

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

March 29, 2026

Palm 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

“Prelude & Fugue in C” by J.S. Bach, BWV531

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

***Hymn #196**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

***Call to Worship** (Luke 19:35-40)

Phoebe Anderzhon

One: Jesus rode into town on a donkey and the crowds shouted:

Many: Hosanna Hosanna!

One: People were excited. They gathered with palm branches to celebrate, and the crowds shouted:

Many: Hosanna Hosanna!

One: The people honored Jesus by placing their coats on the ground, and the crowds shouted:

Many: Hosanna! Hosanna!

Children’s Chat

Rev. Chris Peters

(Children in Grades 1 – 5 are invited to come to Faith Village following the Children’s Chat or to find and sit with their parents. Parents can pick up their children in Faith Village following the service.)

***Hymn #188**

Jesus Loves Me! (verse 1)

***Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***Prayer of Confession** (ref. Luke 19:38, Luke 22:61, Psalm 118:9)

Holy God, sure of your faithfulness even in your dying, comforted by your compassion toward your people in every age, we seek your mercy for our imperfect gratitude. We have looked to you for paltry favors, when you have given everything. We shout with the crowds at your arrival, then grow quiet when our faith matters most. Forgive our failings. Heal what we have broken, nurture what we have neglected, and lead us to your vision, so that we may know the peace of wholeness in you; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***Time of Silent Confession**

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

***Assurance of Forgiveness** (ref. Isa. 50:9)

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

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 (high five, handshake, fist/elbow bump) with your neighbors.

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1-17

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

Sermon

“Reenacting: The Crowds”

Rev. Chis Peters

***Hymn #197**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Session Summary

Elder Sarah Baltensperger

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Jaime Hemmerling

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 & Choir Anthem

“Hosanna, Hosanna!” by Joseph Martin

Amy Collingham, violin

Rich Jones, percussion

Hosanna, Hosanna captures the joy and excitement of Palm Sunday as voices of praise welcome Jesus into Jerusalem. With its lively spirit and repeated cries of “Hosanna,” the anthem invites us to join the celebration and lift our hearts in joyful worship.

***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

Jaime Hemmerling

*Hymn #198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

“Christ, Who Makes Us Blessed” by J.S. Bach, BWV620

Today’s words for worship, or “liturgy,” are adapted from the resource *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1.*, 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: Phoebe Anderzhon & Jaime Hemmerling

Music Director: Wes Hansmeyer

Organist: John Ross

Handbell Director: Christopher Boilesen

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Greeters: Brenna Stephan, Skyler Bennet, Kelly Braswell

Ushers: Dan & Erika Schafer, David and Kathy Anderson

Dishwasher: Lisa and Steve McConnell

Sanctuary Audio & Livestream: Dale Minter



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

The week of Mar. 29, 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 29 “The Last Scribe to Dare Ask a Question” Mark 12:28-34

Palm Sunday Crane-apalooza: 1000 Birds of Peace

Following Worship Today in Fellowship Hall

All WPC children, youth, and families are invited to participate in a meaningful community art project immediately following the worship service. We will be folding origami peace cranes that will become a vital part of "1000 Birds of Peace," an inspiring, significant work of public art.

Holy Week Schedule at Westminster

All are welcome on the journey of Holy Week with community, reflection, and meaningful worship!

Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt for Kids

Wednesday, April 1

5:45 p.m. Meal

6:15 p.m. – Egg Hunt and Games

QR Code for Maundy Thursday Meal Sign-Up

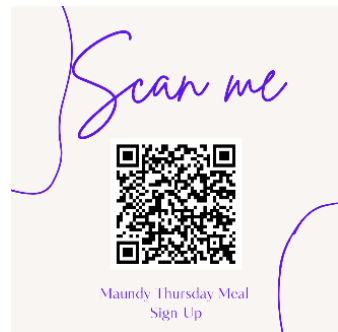
Maundy Thursday Worship & Soup Potluck

Thursday, April 2 in Fellowship Hall

5:10 p.m. – Fellowship Hall Open for food to be set out

5:30 p.m. – Meal begins (come when you can!)

6:05 p.m. – Worship with Communion by Intinction



Good Friday: A Service of the Seven Last Words of Jesus & Hymns

Friday, April 3 in the Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. – Worship Begins

Easter Sunday – Christ is risen!

Sunday, April 5

8:00 a.m. – Worship in the Chapel (no communion) with joyful music by John and Wes

9:05 a.m. – Cinnamon Roll Community and Connection Time in Fellowship Hall (come when you can!)

10:00 a.m. – Worship in the Sanctuary with Brass and Bells

Faith Village will not meet on Easter Sunday.

