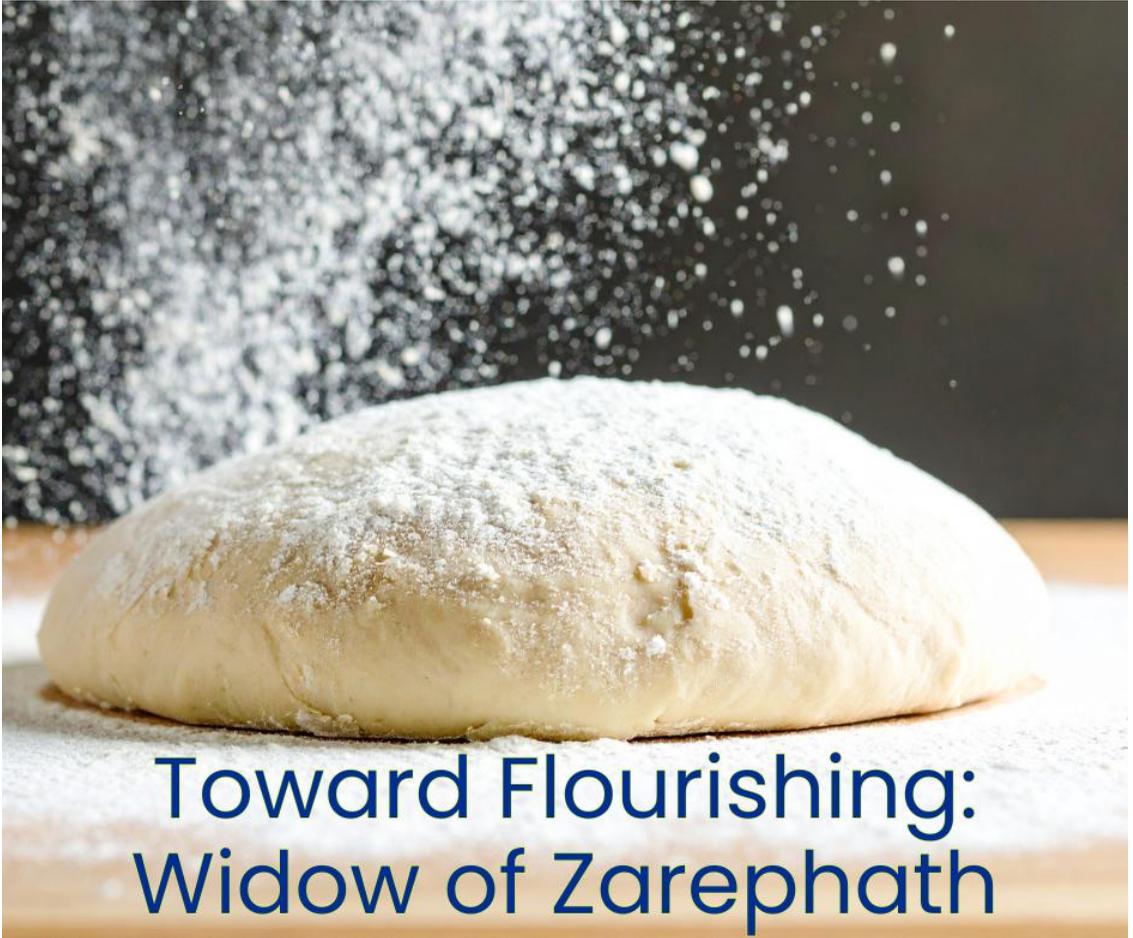


# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday in Lent



\*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**

“Andante” from *Sonata No. 6* by Felix Mendelssohn

**Welcome**

Please sign and pass the connection pad.

**Mission Messages**

**Ministry Architects Vision Summit  
Session Summary for February**

Kathy Rohwedder  
Elder Stephanie Laux

**\*Call to Worship (adapted from 2 Corinthians 9)**

Deacon Joan Roberts

One: Whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

***Many: God loves a cheerful giver.***

One: Each should give as they have made up their mind.

