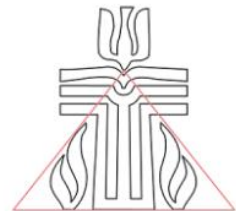
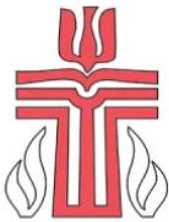


Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

October 26, 2025
Reformation 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

“Whatever God Ordains Is Right” by Robert Lind

Welcome

Please sign and pass the connection pad.

Stewardship Moment

***Call to Worship** (Glory to God Hymnal Resources)

Elder Karen Hoffman

One: How lovely is the house of the Lord.

Many: How beautiful to be gathered in the presence of God.

One: How lovely is the dwelling place of the Lord.

Many: How beautiful is the image of God we behold in one another.

***Hymn #275**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

***Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***Prayer of Confession** (From a 1542 Prayer of Confession by John Calvin)

O Lord, be pleased to have compassion on us. We condemn our evil ways. As you remove our guilt and pollution, grant us the daily increase of your Holy Spirit, that your Spirit may produce the fruits of holiness and righteousness well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

***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 #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!

***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.

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm Lesson

Psalm 65:1-13

O.T. pg. 527

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-14

N.T. pg. 81

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

Sermon

“Those Who Are Discounted”

Rev. Chris Peters

*Hymn #696

O God, You Are My God Alone

***Litany Affirmation of Faith** (from Second Helvetic Confession) Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

One: Christians, what do you believe?

All: In all crises and trials of our life we call upon (God) alone,

One: And that by the mediation of our only mediator and intercessor, Jesus Christ.

All: For we have been explicitly commanded: “Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

One: Moreover, we have a most generous promise from the Lord who said:

“If you ask anything of the Father, he will give it to you,”

All: And: “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest”

(Scriptures cited in this section are Psalm 1:15, John 16:23, and Matt 11:28.)

Prayers of the People / Lord’s Prayer

Elder Karen Hoffman

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

Offering

Choral Anthem

“Grace Alone” – Scott Westley Brown & Jeff Nelson/arr. Molly Ijames
Carey and Amy Collingham, Cello and Violin

This anthem proclaims the heart of the Reformation—salvation by God’s grace through faith in Christ.

*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

*Hymn #643

Now Thank We All Our God

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

“Toccata in d minor, BWV565a” by J.S. Bach

Liturgy Notes and Sources

Notes on our Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession sources are above in the service order.

Other liturgy is adapted from, *The Presbyterian Outlook: Worship Liturgy for Sunday, October 26th, 2025* by Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott, Editor of the Presbyterian Outlook

The Affirmation of Faith is from The Second Helvetic Confession, part of our PC(USA) Book of Confessions. The word “Helvetic” is Latin for “Swiss.” The setting of the Second Helvetic Confession is Swiss-German Reformed Protestantism... In 1561, Heinrich Bullinger composed the document that later became known as the Second Helvetic Confession.

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 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 Karen Hoffman

Music Director: Wes Hansmeyer

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Greeters: Joyce Douglas & Marilyn Hood

Ushers: Rohn Loyd, Becky Bockrath, Bruce & Margaret Sheffield

Dishwashers: Gary & Glenna Haller

Sanctuary Audio & Livestream: Dale Minter & Stephan Biheng





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

The week of Oct. 26, 2025

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

Today is Reformation Sunday, with hymns that reflect our emphasis on God alone as the source of the good we know and the grace that gives us new life. One of the primary claims we make in the Reformed church is that we are not made righteous by our own doing, but by the grace of God in Jesus Christ. This morning we will hear a parable Jesus told that warns us against being self-righteous in our faith and in our lives. Let's celebrate the good in the history of our faith, and the gratitude we have for that faith!

Church History Series for Westminster Adult Education

Sundays at 11:15 a.m., Lounge

October 26 The Adult Education program will look at the Reforms of John Hus and Martin Luther.

Pet Picture Contest

Which pet is the cutest, funniest or has the best costume?

Hopefully,
favorites. Treats
awarded today
Photos can be

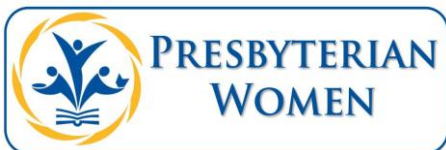


you've had a chance to vote on your
for people and prizes for winners will be
after the church service in Fellowship Hall.
picked up afterwards.



