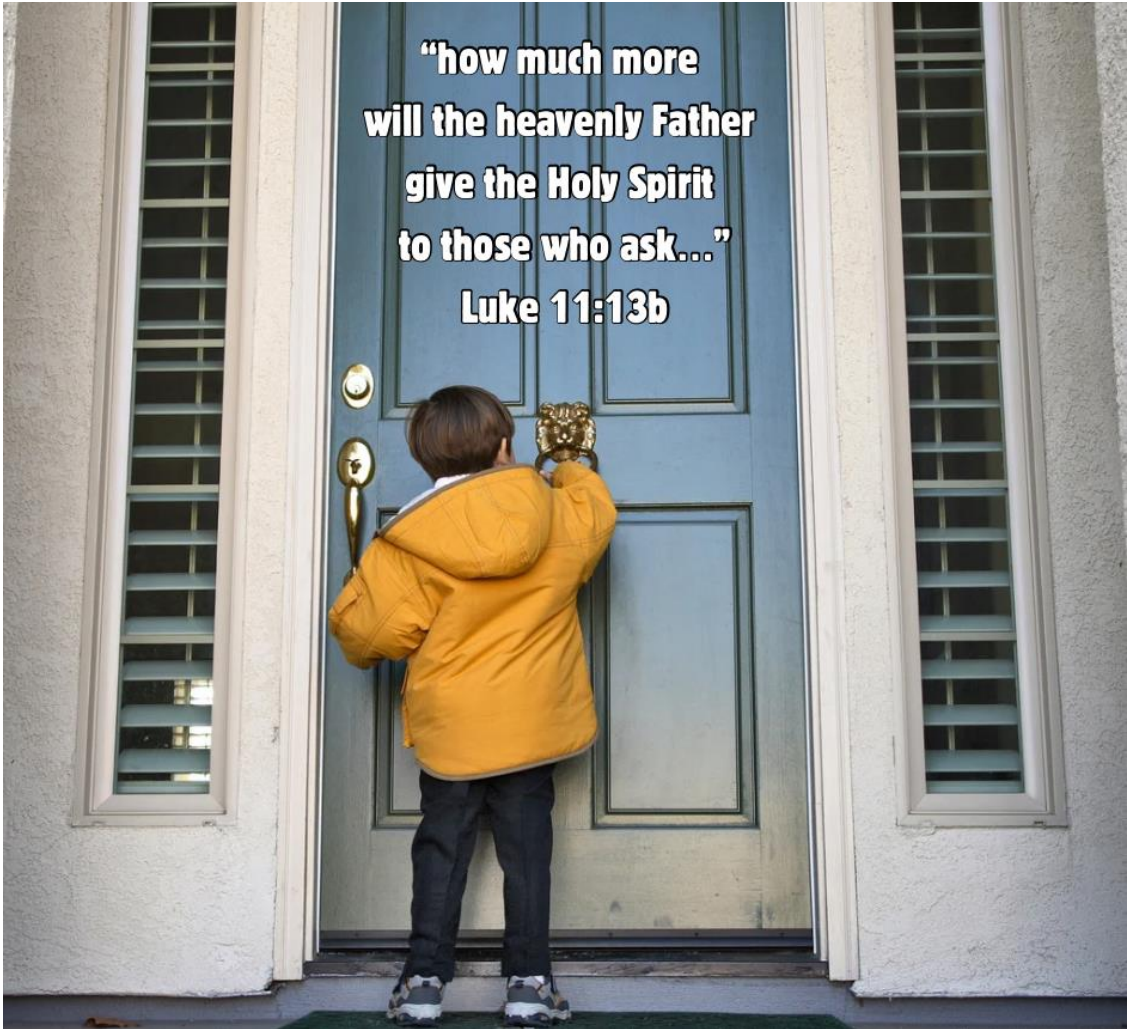


Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

July 27, 2025

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



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

“Simple Gifts” arr. Paul Johnston

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Session Update

Elder Karen Hoffman

Choral Introit

Mama Said by Ruthie Foster (arr. Paul Rardin)
Star City Sound

***Call to Worship (Psalm 85:7-8)**

Elder Jaime Hemmerling

One: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,

Many: And grant us your salvation.

One: The Lord will speak peace to the faithful,

Many: To those who turn to God in their hearts.

***Hymn #175**

See Ye First

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Faithful God, often we turn away from you, yet you remain constant to us. We run from you, but you call us back. You still profess your love for us. We cut ourselves off from you and from others, but you will not let us go. Forgive our faithless and fickle ways and increase our gratitude, that we might grow in faithfulness to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***Time of Silent Confession**

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

***Response to Confession #471**

O Lord, Hear My Prayer (verse 1)

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.

When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.

