


Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



What does the Lord require of us?

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

“Prelude in F” attrib. J.S. Bach

Welcome

Please sign and pass the connection pad.

***Call to Worship (Micah 6:8, Common English Bible)**

One: God has told you, human one, what is good, and what the Lord requires from you:

All: *To do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God.*

***Hymn #409**

God Is Here!

***Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***Prayer of Confession**

God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. Amen.

***Time of Silent Confession**

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

***Declaration 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. Chris Peters

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

N.T. pg. 4

Hebrew Prophets

Micah 6:1-8

O.T. pg. 866

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

Choral Piece

“What Does the Lord Require?”

Sermon

“New Beginnings: A New Command”

Rev. Chris Peters

*Hymn #372

O for a World

Invitation to the Offering

Offering & Anthem

“Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day”

arr. by Howard Helvey

Brenda Wristen and John Ross, piano

In the Beatitudes, Jesus calls us to live in God’s ways—humble, merciful, pure, and peacemaking. “Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day” celebrates Christ’s life and invites us to respond joyfully, showing that following Jesus is not only a call to obedience but a dance of love and blessing in the world.

*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

The Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Blessing and Sharing of the Elements

Prayer After Communion

***Hymn #753**

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

“Fugue in F” attrib. J.S. Bach

Liturgy Notes and Sources

Today’s liturgy is adapted from the Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Year A (Editor: Rev. Dr. Kimberly Bracken Long) and the lectionary scriptures for the day.

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

Music Director: Wes Hansmeyer

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Greeters: Stephanie & Scott Rogers

Ushers: Diana Wild, Debra Schleining, David Anderson, April Douglas

Dishwashers: Kelly Braswell and Dorrie Gage

Sanctuary Audio & Livestream: Dale Minter

Communion Servers: Dave Arunski, Marybell Avery, Karen Hoffman, Rachel Hoffman, Jim Kinkennon





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

The week of Feb. 1, 2026

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

Adult Education in February | 11:15 AM | Lounge

- Feb. 1: Presentation on BraveBe Child Advocacy Center by Jan Coy.
- Feb. 8: John Janovy, UNL Varner Professor Emeritus and author of Keith County Journals, "The Western Nebraska Experience," including Sandhill Cranes.
- Feb. 15: Rachel Gibson, Action Vice President of the League of Women Voters of Nebraska, will speak about legislative bills and priorities of 2026, including affordable housing.



Mission/Outreach is pleased to bring Equal Exchange Coffee and Equal Exchange Organic Chocolate to Westminster friends. We give the opportunity to purchase Equal Exchange products during Fellowship Hour on the first Sunday of each month.

Breakfast Church – Sunday, February 15th at 10:00am.

This year for “Shrove Sunday” we will be rolling breakfast into our service time! Breakfast Church is an opportunity for a more casual worship experience around tables, with food (and coffee!) during the service, and a community-conversation approach to our message. Staff and the Children, Youth, and Families committee are working on plans. Pancakes will be provided, but we will also have a potluck Sign-Up Genius shared in next week’s eVine for casseroles, sides, and more! Want to volunteer to help or have other questions? Reach out to Pastor Chris at chris@westminsterlincoln.org. “Breakfast Church” the last Sunday before Lent will serve as a bookend with “Maundy Thursday Dinner Church” during Holy Week!

Usher and Greeter Training

Training for ushers and greeters will be held today at 11:15 AM in Fellowship Hall, including a Potato Bar Lunch. We will finish at 1:30 PM.

Stewardship Update

2026 Giving Update (through 1/28/26)

2026 Pledges (with Per Capita): \$528,697.62

2026 Pledges (minus Per Capita): \$522,953.62

2025 Giving Update (through 1/28/26)

2025 Pledges: \$500,000.00

2025 Pledged Giving Year-End: \$526,134.35

Projected Deficit (as of 2/28/2025): -\$112,785.00

Final Surplus: \$36,784.00

Artist Deb Kubik Back in February

The Westminster Art Committee is pleased to welcome the return of glass artist, Deb Kubik, during the month of February. Our Inaugural Art Show was May 11, 2025 with Deb's garden art in our parking lot. We now have the opportunity to enjoy her "indoor" art pieces.

