

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

10 AM Sanctuary Service



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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

“An Easter Celebration” by Joel Raney

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

***Call to Worship** (inspired by Matthew 28:1-10, Common English Bible) Elder Rachel Hoffman

One: Early on the first day of the week, two Marys came to the tomb where Jesus had been buried...

Many: Let us go and tell the story of new life!

One: A messenger of God said, “Do not fear, Jesus was raised from the dead!”

Many: Let us go and tell the story of hope!

One: With fear and excitement, they ran to tell the other disciples...

Many: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Let us go and tell the story of God’s love!

***Hymn #232**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

(Verse 1 – All; Verse 2 – Choir; Verse 3 – All; Verse 4 – All)

***Invitation to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***Prayer of Confession**

Lord Jesus, in your rising you share new life with humankind. Still, we have not lived as Easter people often enough. When we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. When we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your win over oppression, violence, and exclusion. Forgive us for turning away from your way. Let our whole lives tell of the good news of new life in you. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Amen.

***Time of Silent Confession**

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

***Assurance of Forgiveness** (1 Cor. 15:24-26)

Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

***Response of Praise #246**

Christ Is Alive! (verse 5)

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

***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.

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

Children's Chat

Elder Karen Hoffman

***Hymn #188**

Jesus Loves Me! (verse 1)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Epistle Lesson

Colossians 3:1-4

N.T. pg. 201

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:1-10

N.T. pg. 33

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

Special Music

“Festivity on Llanfair” arr. Kurt Meyer
Westminster Handbells

Sermon

“Revealing: Go and Tell”

Rev. Chris Peters

***Hymn #826**

Lift High the Cross

(Refrains - ALL; Verse 1 - ALL; Verse 2 – High Voices; Verse 3 – Low Voices; Verse 4 – ALL)

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Elder Rachel Hoffman

All: 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

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Offering & Choir Anthem

“Risen Today!” by Dan Forrest

Brenda Wristen, piano and John Ross, organ

Risen Today proclaims the joy and triumph of Christ's resurrection, celebrating Jesus' victory over sin and death, and inviting the congregation to rejoice in the new life and hope that Jesus' resurrection brings to all who believe.

***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**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***Hymn #248**

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!
(Verse 1 - ALL; Verse 2 - Choir; Verse 3 – ALL)

***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

“Toccata” from *Symphonie V* by Charles-Marie Widor, arr. Richard Proulx

Today’s Call to Worship is adapted by Pastor Chris from the Common English Bible’s translation of Matthew 28:1-10. Other words for worship, or “liturgy,” are adapted from the resource *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1. Easter*, 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: Elder Rachel Hoffman

Music Director: Wes Hansmeyer

Organist: John Ross

Handbell Director: Christopher Boilesen

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Greeter: Valery Wachter

Ushers: Deb Schleining, Gwen Thorpe, Joyce Douglas, Carol Shelbourn

Sanctuary Audio and Livestream: Dale Minter





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

The week of Apr. 5, 2026

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

Westminster Welcomes YOU!

Westminster is a church that values people. We seek to follow Jesus to the best of our ability, connect as a community of welcome and belonging, and serve joyfully with and for others. We value inclusion, which means everyone is welcome to participate fully in the life of Westminster regardless of who they are or where they are on life's journey. We believe church is more than a place we go... church is a place where we belong. If you have questions, please see a pastor or church member, or indicate that you'd like more information on the blue connection pad. And, as much as we love the joy of Easter Sunday, we also value *every* Sunday as a joyful time to gather and worship a God of love, grace, peace, and mercy. We hope you'll come back soon!

Here's what's coming up in worship...