Spooktacular | October 29 | 5:30 PM-7:30 PM

We are moving Spooktacular inside! On Wednesday, October 29 from 5:30-7:00, put on your best costume and come to Fellowship Hall at WPC to play games, trick or treat, and have a frightfully fun evening. See the October Messenger for more information.



A Season of Thankful Giving

The Lincoln Hygiene Network and Presbyterian Women thank everyone who helped to collect personal care items for our community. We delivered 3 barrels full of toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, soap, shampoo,

feminine products, and more to expand our compassion and care across Lincoln. We are deeply grateful to all of you.

In November we faithfully and joyfully give to the Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women. Today thousands benefit from grants that support programs including our own Homestead Presbytery for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, which provides beds for kids in need. Westminster is part of this mission effort, and anyone can give to support the projects through the Thank Offering. Contact Linda Burchard or Glenna Haller. God works through us to bring hope and renewal to others, even in the midst of seemingly impossible situations. Let us give with thankful hearts.

Ladies' Night Out

This is your invitation to our next Westminster PC Ladies Night Out! We will be gathering on Thursday, October 30th 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM; at Billy's Restaurant, 1301 H Street. For those who have never attended 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. 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.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 28th to Robyn Uebele at robynu2@hotmail.com (937) 935-6858. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Robyn.

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.

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

Eco-friendly Celebrations and Traditions in a Season of Giving

We are a consumer-driven society and oftentimes, in our attempts to celebrate with decorations, parties, and gifts, we damage, even desecrate, creation. As we conscientiously work to conserve natural resources by using eco-friendly products, sustainable and local foods, we use less water, impose less on our land, and use fewer minerals. Remember the three Rs, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle that contribute to treading more gently? The first of these is reduce, which is to make less, so we want to make less our impact on creation in all that we do, less in our consuming, especially throughout our upcoming holidays of Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

How can we start?

Create a beautiful table with dishes, silverware, cloth napkins, and glassware. Buy local ingredients and consider plant-based opportunities for meals.

These pillars of creation care begin with making less, making less stuff, imposing fewer demands on the earth, spending less time buying things, while creating thoughtful, welcoming hospitality for friends and family.

Let us know what you do to entertain while treading gently on the earth.

Lunch Bunch will meet Tuesday, November 4, 11:30 A.M., at Old Chicago, 27th & Pine Lake, in the Southpointe shopping area.

RSVP to Jim Kinkennon at 402-290-5888 or jimkinkennon@gmail.com.

November Prairie Readers

Prairie Readers will meet November 19 at 1 PM in the lounge. This is a chance to hear what friends are reading and to create the 2026 reading list. Everyone's contribution is important! See you there.

Hearts, Hands & Hugs

Hearts and Hands got a name upgrade! Say hello to *Hearts, Hands & Hugs*—because they never leave a Wednesday gathering without sharing a hug. Hearts, Hands & Hugs is a fun-loving group that meets every Wed. from 1:30 – 3 PM, in the church library. Our mission is to knit and crochet items for the People's City Mission—hats, scarves, baby items, toys, etc. We donate finished items in the fall before the holidays. All needle work folks are welcome to come visit and see what you're missing! Laughter is free. All yarn donations are welcome! Questions? Call Dorrie Gage, 402-730-9676.

Daylight savings time ends on Nov. 2, so be sure to set your clocks back an hour (fall back) before you go to bed on Saturday.

Week Beginning October 26

<u>Sun. (Oct. 26)</u> 10 AM Worship; Faith Village 11:10 AM Pet Contest, Garden Room and FH 11:15 AM Adult Ed., Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship <u>Mon. (Oct. 27)</u> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study, Library 6 PM Session, Lounge 6:30 PM Den Meeting—Pack 61, Cole Hall, Youth Café 7 PM Recovery Group, Library <u>Tues. (Oct. 28)</u> 9:45 AM Staff Meeting, Conference Room 5:30 PM Deacons, Lounge	<u>Wed. (Oct. 29)</u> 1 PM Hearts, Hands & Hugs, Library 5:30 PM Spooktacular, Youth Areas 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary <u>Thurs. (Oct. 30)</u> 5 PM Ladies' Night Out 6 PM Lincoln Continentals Rehearsal, Sanctuary <u>Sun. (Nov. 2) All Saints' Sunday</u> Daylight Savings Time Ends 10 AM Worship with Communion; Faith Village 11:15 AM Adult Ed., Lounge 11:15 AM Farmhouse Fraternity Initiation, Sanctuary 12 Noon Sudanese Worship
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Worship services are available on-line at this link:

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