

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent



Toward Flourishing: Eve

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

“All Things Bright and Beautiful” by Keith Kolander

Welcome

Please sign and pass the connection pad.

***Call to Worship (Matthew 4:1-11)**

Deacon Claire Titus

One: People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

Many: The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

One: People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

Many: Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

One: People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

Many: We worship the Lord our God alone.

***Hymn #664**

Morning Has Broken

***Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***Prayer of Confession**

Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. We confess that we have disobeyed, denying your care while relying on our own cleverness.

Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace and re-create us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 #544**

Bless the Lord

***Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.***

***Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.***

***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.***

Musical Reflection

“Out of Darkness” by Jason W. Krug
Westminster Bells

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Old Testament Reading Genesis 2:7-9, 15-17, 21-25, 3:1-7
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Sermon

“Repenting: Eve”

Rev. Chris Peters

*Hymn #833

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

New Member Welcome

Elder: Let us welcome our new Westminster members using the printed words of welcome...

All: We welcome you to the Westminster church family, and pledge to support you in our shared worship, faith, and service together. With you we are more the church Christ is calling us to be!

Invitation to the Offering

Offering & Choir Anthem

“For the Beauty of the Earth” by John Rutter

John Rutter’s “For the Beauty of the Earth” reflects the Genesis story of creation by celebrating God’s good and generous work. The anthem gives thanks for the beauty of the world, the gift of life, and human relationship, supporting today’s scripture and sermon on Eve as part of God’s purposeful creation.

*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 Gratitude / 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.

***Hymn #166**

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

“There in God’s Garden” by Robert Buckley Farlee

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.

The flowers are provided by Art & Earlene Knox in honor of their 71st Wedding Anniversary.

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: Joyce Douglas, Marilyn Hood & Josh Whitfield

Ushers: Rohn Loyd, Debra Schleining, Bruce Sheffield, Margaret Sheffield

Dishwashers: Gary & Glenna Haller

Sanctuary Audio & Livestream: Dale Minter