All services at 10:00am in the sanctuary unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, April 12 – Creation Celebration Part 1: The Soil of the Earth – Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn, Parish Associate, preaching

Sunday, April 19 – Resurrection Revealed – Pastor Scott Pontier, Ministry Architects Consultant, preaching

Sunday, April 26 – Creation Celebration Part 2: The Canopy of Creation – Rev. Chris Peters, Senior Pastor, preaching

Sunday, May 3 – Marathon Sunday Welcome and “Church on the Steps” – Following our annual “Marathon Welcome” handing out water and bananas to runners on Sheridan Blvd, a short communion service will be held on the front steps, weather pending. No 10am service!

Sunday, May 10 – Resurrection Revealed: Open Eyes – Rev. Chris Peters, Senior Pastor, preaching

Sunday, May 17 – Resurrection Revealed: Open Ears – Rev. Chris Peters, Senior Pastor, preaching (Senior Sunday)

Sunday, May 24 – Pentecost Sunday: A Holy Duolingo Moment – Rev. Chris Peters, Senior Pastor, preaching (wear red for Pentecost!)

Thank you to the Westminster Choir, Westminster Handbells, and featured instrumentalists for sharing your time and talent to help lead worship during our Easter services. Your music adds beauty and meaning, and we are truly grateful for the role you play in making the services special.

Westminster Choir
Westminster Handbells
Daniel Helzer French Horn
Dylan Auld Trombone
Kason Fiedler Tuba
Josias Perez Trumpet II
Metro Lyle Trumpet I
Rich Jones Percussion
Willa Foster-Jones Percussion and Synthesizer
Christopher Boilesen, Handbell Director
John Ross, Organist
Wes Hansmeyer, Music Director

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 5 – No Adult Ed

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 19 – We will watch “Climate Change and Nebraska,” a video of the talk by Deborah Bathke, Nebraska State Climatologist, presented on 9/26/2025 at the Nebraska Youth Climate Summit.

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.

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.

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 jimkinkennon@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!

Fork & Friends - A Westminster Table Adventure

Church Life is ready to launch Fork & Friends. We would like to invite all who are interested to a potluck dinner on Friday, April 17 in Cole Hall at 5:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share & plan to eat at 6:00. Iced tea, lemonade & water will be provided.

At the potluck, couples & individuals will draw for the name of their host & ask any questions. If you are unable to attend, we will pick your host for you. Even if you have not previously indicated that you are interested, please come. RSVP to Marilyn Hood by phone or text at 402-499-9045 or by email at mhood0529@gmail.com.

Westminster Art and Crafts Show

The Westminster Art Committee is planning an Art and Crafts Show on Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7. All Westminster folks are encouraged to show off their talents. More information in future Sunday bulletin inserts of "The Vine" plus in the Messenger, eVine and other social media outlets.

Schedule for April 6

The church building will be closed for a staff holiday on Monday, April 6.

Week Beginning April 5

<p><u>Sun. (Apr. 5) Easter Sunday</u> 8 AM Worship, Chapel 8:45 AM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 9 AM Cinnamon Rolls, Fellowship Hall 10 AM Worship, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Mon. (Apr. 6)</u> Building Closed for Staff Holiday 11 AM Lenten Bible Study— Pastor Ellen's Home</p> <p><u>Tues. (Apr. 7)</u> 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch 5 PM Adult Ed, Conference Room 6:30 PM Camera Club, Lounge</p> <p><u>Wed. (Apr. 8)</u> 1 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 4:30 PM Foundation Marketing, Library</p>	<p>4:30 PM Foundation Finance, Lounge 5 PM Foundation Board Meeting, Lounge 5:30 PM W3 Wed. Activities, Youth Areas 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Thurs. (Apr. 9)</u> 9 AM Friendship Home Staff Meeting, FH 4 PM Sarah Parker Funeral, Chapel and Reception, Fellowship Hall 5 PM Westminster Ringers Rehearsal, First Plymouth</p> <p><u>Sun. (Apr. 12)</u> 10 AM Worship, Sanctuary 11:15 AM Adult Ed., Lounge 12 PM Sudanese Worship, Chapel</p>
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Worship services are available on-line at this link:

