

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

“Novelette No. 1” by Richard Purvis

Welcome

Please sign and pass the connection pad.

***Call to Worship (from Psalm 112:1, 4 & 9)**

Deacon Claire Titus

One: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who revere the Lord!

All: Happy are those who delight in God’s law!

One: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;

All: They are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

One: They distribute freely to the poor;

All: Their righteousness endures in honor!

***Hymn #610**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

***Call to Confession**

Deacon Claire Titus

***Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshiped you with our lips, but have dishonored you with our actions. We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world, yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others. Our religion has become the source of quarreling rather than a testimony to your grace. Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through 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

Hebrew Prophets

Isaiah 58:5-9a

O.T. pg. 688

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

N.T. pg. 4

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

Sermon

“New Beginnings: A New Flavor”

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***Hymn #757**

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Deacon Claire Titus

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 & Anthem

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

arr. by Erik Dewar and Dan Forrest

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” reflects Jesus' call in Matthew 5 to live as light in the world, letting faith be seen through our actions and love for others.

***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 #766**

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Postlude

“Novelette No. 3” by Richard Purvis

Liturgy Notes and Sources

Today’s liturgy is adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A: Volume 1; Advent through Pentecost*, 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 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 Claire Titus

Music Director: Wes Hansmeyer

Organist: John Ross

Handbell Director: Christopher Boilesen

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Greeters: Brenna Stephen, Skyler Bennet, Porter Woita

Ushers: Joyce Douglas, Kathy Anderson, Marilyn Hood, David Anderson

Dishwashers: Lisa & Steve McConnell

Sanctuary Audio & Livestream: Dale Minter





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

The week of Feb. 8, 2026

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

Adult Education in February | Following Worship | Lounge

- 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.

Breakfast Church – Sunday, February 15 at 10 am.

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!

Meeting of the Congregation

The Annual Stated Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, February 22, 2026 following the worship service. The agenda includes the presentation of the 2025 annual reports, presentation from Foundation, the election of Nominating Committee At-Large members, the presentation of the 2026 budget and the approval of the pastor’s terms of call for 2026. The February Messenger, which contains annual reports from the committees at Westminster as well as other information, is available on the church’s website—westminsterlincoln.org.

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.

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.

Summer VBS: Roadtrip! | July 14-18

VBS is back and we are hitting the road! Get ready to buckle up for an incredible journey! This summer, kids are invited to join us for Roadtrip!, our fun-filled Vacation Bible School adventure from July 14-18. We're taking off for a week packed with high-octane excitement as we explore the amazing destinations God has planned for our lives. Embark on an exciting journey with Road Trip VBS, based on Joshua 1:9 – "The LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Discover God's presence everywhere as we explore new places, make new friends, and experience God's goodness together.

Every day will be a new stop on our journey, featuring engaging Bible stories, spirited worship music, hands-on crafts, hilarious games, and tasty treats, all designed to help children from 4 years through 5th Grade discover that following Jesus is the greatest adventure of all!

Event Details

- When? Monday, July 14 – Friday, July 18
- Time? 9:00 AM-12:00 PM (Daily)
- Who? Children 4 years-5th grade
- Cost? \$15 per child, maximum \$45 per family

What to Expect on Our Roadtrip:

- Fueling Up: Energetic opening and closing rallies complete with singing and cheers.
- Pit Stops: Small group time where kids connect with leaders and friends.
- Scenic Routes: Creative Bible lessons that teach kids about God's love.
- Roadside Attractions: Fun-filled games and crafts!

Registration:

Don't let your child miss the trip of a lifetime; register here <https://westminster-goodshepherd.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-child>. Keep an eye on our church website and weekly bulletin for the direct link to sign up. Space is limited, so reserve your seat on the Roadtrip! early!

We're also looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help navigate this epic journey! If you're interested in serving as a crew chief, station leader, or passenger (helper), please register at the link above or contact Trish at trish@westminsterlincoln.org.

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.

Week Beginning February 8

<p><u>Sun. (Feb. 8)</u> 10 AM Worship, Faith Village; Sanctuary 11:15 AM Adult Ed., Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship, Chapel</p> <p><u>Mon. (Feb. 9)</u> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study— Pastor Ellen, Library 6:30 PM Scouts Den Meeting, Cole Hall, Youth Café 6:30 Children and Youth, Zoom</p> <p><u>Tues. (Feb. 10)</u> 9:45 AM Staff meeting 10 AM PW Circle 5, Lounge 4 PM Stewardship & Finance, Lib. 5 PM Building & Grounds, Lounge 5 PM Church Life, Conference Rm 5 PM Personnel, Zoom 5:30 PM Worship, Music & Fine Arts, Fellowship Hall 6 PM Mission & Social Witness, Lounge 6:15 PM A&P, Conference Room</p>	<p><u>Wed. (Feb. 11)</u> 1 PM Hearts, Hands & Hugs, Library 4:30 PM Foundation Marketing, Library 4:30 PM Foundation Finance, Lounge 5 PM Foundation Board Meeting, Lounge 5:30 PM W3 Wednesday Activities Youth Areas – All 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Thurs. (Feb. 12)</u> 9 AM Friendship Home Staff Meeting, Fellowship Hall 5 PM Bell Ringers Rehearsal, First Plymouth</p> <p><u>Sun. (Feb. 15)</u> 10 AM Breakfast Church, Fellowship Hall 11:20 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>