Deb is a full time contemporary warm glass kiln artist. Warm glass can replicate the delicacies of watercolor by using the tiniest pieces of glass frit to "paint" a landscape or a friendly bunny. It can be bold using colors to compliment any décor. Collect pieces for holidays or for year-round enjoyment. Each piece is a "one of a kind" piece of art to be treasured in your home.

Her unique art will be in the cabinets near the parking lot entrance as well as in the Gallery Hall. A Representative will be present on Sundays if you wish to purchase her beautiful art for your home.

Lunch Bunch at The Eatery

Lunch Bunch will meet Tuesday, February 3, 11:30 AM, at The Eatery, 2548 S. 48th St. RSVP to jimkinkennon@gmail.com or text to 402-290-5888. We look forward to seeing you.

LAST CALL for STYROFOAM

We have a window of opportunity to take our five giant bags of Styrofoam to Plastilite in Omaha on Monday, February 2 (Yes, Groundhog Day). Let's make it six bags by everyone bringing their malingering foam this Sunday. Kudos Westminster, for these small but important steps in caring for our beautiful planet.

Fork & Friends – A Westminster Table Adventure

Are you ready for a new way to connect with our Westminster family? A way to gather in small groups and truly get to know someone who may sit in another pew—or on the other side of the sanctuary?

What could be better than gathering around a table to enjoy a meal and meaningful conversation? Whether it's in a welcoming kitchen at a table for four, a formal dining room that seats ten, or even a quiet corner of a favorite restaurant, a shared table sets the tone for connection and deeper friendships.

Church Life has a goal not only to expand our lives in faith, but also to connect people deeply. We would love to have you join us for Fork & Friends – A Westminster Table Adventure. If you're interested in being part of this new adventure, please contact Marilyn Hood by phone or text at 402-499-9045, or by email at mhood0529@gmail.com, and let her know you'd like to participate.

Spring Break Vacation Bible School

March 9-11 | 9 AM – 12 PM

Puzzling Pyramids: The Ultimate Escape

PreK-4 through 5th Grade

Join archeologist and adventurer Colorado Smith as he seeks to unravel the mystery of the Puzzling Pyramids with the aid of some very helpful Egyptian animals he meets along the way. This ancient Egypt themed VBS will have kids learning about the early life of Moses and how God used him to help the Israelites escape their Egyptian slavery.

Register online: <https://vbspro.events/p/wpspring26>

Westminster Members – Pastor Chris has a new 402-area code cell phone #! Please either reach out to Pastor Chris or the church office for that number. It will also be updated into Realm and Realm Connect apps under his contact information. As always, if you have any questions or concern about a contact you receive from someone claiming to be a church staff member, please verify with the staff person or church office.

Staff Schedules

Pastor Chris will be out of the office Monday, February 2nd – Sunday, February 8th for Continuing Education. Email access will be limited, so please reach out to the church office with any pastoral care or emergent needs. He will return to the office on Monday, February 9th.

Joanne will be out of the office on Feb. 4 & 5.

Week Beginning February 1

<p><u>Sun. (Feb. 1)</u> Equal Exchange Coffee/Choc. 10 AM Worship with Communion, Faith Village 11:15 AM Adult Ed., Lounge 11:15 AM Usher and Greeter Training, Fellowship Hall 12 Noon Sudanese Worship, Chapel</p> <p><u>Mon. (Feb. 2)</u> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study— Pastor Ellen, Library 6:30 PM Scouts Den Meeting, Cole Hall, Youth Café 6:30 PM Circle 4, Parlor</p> <p><u>Tues. (Feb. 3)</u> 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch 5 PM Adult Ed, Conference Room</p> <p><u>Wed. (Feb. 4)</u> 10 AM Circle 3, Lounge</p>	<p>1 PM Hearts, Hands & Hugs, Library 5:30 PM W3 Wednesday Activities Youth Areas – All 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Thurs. (Feb. 5)</u> 5 PM Bell Ringers Rehearsal, First Plymouth 6 PM Lincoln Continental Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Sat. (Feb. 7)</u> 9 AM Property Assessment Team, Lounge</p> <p><u>Sun. (Feb. 8)</u> 10 AM Worship, Faith Village; Sanctuary 11:15 AM Adult Ed., Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship, Chapel</p>
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Worship services are available on-line at this link:

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