

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

September 21, 2025

Season of Creation III



Kintsugi: repairing broken pottery with gold to make it more beautiful and valuable than before the earthenware was broken.

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

“Chaconne in c minor” by Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

***Call to Worship**

Deacon Diana Wild

One: Like clay on a wheel,

Many: God forms us: shaping us, molding us, creating us!

One: And like moldable clay,

Many: God continues to shape us, mold us, and re-create us!

***Hymn #403**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

***Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, like children long indulged, we are quick to presume your pardon, your sanction of the way we live. We turn away from neighbors in need, sharing fragments that remain only after our cravings have been met. Merciful Maker, you created us for better use; remake us now. Where we are distorted re-center and reshape us, bring us low and raise us up. Then fire our hearts until we shine with your glory and find our place in your purpose. We now confess to you silently...

***Time of Silent Confession**

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

***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**

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. At this time, children in K-5th Grade are invited to be dismissed to Faith Village, our children's education time. Children's Ministry volunteers will be located by the southeast corner of the sanctuary to guide children to Faith Village. Children may be picked up after the service in the children and youth area on the lower level, through the doors at the base of the east entrance stairs.

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm Reading

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

O.T. pg. 577

Hebrew Scriptures

Jeremiah 18:1-11

O.T. pg. 720

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

Sermon

"God Re-forms; God Repairs"

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Hymn #288

Spirit of the Living God

Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer

Deacon Diana Wild

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

Deacon Diana Wild

Offering & Choir Anthem

"The Potter's Hand"

Darlene Zschech/arr. Lloyd Larson

Jon Jackson, Bass Guitar

Max Bower, Conductor

"The Potter's Hand" proclaims our trust in God who reshapes, restores, and renews us by His grace.

***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.***

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Deacon Diana Wild

*Hymn #655

What Shall I Render to the Lord

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Postlude

“Canzonetta in G” by Buxtehude

Today's words for worship, or liturgy, are adapted by the pastors from the resource *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion, Year C vol. 2*; Rev. Dr. Kimberly Bracken Long, Editor. The Call to Worship is adapted from The Presbyterian Outlook Liturgy for September 7, 2025 by Rev. Julia Burkley, Pastor of Concord Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, DE.

Flowers are given by Rev. Ellen Davis, in honor of her husband, Rev. Lynn Davis's birthday.

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: Deacon Diana Wild

Music Director: Wes Hansmeyer

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Greeters: Kathy Phillip & Josh Whitfield

Ushers: Leslie Miner, Robyn Uebele, Marijane England, Debra Schleining

Dishwashers: Tom Pappas & Laurel Van Ham

Sanctuary Audio & Livestream: Stephan Biheng



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

The week of Sept. 21, 2025

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

Ministry Architects Initial Assessment Sign-Up

This month we begin a 19-month journey with Ministry Architects, a highly-regarded and experienced church consulting firm as we look ahead to the next 100 years of ministry for Westminster at Sheridan and South! Sign-Up opportunities are now live for Listening Group Sessions on Monday, Sept. 29 and our Churchwide Initial Report Dinner on Wednesday, Oct. 1. We need and value your voice in this first step of the process! **Please sign up.** You are welcome to ask questions of Pastor Chris (chris@westminsterlincoln.org) or Emily Killham (ekillham@gmail.com). The QR Code will link you to the sign-up, or you may click here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48AAAF2EA6FAC16-58538329-westminster#/>



Adult Education returns to the Lounge today at 11:15 AM.

"Regenerative Agriculture: Caring for the Land—Because the Land Cares for Us"



Edison McDonald, Development and Government Relations Director for GCResolve, will be sharing his enthusiasm about good soil, good food, and good earth care. Can farmers make a profit without depleting resources for the next generation? Can cattle, people, and robots work peaceably together? At our Climate Jeopardy game last spring Edison described some of the natural techniques employed in

Regenerative Agriculture and we all wanted to hear more. So hear here! Bring your coffee, and no registration necessary.

Adult Education Sept. 28—Regina Sullivan, Executive Director of the Marvilee Non-Profit in Lincoln, Nebraska, is a passionate advocate for youth mental health and substance abuse prevention. Inspired by the loss of her son Marvin Lee Sullivan to an accidental overdose, Regina founded Marvilee to support families affected by addiction and mental health challenges. A 2025 Inspire Award nominee, she champions Narcan awareness and access, aiming to build stronger, more supportive communities for young people.