***Many: Let us share abundantly in every good work, giving thanks to God in all things!***

**\*Hymn #769**

**For Everyone Born (verses 1, 2, 3 & 5)**

**\*Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

**\*Prayer of Confession**

***Creator God, you breathe life into humankind, giving us value. Yet, we fall short of upholding that truth in daily living. We withhold bread or water from those in need. We assume the suffering cannot share your grace. We use race, gender, borders, and regions as reasons for division rather than gifts through which we might seek better understanding. Lord, reshape our places of mistrust. Renew our places of hurting. Restore our hearts so we can flourish on our walk with Christ, in whose name we pray. 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 #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. 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-5<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to sit on the front steps for Children's Chat and then be dismissed to Faith Village, our children's education time.*

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

## **Children's Chat**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scripture**

Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 9:6-13

N.T. pg. 183

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

O.T. pg. 324

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

### **Sermon**

“Reciprocating: The Widow of Zaraheth”

Rev. Chris Peters

### **\*Hymn #201**

**A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar (verses 1 & 3-4)**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

Deacon Joan Roberts

### **Offering & Choir Anthem**

“The Lord is My Shepherd” by Allen Pote

Amy and Carey Collingham, Violin and Cello

*“The Lord is My Shepherd” celebrates God's faithful care and grace. Just as God provided for the widow in 1 Kings 17:8-16, we are reminded to trust God, knowing God guides, protects, and sustains us in every part of life.*

### **\*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 Joan Roberts

### **The Lord's Supper**

#### **Invitation**

Rev. Chris Peters

#### **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

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

## Communion Music

## Prayer After Communion

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

## \*Hymn #165

## The Glory of These 40 Days

## \*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

## Postlude

“Fuga” from *Sonata No. 6* by Felix Mendelssohn

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### Liturgy Notes and Sources

Today's liturgy is adapted from the 2018 Book of Common Worship: Lenten Season Liturgy and Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Year C Proper 5 (Editor: Rev. Dr. Kimberly Bracken Long) to align with our 1 Kings text. The Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession are written by Pastor Chris from reflection on the 1<sup>st</sup> Kings text.

**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 Joan Roberts

**Music Director:** Wes Hansmeyer **Organist:** John Ross

**Director of Children & Youth:** Trish Souliere

**Greeters:** Brooke & Matt Larson, Kathy Phillip

**Ushers:** Gwen Thorpe, Debra Schleining, David Anderson, April Douglas

**Sanctuary Audio & Livestream:** Dale Minter

**Dishwashers:** Steve & Lisa McConnell

**Communion Servers:** Sebit Deng, Marijane England, Karen Hoffman, Rachel Hoffman, Marybell Avery





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

**The week of Mar. 1, 2026**

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

### **ADULT EDUCATION LENTEN SERIES**

#### **“Encounters on the Way to Jerusalem”**

**A curriculum written by and taught by Pastor Jimmy Shelbourn**

**Sundays at 11:15 a.m., Lounge near the Reception Desk**

Mar 1	Lent 2	“Bad News Reporters”	Luke 13:1-9
Mar 8	Lent 3	“An Argument Among Disciples”	Mark 9:30-41, 50
Mar 15	Lent 4	“Blind Bartimaeus and Faith”	Mark 10:46-52
Mar 22	Lent 5	“Sympathetic Pharisees”	Luke 13:31-35
Mar 29	Palm Sun.	“The Last Scribe to Dare Ask a Question”	Mark 12:28-34

### **Lenten Bible Study - Mondays through March 30**

Join us on Monday mornings at 11 AM in the church library to reflect on the Gospel According to Mark, the earliest of the Gospels. This study will be an opportunity to walk in the steps of the disciples as they follow Jesus to the cross. Explore what it means to be called. Discover anew who Jesus is. Walk the way of the cross during Holy Week. Please email your interest to Pastor Ellen at [edavis3655@gmail.com](mailto:edavis3655@gmail.com) so study materials are available for all.

### **Steeple, bell towers, and . . . solar panels?**

Come to a gathering of other congregations committed to earth care and learn about Lincoln churches that have solar panels—and other interesting things they are doing. We’ll have a chance to talk about Westminster’s accomplishments, too. Sunday, March 1st, 3:30, at Zion Baptist Church, 3301 North 56th Street. Questions? Ask Laurel Van Ham.

## March Art Exhibits

The Art Committee is pleased to present the photography of Bernadette Korslund and John Shaw for our March exhibition.

Bernadette's love of nature began with her childhood in Mende, France. Her camera is a constant companion in collecting the visual wonder and magic of our surroundings. Bernadette is an active member of Lincoln Camera Club and is the spouse of Westminster member Paul Korslund.