Come and listen to me.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

... Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

***Response of Praise #583**

Glory to God

***Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia.***

***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

Gospel Reading

Luke 11:1-13

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

Sermon

“A Certain Prayer”

Rev. Chris Peters

***Hymn #444**

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Triennium Delegation Commissioning

Invitation to the Offering

Offering & Special Music

Spaséñiye Sodélal by Pavel Chesnokov
Star City Sound

Salvation is created in the midst of the earth,
O God, our God, Alleluia.

***Hymn #606**

Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

***Prayers of Thanksgiving and the People/Lord’s Prayer** Elder Jaime Hemmerling

All: 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 #465**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

Star City Sound

Today's words for worship, or liturgy, are adapted from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion, Year C vol. 2*; Rev. Dr. Kimberly Bracken Long, Editor.

Westminster welcomes and values children in worship. All kids and their families are welcome to pick up a Children's Worship bag or blue Infant Bag in the Narthex (Sheridan Blvd. foyer). 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: We have resumed 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

Liturgist: Elder Jaime Hemmerling

Music Director: Dr. Mary Young

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Greeters: Kathy & David Anderson

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

Dishwashers: Lisa & Steve McConnell

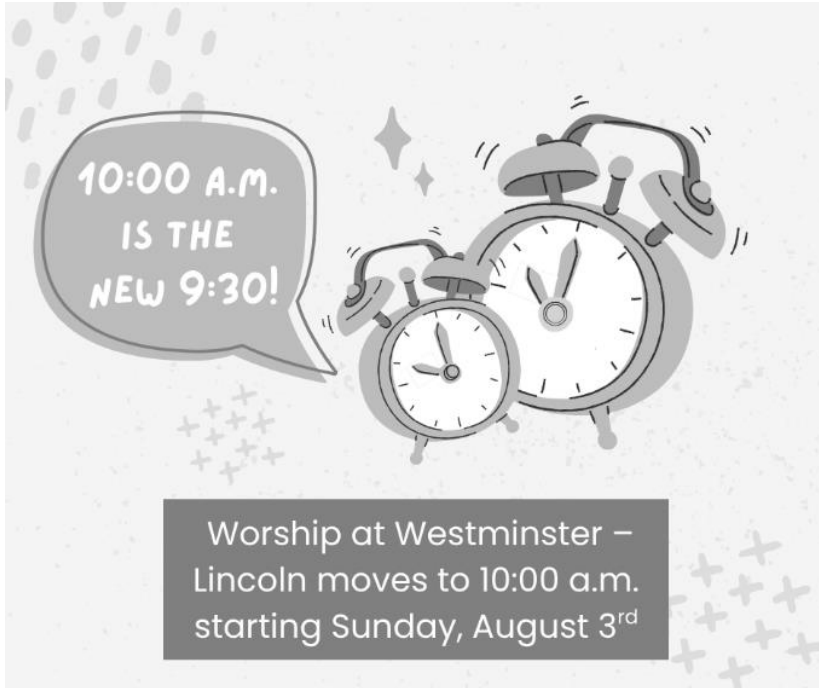
Sanctuary Audio & Livestream: Stephan Biheng, Dale Minter



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

The week of July 27, 2025

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



Along with this change, Adult Education will also be adjusting their schedule. **Starting August 3, Adult Education will be in the Lounge at 11:15 to noon.** Our Kick-Off event is still planned for Sunday, August 10 following worship in the East parking lot, weather permitting. The livestream will shift to 10:00 a.m. as well.

Welcome Star City Sound!

Fresh off leading the anthems at a Lincoln Saltdogs game, Star City Sound acapella chorus are our special guests in worship today! Part of their leadership will include a two-song postlude. We will pause after the Charge and Benediction for those who need to leave sooner to be able to do so. The two-song performance includes two pop songs.

Adult Ed Speaker Today | 10:45 AM | Lounge

Edison McDonald, Executive Director of National Disability Action, will speak on "Faithful Care: A Presbyterian Reflection on Medicaid and SNAP in Today's Policy Landscape."

Adult Ed in August | 11:15 AM | Lounge
Reading the Gospels Through Jewish Eyes

John Shelby Spong demonstrates in his book *Liberating the Gospels* how the thematic selections of passages in the Synoptics (Mark, Matthew, & Luke) correspond with what we know about the ancient lectionary used in 1st century C.E. synagogues. Because the earliest Christians were Jews, this perspective is vital to opening for us a Jewish understanding of these gospels. Pastor Jimmy will explore these in Adult Education sessions for **August 3, 17 & 24** in the Lounge at 11:15 AM.

Adult Ed will not meet on August 10 due to Blessing of the Backpacks + Community Celebration, or on August 31 which is Labor Day weekend.

