

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

May 3, 2026

The Fifth Sunday of Easter



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

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower” by Robert Train Adams

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

***Call to Worship** (1 Peter 2)

Louisa McConnell (8:30 AM)

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn (10 AM)

One: Let us offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord!

All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

***Hymn #649**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

***Call to Confession**

Louisa McConnell (8:30 AM)

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn (10 AM)

***Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, your word offers freedom and your grace gives new life. We confess that we have not followed and obeyed. We have, at times, been hurtful, harmful, or deceitful in our relationships and commitments. Forgive us, O Lord, and renew us. Help us follow your Way, share your Truth, and receive new Life once again. 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 #473**

Shepherd Me, O God (refrain x2)

***Shepherd Me, O God,
beyond my wants,
beyond my fears,
from death into life.***

***Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Chris Peters (8:30 AM)

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn (10 AM)

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.**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Gospel Lesson

John 14:1-14

N.T. pg. 108

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

Reflection

"Open House"

Rev. Chris Peters

*Hymn #820

Nothing Can Trouble

Invitation to the Offering (10 AM only)

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Offertory (10 AM only)

"Think of Me and Remember" by Mark Hayes

*Hymn #606 (10 AM only)

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 (10 AM only)

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

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

Prayer After Communion

*Hymn #246

Christ is Alive!

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

"Toccatina" by Pietro Yon

Liturgy Notes and Sources

Today's liturgy is adapted from Feasting on the Word: Words for Worship, Year A Vol. 1 (Rev. Dr. Kimberly Bracken Long, Editor).

Flowers are provided by Valery Wachter and Eric Wachter in honor of Allen Wachter's birthday.

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

Liturgists: 8:30 AM Louisa McConnell

Music Director: Wes Hansmeyer

Organist: John Ross

Handbell Director: Christopher Boilesen

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Greeters: 10 AM Scott & Stephanie Rogers, Paul Korslund

Ushers: 10 AM Diana Wild, Debra Schleining, David Anderson, April Douglas

Dishwashers: Paul Korslund

Sanctuary Audio and Livestream: Dale Minter

Communion Servers: 8:30 AM Louisa McConnell; 10 AM Marijane England, Paul Korslund





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

The week of May 3, 2026

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

Thanks to everyone who cheered on the Lincoln Marathon runners this morning, as well as distributing snacks. Afterwards, Pastor Chris led a brief Communion service on the church steps.

Adult Ed Schedule for May

May 3: No Adult Ed (Marathon)

May 10: No Adult Ed (Mother's Day)

May 17: David Johnson from *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* will speak about the upcoming bed build at Westminster on Saturday, June 13 (needing 45-50 builders).

May 24 (Pentecost): No Adult Ed (Memorial Day Weekend)

May 31 (Trinity Sunday): The Butterfly led by Tom Pappas, stories of faith by Westminster members.

Save the Date: Putting Faith into Action

On Saturday, June 13, 2026 (9:00 AM–1:00 PM), Westminster will partner with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to build 20 beds for children in the Lincoln community, living out both organizations' missions in a tangible way. Sleep in Heavenly Peace believes that “No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town.” Through this bed build, Westminster volunteers will connect deeply, serve side-by-side, and make a real difference through service by giving children a safe, dignified place to sleep. All tools and safety equipment are provided, all ages are welcome, and a bedding drive will be held with the build. Volunteer registration opens May 18, 2026. To sign up: Contact: Paul Korslund (paulkprslund@gmail.com) or Gary Haller (garyhaller70@att.net). Please save the date and plan to be part of this meaningful day of service.

--Mission & Social Witness Committee

It's Time Again for the PW Birthday Offering

Giving to the **PW Birthday Offering** is a springtime tradition for Presbyterian Women. Since 1922 grants from this offering have funded capital investments such as clean water projects,



rural medical centers, prison ministries for women, shelters for children, and so much more. Presbyterian Women have helped carry the message of God's joy by offering tangible symbols of God's abundance through this impactful grant program.

The **2026 Birthday Offering Recipients** are:

* **Martha's Home** - renovation for homeless women and their families in Findlay, Ohio

* **Rural Food Assistance Project** - equip a commercial kitchen for

outreach in Haywood County, North Carolina.

Presbyterian Women at Westminster will collect and dedicate this special offering at their May Circle Meetings.

Lunch Bunch on May 5

Lunch Bunch will meet Tuesday, May 5, 11:30 A.M., at Sakura Japanese Restaurant, 8600 S 30th St, STE 106, Lincoln, NE 68516

RSVP to jimkinkennon@gmail.com or text 402-290-5888.

May Prairie Readers

Prairie Readers will meet on May 20 at 1 PM in the Lounge. Dale Minter will tell us about *How to Solve Your Own Murder* by Kristin Perrin. Everyone is welcome!

Arts and Craft Show Wants YOU!

The Westminster Art Committee is planning a WPC Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday June 6 and Sunday June 7. Saturday, the show will be from 4:30 to 7:00 and Sunday from 9:00 to noon. We need artists and crafters to show off your talents in any genre. Items can be just for "show and tell" or they can be offered for sale. **Participants must complete an application and turn it in by May 24** for space planning purposes. Blank application forms can be found by the display cabinets at the top of the stairs at the east entrance. Completed forms should be placed in the designated file tray. An online link to the application will be in the eVine starting April 29. Any questions, please contact a member of the WPC Art Committee: Jim Kinkennon, Valery Wachter, Joyce Douglas, Marilyn Maude or Susie Hughes

Youth Group Mission Trip | June 18-21

Register now to join our summer trek to serve in Kansas City and see the Great Passion Play in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. We anticipate the cost per person will be \$350.

Register here <https://forms.gle/5MCTbUkw8gXrkbNj7>. Questions? Contact Trish at trish@westminsterlincoln.org or 402-570-0163



Equal exchange coffee and Equal Exchange Organic Chocolate will be available for purchase on **May 10** this month, instead of today.

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! 🎵

Adult Ed. Recordings Available

Did you know that you can access recordings of some of the previous Adult Ed. classes on WPC's website? The link is in the weekly eVine that comes out on Wed. Otherwise, this is the link to copy into your browser: <https://westminsterlincoln.org/adult-education/>

Power Down!

Protect our landfill and water table and recycle valuable materials. Bring your used batteries to Westminster's reception area and put them in the giant battery container for recycling. Be sure to follow the directions provided on the lid about which types of batteries need their terminals covered with masking tape (also provided). One more opportunity to be a good steward of creation!



Week Beginning May 3

<p><u>Sun. (May 3)</u> 7 AM Welcome to Marathon Runners, Sheridan Blvd. 8:30 AM Worship Service with Communion, West Side Steps 10 AM Worship Service with Communion, Chapel 11:15 AM Property Discernment Team Meeting with Ministry Architects, Lounge 12 PM Sudanese Worship, Chapel</p> <p><u>Mon. (May 4)</u> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study— Pastor Ellen, Library 6:30 PM Circle 4, Parlor 7 PM Recovery Group, Library</p> <p><u>Tues. (May 5)</u> 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch 5 PM Adult Education, Conference Room</p>	<p><u>Wed. (May 6)</u> 10 AM Circle 3, Lounge 1 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 5:30 PM W3 Wednesday Activities 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Sat. (May 9)</u> 11 AM Frank Fegan Memorial Service, Chapel</p> <p><u>Sun. (May 10)</u> 10 AM Worship, Sanctuary 11:15 AM Fruit Pizza, Garden Room 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>