John Shaw is a long-time Lincoln resident whose image making includes architectural and landscape photography. John is an accomplished musician on violin and guitar and brings this artistic sensitivity to his photos. He is also known locally for his book *Cameron the Capitol Cat*.



**Mission/Outreach is pleased to bring Equal Exchange Coffee and Equal Exchange Organic Chocolate to Westminster friends.** The coffee you enjoy during the fellowship hour is also Equal Exchange. By choosing the Equal Exchange brand, we are making a strong statement about our values as a community.

**Available for Purchase:** We give the opportunity to purchase Equal Exchange products during Fellowship Hour after services on the first Sunday of each month. Thank you for supporting our

ongoing commitment to making these products available.

**Don't forget to set your clocks ahead an hour next Sat. night when you go to bed. Daylight savings time begins on March 8.**

## Lunch Bunch in March

Lunch Bunch will have an unusual event for March. We will meet on Tuesday, March 3, at 11:30 a.m. at Westminster Church, in the Lounge. We will enjoy a brown bag lunch from White or Wheat. Bring a \$10 bill, drinks provided. R.S.V.P. is a MUST for obvious reasons. I will confirm your spot when I hear from you. Text 402-290-5888 or email to [jimkinkennon@gmail.com](mailto:jimkinkennon@gmail.com).

## **Westminster Grief and Renewal Session | March 4**

Part of Westminster's journey with Ministry Architects is to create time and space to identify challenges or wounds from our congregation's past, name them, and work toward renewal so we can thrive in the future. Pastor Chris will be hosting the second session on March 4. The two Sessions are unique and offer different approaches. You are encouraged to attend the second session whether or not you attended the first one. RSVP's are encouraged but not required to attend.

RSVP Sign-Up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48AAAF2EA6FAC16-62321850-westminster>

## **Session II: Deep Questioning and Radical Acceptance**

**Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 6:00pm-7:00pm (session will last no more than one hour but may be shorter)**

**Where: The Lounge Classroom**

Session II will use deep questioning and Radical Acceptance techniques to navigate our past *and* current wounds, including areas of harmful and subjective nostalgia that we are prone to look to for future strategy (one of the challenges Ministry Architects has named for our congregation).

## **Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday | March 8, 2026**



Presbyterian Women at Westminster invite all women and men to gather and experience the joy of celebrating the special gifts of women in the church. The Rev. Lauren Peters will be the guest preacher with a special message during Westminster's Lenten series featuring women and faith.

## **Prairie Readers March Meeting**

Prairie Readers will meet Wednesday, March 18, at 1 PM in the Lounge. Kathy Anderson will lead the discussion of Dust Child by Panque Nguyen. Come join us for an enlightening discussion.

## Hearts, Hands & Hugs

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.

## Schedule of Worship Services for Lent and Easter

Palm Sunday, March 29	10 am, sanctuary
Maundy Thursday, April 2	5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
Good Friday, April 3	6 pm, sanctuary
Easter Sunday, April 5	8 am, chapel 10 am, sanctuary

## Week Beginning March 1

<p><b><u>Sun. (Mar. 1)</u></b> 10 AM Worship with Communion, Faith Village; Sanctuary 11:15 AM Adult Ed., Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship, Chapel</p> <p><b><u>Mon. (Mar. 2)</u></b> 11 AM Lenten Bible Study— Pastor Ellen, Library 6:30 PM PW Circle 4, Parlor 6:30 PM Den Meeting—Pack 61, Cole Hall, Youth Café</p> <p><b><u>Tues. (Mar. 3)</u></b> 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch, Lounge</p>	<p><b><u>Wed. (Mar. 4)</u></b> 10 AM PW Circle 3, Lounge 1 PM Hearts, Hands &amp; Hugs, Library 5:30 PM W3 Wednesday Activities Youth Areas – All 6 PM Grief and Renewal Session 2, Lounge 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><b><u>Thurs. (Mar. 5)</u></b> 5 PM Bell Ringers Rehearsal, First Plymouth</p> <p><b><u>Sun. (Mar. 8)</u></b> 10 AM Worship—Gifts of Women Sunday, Faith Village; Sanctuary 11:15 AM Adult Ed., Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship</p>
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**Worship services are available on-line at this link:**

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