

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

May 17, 2026

Seventh 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**

“Processional” by Henry Coleman

**Welcome**

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

**Westminster 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration History Moment: Carillon**

Steve Hughes

**\*Call to Worship** (Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 Adapted)

Elder Sarah Baltensperger

***All: Let us all be jubilant with joy!***

One: Sing to God, all peoples of the world. Sing praises to God most high.

***All: From the sanctuary of heaven, God gives life and renews the face of the earth.***

One: Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God.

***All: Let us all be jubilant with joy!***

**\*Hymn #307**

**God of Grace and God of Glory**

**\*Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

**\*Prayer of Confession**

***Loving God, we confess that we do not always bring honor and glory to your name. We are rebellious and weak; we flee before your goodness. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and mercy of Christ, that we may rise up again in peace to love and serve your world. 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.***



## \*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

### Postlude

“God of Grace and God of Glory” by Paul Manz

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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

**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 Sarah Baltensperger

**Music Director:** Wes Hansmeyer

**Organist:** John Ross

**Handbell Director:** Christopher Boilesen

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

**Greeters:** Thom & Jack Johnson, Zane Rehfeldt

**Ushers:** Rohn Loyd, April Douglas, Bruce & Margaret Sheffield

**Dishwashers:** Tom Pappas & Laurel Van Ham

**Sanctuary Audio and Livestream:** Dale Minter





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

**The week of May 17, 2026**

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

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

**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.

**Graduating Seniors of WPC**

Today we recognize and celebrate our graduating seniors: Haidyn Case, Aspen Hemmerling, Charlee Jeys, Zane Rehfeldt, Brenna Stephen, Spencer Stephen and Porter Woita. Be sure to look for their photos and future plans in the June Messenger.

**Westminster Arts and Crafts Application**

It’s been in the Messenger, E-Vine and Vine the last several weeks so you just *have* to know we are having a Westminster Arts and Crafts Show. Yes, that’s right. On June 6 and 7 we will show off your talent. For it to be a success, we need your help! If you have decided to participate, we must also have your application so there is room for your pieces. Applications are due by noon on Sunday May 24. Any questions, please contact a member of the WPC Art Committee: Jim Kinkennon, Valery Wachter, Joyce Douglas, Marilyn Maude or Susie Hughes

**Worship services are available on-line at this link:**

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

## BED BUILD: PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION



On Saturday, June 13, 2026 (9 am to 1 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. SHP's goal is that NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN. By participating in 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, and all ages are welcome.

### **Volunteer registration is now open!**

You can use the QR code to sign up or contact Paul Korslund ([paulkorslund@gmail.com](mailto:paulkorslund@gmail.com)) or Gary Haller ([garyhaller70@att.net](mailto:garyhaller70@att.net)). Please plan to be part of this meaningful day of service.



*--Mission and Social Witness Committee*

## BRINGING IN THE SHEETS

Join us for a bedding drive benefitting “Sleep in Heavenly Peace” a volunteer-driven nonprofit with a simple motto: NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN.

**This drive is done in conjunction with the SHP Bed Build** on Saturday, June 13, 2026, in the Westminster Presbyterian parking lot from 9 am to 1 pm.

There is a bed set up in the Garden Room, just like the beds we will be building. You can help by purchasing a sheet set for \$10, a bed-in-a-bag for \$40, or a comforter for \$25. Volunteers will be stationed at the bed after church services. After you decide what item or items you want to purchase, just pick it up from the cart at the end of the bed and place it on the bed. There’s no need to go out to a store. If you write a check, make it out to Westminster Presbyterian Church with SHP in the memo line.



There are currently 147 children on the wait list in Lincoln to receive a bed. That number stays steady during the year. As more beds are delivered, more applications come in. It is estimated that over 8,000 children in Lincoln are currently sleeping on the floor or in undesirable conditions. Every child deserves a safe place to lay their head at night. For a child, a bed can mean better rest, better health, and a better day at school. Each child needs to feel safe and to know they matter. We are making a difference for kids in our own community one bed at a time.

Thanks for directly helping children in our own community. **Don't forget to sign up for the BED BUILD on June 13.**

*--Mission and 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!

## 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 and there are still a few openings. To sign up, please email [wes@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:wes@westminsterlincoln.org).**

## Week Beginning May 17

<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>	<p><b><u>Wed. (May 20)</u></b> 1 PM Hearts &amp; Hands, Library 1 PM Prairie Readers, Lounge 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary &amp; Fellowship Hall</p>
<p><b><u>Mon. (May 18)</u></b> 11 AM Explorers Bible Study— Pastor Ellen, Library 6 PM Session, Lounge 7 PM Recovery Group, Library</p>	<p><b><u>Thurs. (May 21)</u></b> 10 AM Homestead Presbytery, First Pres. of Panama 7 PM Camera Club, Lounge</p>
<p><b><u>Tues. (May 19)</u></b> 9:45 AM Staff Meeting, Conference Room 5:30 PM Preschool Graduation, Sanctuary, and Reception, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><b><u>Fri. (May 22)</u></b> 10 AM Faith &amp; Cancer Support Group, Library</p>
	<p><b><u>Sun. (May 24)</u></b> 10 AM Worship, Sanctuary 11:20 AM Memorial Service in Columbarium 12 PM Sudanese Worship, Chapel</p>