April Art Display—Dale Minter

The Art Committee is pleased to present the photography and assemblages of Dale Minter for our April exhibition. You probably know Dale from his presence in the WPC video booth, recording the livestream each Sunday. Dale is displaying pieces from different series of his art adventures. Many of his works combine photographic layers of nature and man-made objects. Dale is also including some recent assemblage work which add his images into 3-dimensional objects. Along with his display images, Dale will have some smaller canvas images for sale with the profits donated to the WPC video booth fund.

Dale Minter has lived in Lincoln for the last 30 years. He received a BFA in Interior Design from James Madison University (Harrisonburg, VA) and MFA in Fine Art Photography from Cranbrook Academy of Art (Bloomfield Hills, MI). Dale is an associate member of the Burkholder Project Gallery and has recently shown at the WallSpace Gallery here in Lincoln.

Upcoming Adult Education Speakers | Sundays | 11:15 AM | Lounge

Adult Education will increase our understanding of ways that we as individuals and a church can be better stewards of creation.

April 12 - Pastor Chris, Homestead Presbytery's clergy commissioner to the summer's General Assembly, will describe how the GA is organized and explain several overtures to the GA that concern our stewardship of creation.

April 26 - Scott Benson, LES Manager of Resource and Transmission Planning, will bring us up to date as public power faces new challenges in bringing us reliable, affordable and environmentally sustainable energy.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped on March 14 & 21, getting the church grounds cleaned up and ready for spring. Your willingness to help lightens the load for everyone. --
Westminster Building & Grounds

Summer Special Music

This summer, we invite members of the congregation to share their musical gifts during worship! Special music will be provided by a Summer Choir, which will sing occasionally, as well as by individuals and groups from the congregation.

You might choose to sing, play the piano or another instrument, ring bells, or gather a small group to offer music together. You do not need to currently be singing or playing in a church group to participate—everyone is welcome! We especially encourage youth and families to consider sharing their gifts.

Summer special music is a wonderful way to offer praise to God and enrich our worship together. Please consider participating yourself, encouraging your children, or even sharing music as a family.

Summer music runs from May 31 through Labor Day.

To sign up, please email wes@westminsterlincoln.org.

I'm excited to hear from you and look forward to the many ways our congregation will share their musical gifts this summer! 🎵

Lunch Bunch in April

Lunch Bunch will meet Tuesday, April 7, 11:30 A.M., at The Watering Hole East, 8300 Northwoods Drive. Note this is the East location. Please RSVP to jimkennon@gmail.com or text 402-290-5888.

Prairie Readers in April

Prairie Readers will meet on April 15 at 1 PM in the lounge. Lisa DeBuse will lead the discussion of *My Friends* by New York Times bestselling author Fredrik Backman. The discussion promises to be lively. Come join us!

Volunteer Opportunity: Stuff the Bus for Friendship Home

Westminster members are invited to help support *Stuff the Bus*, a community event benefiting Friendship Home and the survivors of domestic violence they serve. The event will take place Saturday, April 18 and Sunday, April 19 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. outside all Lincoln Walmart and Sam's Club locations.

Volunteers will help by handing out needs lists to shoppers and collecting essential items such as laundry detergent, bedding, ethnic hair care products, and gift cards. If you are able, please consider signing up for a 2-hour shift. It's a simple and family-friendly way to serve our community and support individuals and families working toward safety and freedom from domestic violence. Learn more and sign up here: <https://friendshiphome.org/stuff-the-bus/>

Schedule for April 6

The church building will be closed for a staff holiday on Monday, April 6. No meetings will be held at the church on April 6.

Week Beginning March 29

<u>Sun. (Mar. 29) Palm Sunday</u> 10 AM Worship with Palm Procession, Faith Village; Sanctuary 11 AM Crane-apalooza, Fellowship Hall 11:15 AM Adult Ed., Lounge 12 Noon Sudanese Worship	6 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
<u>Mon. (Mar. 30)</u> 11 AM Lenten Bible Study— Pastor Ellen, Library 6:30 PM Scouts, Den Meetings 7 PM Recovery Group, Library	<u>Thurs. (Apr. 2) Maundy Thursday</u> 5:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service with Meal/Communion, Fellowship Hall
<u>Wed. (Apr. 1)</u> 10 AM PW Circle 3, Lounge 1 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 5:45 Eggstravaganza	<u>Fri. (Apr. 3) Good Friday</u> 6 PM Good Friday Service, Sanctuary
	<u>Sat. (Apr. 4) Sat.</u> 10 AM Decorate for Easter
	<u>Sun. (Apr. 5) Easter Sunday</u> 8 AM Worship, Chapel 8:45 AM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 9:05 AM Cinnamon Rolls, FH 10 AM Worship, Sanctuary

Worship services are available on-line at this link:

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