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



Easter Lilies 2026

Donations for Easter lilies and to the Westminster Foundation are given by the following members and friends:

In loving memory of our mom and dad, Eleanor and Tom Adamson, by Cathy Adamson and Nancy Leavitt

In loving memory of Noreen Amend, by her husband, Herb and her children, Cori, Michael, Shawn, Kelly &

their families

In loving memory of Lloyd & Judith Anderson and Edward & Mary Beierman, by David & Katherine Anderson

In loving memory of Isaac T. Avery, Jr. & Caroline L. Avery, by Marybell Avery & Stan Campbell

In loving memory of Joann & Arvid Barth and Cy & Eva Billups, by Don & Deb Schleinig, Kelly Braswell-Burbach, Emma, Turner & Chris Hinton

In loving memory of our son, Mark, by Becky & Bob Bockrath

In loving memory of Jerry & Judy Buss (April's parents), by Justin & April Douglas

In loving memory of Roland Campbell & Charlotte Campbell, by Stan Campbell & Marybell Avery

In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Dana F. Cole, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Koepke, Keith Koepke, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Cole, Pat Sinkey, by the Dana C. Cole family

In loving memory of Gwen Cooper, by Jimmy & Carol Shelbourn

In loving memory of Nancy Dawson, by Linda Burchard

In loving memory of Nancy Dawson, by Karen & John Janovy

In loving memory of Nancy Dawson, by Pat Hackley

In loving memory of Judson B. Douglas III, by Joyce Douglas

In loving memory of my husband, Chip Hackley, by Pat Hackley

In loving memory of Rev. Roger Harp, by Carolyn Harp

In loving memory of our parents, Helen and Bob Hayes, and our brother, Robert David Hayes, by Janet Hayes, Jim Hayes, Karen Hayes and Bill Hayes

In honor of my children, Karen Hoffman and Phil Whitmarsh, and granddaughter Rachel Hoffman, by Carolyn Harp

In loving memory of our parents, Edgar & DeElda Hershberger and Richard & Marion Skelley, by Cathy & Greg Hershberger

In memory of Joe & Viola Hlava, our parents, by Gwen & Jim Hlava

Given by Suzann Johnson

In loving memory of Ted Maude, by the Maude family

In honor of the Mission & Social Witness Team, by Gary & Glenna Haller

In loving memory of Bill & Joan Newson, beloved father & stepmother, by Jim & Dorothy Smiley

In loving memory of Bernie & Marylu Nider and Don Kreiter, by Susie Kreiter; Chris Nider; Laurie, Andy, Natasha, Maggie & Travis Glenn; Julie, Joe, Josh, Rachael & Jason Madsen; Pat & Natalie Nider

In loving memory of Larry Peach, by Mary Peach, Lisa, Steve, William and Louisa
McConnell

In loving memory of Leo & Zetta Phillip and Steven Phillip, by Kathy M. Phillip

In loving memory of our parents, by Joan & Bill Roberts

In honor of Eliza Sams, by Pat Hackley

In loving memory of Don & Marvene Schleining, Blanche Leupold & Hermina Cowell, by
Deb & Don Schleining

In loving memory of H. Darrell & Esther Shanklin, by Jimmy & Carol Shelbourn

In loving memory of Ray & Mary Esther Stevens, Gerald D. Myers and Vernon & Elnor
Dunn, by Karen & Ray Stevens

In loving memory of Ron & Allen Wachter, by Valery & Eric Wachter

In loving memory of Dr. & Mrs. James Weesner, by Julia Weesner

In honor of our children and grandchildren, by Tom & Janell Welstead

In faith of Westminster's future, by Cathy Adamson and Nancy & Bob Leavitt

In loving memory of Mary Garrison Wright, Lucile Garrison, Ed & Polly Mallowney, Loy
Lyn Hindman, by Don & Dianna Wright

In loving memory of Dale & Norma Young, by Shalla Young & Phil Young