Let's Celebrate Our Beloved Pets



Who has the cutest, funniest or best costume? Bring a photo (8x10 or smaller) of your entry in the contest with your name and the name of your pet written on the back to church to be displayed in the art gallery. Winners will be chosen by ballot. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded to Dogs, Cats and Others. All pets are eligible. Photos of pets who have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge are welcomed to be displayed but will not be in the contest. **Entries are accepted through Sept 28.** Place your photos in the Paw Box in the Garden Room. No frames, please.

Winners will be announced and prizes awarded on October 26 after the service in Fellowship Hall. Don't have a pet? Join us at the awards ceremony for special human treats, anyway. You won't have to do a trick, roll over or beg.

Staff Schedules

Pastor Jimmy will be taking a week's vacation September 22-28. If you have need of pastoral assistance, please call the church office. **Pastor Chris** will be back from his conference on September 23. **Joanne Gabriel**, Office Manager, will be out of the office on September 24-25.

Bed Build Project opportunity

The Mission and Social Witness Committee is hoping to conduct a bed-build at Westminster next year in conjunction with Sleep in Heavenly Peace. It involves an assembly-line process in the church parking lot which will result in 20 beds being built for children in Lincoln who have no beds. SHP provides the materials and tools and team members who supervise various stations with volunteers doing specific tasks such as measuring, drilling, assembly and staining. Completed beds are stored by SHP and delivered to families in need by special volunteer teams. Volunteers in their 90's have participated in SHP bed builds. No special skill or experience is needed. Youth are usually also involved.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church is doing a 140-bed build on Sept. 28 which has been opened up to the public to help fill 2 hour time slots. This is an opportunity for you to be involved in a bed build in advance of Westminster possibly conducting one next year. Some of our members have already participated in a bed build earlier this year. If you are interested, please go to the following website to sign up for one or more 2-hour time slots: SHPbeds.org/chapter/ne-lincoln.

Photography Collection by John Janovy

In keeping with Westminster's September Creation Celebration, the Westminster Art Gallery will be displaying photographs by one of its members, John Janovy, Jr. John's show will be a collection of photographs taken around Holmes Lake here in Lincoln. The show will be on display until Sept. 28. Framed images are available for purchase. Enjoy John's photographic perspective of Holmes Lake as you wander down the Westminster corridor.

Lunch Bunch will meet at Granite City on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 11:30 AM. No program, no agenda, just fun. Please RSVP to jimkinkennon@gmail.com or text to 402-290-5888.

September tips from Presbyterians for Earth Care and Green@Heart:

Food Waste, Food Labels, and Composting

In the U.S., nearly 120 million pounds of food are wasted annually—about 40% of the nation's food supply, or 325 pounds per person. Suggestions for avoiding unnecessary waste:

1. Plan Your Meals and Make a List: Create a targeted list – Based on your meal plan, create a detailed grocery list with specific quantities to avoid impulse buys and overbuying.
2. Buy only what you need: Imperfect produce – Don't hesitate to buy "ugly" fruits and vegetables, as they are often just as nutritious and can be cheaper.
3. Other helpful tip: Consider local and seasonal – Buying local and seasonal produce can reduce food waste by shortening the distance food travels.

Week Beginning September 21

<u>Sun. (Sept. 21)</u> 10 AM Worship; Faith Village 11:15 AM Adult Ed., Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship	5:30 PM W3 Wednesday Activities, Youth Areas 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
<u>Mon. (Sept. 22)</u> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study, Library 7 PM Recovery Group	<u>Thurs. (Sept. 25)</u> 6 PM Lincoln Continentals Rehearsal, Sanctuary
<u>Tues. (Sept. 23)</u> 5:30 PM Deacons, Lounge 6:30 PM Children, Youth & Family, Zoom	<u>Sat. (Sept. 27)</u> 9:30 AM PW Fall Gathering for Homestead Presbytery, Fellowship Hall
<u>Wed. (Sept. 24)</u> 11 AM Presbyterian Advocacy Hour, Lounge 1 PM Hearts & Hands, Library	<u>Sun. (Sept. 28)</u> 10 AM Worship; Faith Village 11:15 AM Adult Ed., Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship

Worship services are available on-line at this link:

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