Reception for Dr. Mary Young | Sunday, August 3 | Garden Room

Dr. Mary Young has accepted a new position at St. Paul's UMC, and we want to celebrate her last Sunday with us on August 3rd. You are invited to join us after service for a reception hosted by the Worship, Music, and Fine Arts Committee in the Garden Room. We are so grateful for Mary's joyful and skilled leadership with us for nearly two years! Representatives from Personnel and the W, M & FA committee are in-process for interviews and hope to have good news for the congregation soon!

Faith and Cancer Support Group

Author and cancer survivor, Lynn Eib, describes the feeling of hearing the diagnosis of cancer like "driving down the road and hitting a patch of 'black ice.' I am out of control--scary!" The Westminster Cancer Support group is an informal place of safety from 'black ice' where we share laughter, burdens and blessings. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday each month at 10 AM in the Church Library. All are welcome. Bruce Sheffield 402-303-2363.

Star City Sound Concert at Westminster | Sat., Aug. 2 | 7 PM

Join us for an uplifting evening of acapella fun! Star City Sound is a non-auditioned acapella summer chorus that sings everything from contemporary hits to timeless classics. When voices unite, magic happens. See you there!

A message from Presbyterians for Earth Care and Green@Heart -

Plastic Free July

Join millions of people around the world in reducing their plastic waste. Plastic Free July is a global movement that helps you to be a part of the plastic pollution solution. We can have cleaner streets, oceans, and communities. Take time this July to refuse single-use plastics.

How can I reduce my plastic usage?

1. BYO (bring your own) water bottle, straw, coffee mug, reusable utensils, produce and shopping bags, and containers for restaurant leftovers.
2. Use bar soaps, shampoos, conditioners, and toothpaste tablets.
3. Use plastic-free dishwasher detergent, laundry detergent, and household cleaners.
4. Use reusable bags or jars instead of plastic bags, and beeswax wraps instead of plastic wrap.

For links to examples of products, check the eVine.

July Artist Spotlight: John Nollendorfs, Photographer

John has traveled around the country and Europe taking photos. He now has a Studio at the Burkholder Project in the HayMarket. Look in the July Messenger for more information about John and his path to photography. John's work will be on display at Westminster throughout the month of July. Thank you to the WPC Art Committee for arranging this exhibit.

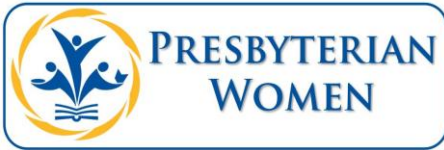
World on a Plate – Texas Floods Relief Dinner

August 8 | Potluck Style | 6 PM | Winsome Manor, Home of Laurel VanHam and Tom Pappas at 4150 South Street

Join us for a special *World on a Plate* evening on Friday, August 8, as we turn our hearts and our stomachs toward Texas. This dinner supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) efforts for those impacted by recent flooding in Texas.

Bring a dish that represents Texas flavors—think BBQ brisket, chili, cornbread, pecan pie, Tex-Mex favorites, or anything inspired by the Lone Star State. Whether it's smoky, spicy, or sweet, your potluck contribution helps us experience the spirit of Texas while raising awareness and support for communities in need.

All are welcome—invite a friend, bring a dish, and be part of this delicious way to make a difference. As always, we will take up a collection for PDA Texas Floods Relief. Please RSVP to Kathroh@yahoo.com or (402) 202-9889. Y'all come hungry!



Presbyterian Women Invite you to: A TEA PARTY

Thursday, August 21 | 2 PM | Cole Hall

All women of Westminster are welcome to a “Gathering In”

where we will hear about the 2025/26 Horizon Bible study, talk about (and collect items for) the Lincoln Hygiene Network, and enjoy each other’s company.

Please RSVP to:

Linda Burchard 402-477-5572 lindaJBurchard@gmail.com

Pat Hackley 402-423-2909, chipathome@windstream.net

or Susie Hughes 402-440-9165, skh@eskays.com.

Pastor Jimmy is at Southern Heights Presbyterian Church for pulpit supply this morning.

Week Beginning July 27

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| <p><u>Sun. (July 27)</u> 9:30 AM Worship, Sanctuary 10:45 AM Adult Ed, Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> <p><u>Mon. (July 28)</u> 7 PM Recovery Group</p> <p><u>Tues. (July 29)</u> 5 PM Ladies’ Night Out</p> <p><u>Wed. (July 30)</u> 1 PM Hearts & Hands, Library</p> <p><u>Thurs. (July 31)</u> 6 PM Star City Sound, Sanctuary</p> | <p><u>Sat. (Aug. 2)</u> 5:20 PM Sound Check for Concert 7 PM Star City Sound Concert</p> <p><u>Sun. (Aug. 3)</u> Equal Exchange Coffee and Chocolate for Purchase 10 AM Worship, Sanctuary 11 AM Farewell Reception for Dr. Mary Young, Garden Room 11:15 AM Adult Ed., Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p> |
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Worship services are available on-line at this link:

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