

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Resurrection  
Revealed

“Open Eyes”

\*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**

“Magnificat I: My Soul Magnifies the Lord”  
“Magnificat II: All Generations Shall Call Me Blessed”  
by Marcel Dupré

**Welcome**

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

**Session Meeting Update**

Elder Marijane England

**\* Call to Worship** (Psalm 66:1-2, 20; Common English Bible)

Zane Rehfeldt

One: Shout joyfully to God, all the earth!

***All: Sing praises to the glory of God’s name! Make glorious God’s praise!***

One: Bless God! The Lord didn’t reject my prayer;

***All: God didn’t withhold faithful love from me.***

**\*Hymn #450**

**Be Thou My Vision**

**\*Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

**\*Prayer of Confession**

***Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you; and our conscience is not clear. Wash us in the water of life that we may live again through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected 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 #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. 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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.***

**Children's Chat**

Rev. Chris Peters

**Traveling Music #188**

**Jesus Loves Me! (verse 1)**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**

New Testament Reading

Acts 17:22-31

N.T. pg. 137

Gospel Lesson

John 14:15-21

N.T. pg. 109

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

**Sermon**

"Open Eyes"

Rev. Chris Peters

**\*Hymn #250**

**In the Bulb There Is a Flower**

**Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***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**

**Choir Offertory Anthem**

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

arr. Erik Dewar and Dan Forrest

*In this anthem, we give thanks for those who have guided us in faith and love, reflecting Christ's light in our lives. On this Mother's Day, we honor all who nurture, teach, and lead others to walk as children of the light.*

**\*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 #452**

**Open the Eyes of My Heart**

**\*Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

## Postlude

“Antiphon V: How Fair and How Pleasant Thou Art” by Marcel Dupré

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### 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

Today’s Prayers of the People are partly written and partly adapted by Pastor Chris, inspired by prayers in the aforementioned resource and the *Presbyterian Outlook, Order of Worship for May 10, 2026*, Rev. Dr. Tracey Davenport, Senior Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, Plano, Tx.

**The flowers are in honor and in memory of all mothers, given by Martha Brown. Additional flowers are provided by the Fegan and Souliere Families in memory of Trish’s father, Frank Fegan, whose Memorial Service was held at WPC yesterday.**

**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:** Zane Rehfeldt

**Music Director:** Wes Hansmeyer

**Organist:** John Ross

**Handbell Director:** Christopher Boilesen

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

**Greeters:** Megan Woita, Jason Woita, Porter Woita

**Ushers:** Marilyn Hood, Marybell Avery, Joyce Douglas, Kathy Anderson

**Dishwashers:** Stephen Odenore

**Sanctuary Audio and Livestream:** Dale Minter





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

**The week of May 10, 2026**

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

### **Pastor Chris approved to stand for Co-Moderator!**

On Wednesday Homestead Presbytery approved for Pastor Chris to stand for Co-Moderator of the PC(U.S.A.)’s General Assembly this summer. Pastor Chris shares, “Thank you to the Westminster members who attended the meeting as a show of support! Seeing your faces brought me joy and encouraged me, once again, in this journey and discernment. I look forward to representing Westminster faithfully and with gratitude as we move toward General Assembly!” Subscribe to the weekly eVine newsletter for regular updates from Pastor Chris on the process of standing, by contacting Dylan at [communications@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:communications@westminsterlincoln.org).

### **Adult Ed Schedule for May | Sundays | 11:15 AM | Lounge**

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): ~~Moth~~ Butterfly: The Moth is a storytelling event where ordinary people tell true stories from their life. Butterfly is Westminster’s version where our Christian friends tell stories from their lives that have impacted their life of faith. On Sunday, May 31 the Butterfly will make a reappearance.

### **Sunday Fruit Pizza | 11 AM**

Join us after the service for a slice of fruit pizza. We start with a sugar cookie “crust,” add cream cheese frosting as “sauce,” and finish with a selection of fresh fruit toppings.



**Mission/Outreach is pleased to bring Equal Exchange Coffee and Equal Exchange Organic Chocolate to Westminster friends.** We give the opportunity to purchase Equal Exchange products during Fellowship Hour on the first Sunday of each month. Thank you for supporting our ongoing commitment to making these products available.

## Parents Connect Night - Wednesday, May 13

Wednesday May 13 we are going to have our first Parents Connect night at Westminster in Fellowship Hall. It's a time for the parents of our church children and youth (birth through 12<sup>th</sup> grades) to gather and get to know one another while having some fun, too! This first Parent Connect night is going to be a game night with snacks, conversation and fellowship. We will start at 6:30 PM and plan to go no longer than 8 PM. Please RSVP to Stephanie Laux at [slaux19@gmail.com](mailto:slaux19@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto:paulkprslund@gmail.com)) or Gary Haller ([garyhaller70@att.net](mailto:garyhaller70@att.net)). Please save the date and plan to be part of this meaningful day of service.

--Mission & Social Witness Committee

## 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!

## Senior Sunday | May 17 | 10 AM

Join us in worship on Sunday, May 17 as we recognize and celebrate our graduating seniors.

## 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.



## 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](mailto:trish@westminsterlincoln.org) or 402-570-0163

## Summer Special Music

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](mailto:wes@westminsterlincoln.org).**

## 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 10

<p><b><u>Sun. (May 10)</u></b> 10 AM Worship, Sanctuary 11:15 AM Fruit Pizza, Garden Rm 12 PM Sudanese Worship, Chapel</p> <p><b><u>Mon. (May 11)</u></b> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study— Pastor Ellen, Library 6:30 PM Scouts Committee Meeting, Cole Hall 6:30 PM Children, Youth &amp; Family on Zoom 7 PM Recovery Group, Library</p> <p><b><u>Tues. (May 12) Primary Election</u></b> 10 AM PW Circle 5, Lounge 5 PM Building &amp; Grounds, Lounge 5 PM Church Life, Conference Rm 5 PM Personnel, Zoom</p>	<p>5:30 PM Worship, Music &amp; Fine Arts, Cole Hall 6 PM Mission &amp; Social Witness, Lounge 6:15 PM A&amp;P, Conference Room</p> <p><b><u>Wed. (May 13)</u></b> 1 PM Hearts &amp; Hands, Library 5:30 PM W3 Wednesday Activities 6:30 PM Parents Connect Night, FH 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><b><u>Sun. (May 17)</u></b> 8:45 AM Senior Sunday Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 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>