

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday



Paper Cranes at Holy Trinity Arts Festival. Taken by Pastor Chris.

\*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**

“Come, Creator God, Holy Spirit” by J.S. Bach

**Welcome**

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

**Session Summary**

Marilyn Hood

**\*Call to Worship**

Jack Johnson

One: God sent forth the Spirit, and all creation rejoiced. God’s breath filled the skies, the sea, the land, and all creatures.

***All: Let us love God well! Bless the Lord!***

One: Let us sing to the Lord as long as we have breath.

***All: Let us love God well! Bless the Lord!***

**Hymn #705**

**You are Holy (Prince of Peace)**  
(1<sup>st</sup> time choir only, 2<sup>nd</sup> time everyone)

**\*Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

**\*Prayer of Confession**

***Loving God, you come to us in many colors, shapes, and languages. You speak to each of us in the way we can understand. You reach out to us and meet us where we are. But, we are quick to limit you to what we can understand and control. Forgive us and set your Spirit loose among us. Challenge us, surprise us, and open us to your power, that we might know you more deeply, follow you more faithfully, and love more fully. 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.***

**Prayer for Illumination #288**

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

**Spirit of the Living God (x2)**

**Scripture**

New Testament Reading

Acts 2: 1-21

N.T. pg. 119

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

**Sermon**

"A Holy Duolingo Moment"

Rev. Chris Peters

**\*Hymn #289**

**On Pentecost They Gathered**

**Litany Affirmation of Faith**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

**A Brief Statement of Faith – Presbyterian Church (USA), 11.4**

Christians, what do we believe?

One: We trust in God the Holy Spirit

**All: Everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

One: The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

**All: sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,**

One: and binds us together with all believers

**All: in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

One: The same Spirit

**All: who inspired the prophets and apostles**

One: rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

**All: engages us through the Word proclaimed,**

One: claims us in the waters of baptism,

**All: feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,**

One: and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

**All: In a broken and fearful world**

One: the Spirit gives us courage

**All: to pray without ceasing,**

One: to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

**All: to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,**

One: to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

**All: and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**Moment of Gratitude**

**Offertory Choir Anthem**

“Morning Has Broken” by Mack Wilberg  
John Ross and Brenda Wristen, piano

*As we celebrate Pentecost, this anthem reflects the joy of new beginnings and God's renewing presence. Like the dawning of a new day, the Holy Spirit brings fresh life to the Church and sends us out in praise and service.*

**\*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**

Jack Johnson

**\*Hymn #539**

**We Will Go Out with Joy**

**\*Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

**Postlude**

“Toccata on VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS” by Flor Peeters

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Liturgy Notes and Sources: Today's liturgy is adapted from Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts: May 24, 2026: Day of Pentecost

**Flowers are given by the Davis family in memory of Chaplain Lynn Davis and son and brother, 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Leigh Davis.**

**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:** Jack Johnson

**Music Director:** Wes Hansmeyer **Organist:** John Ross

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

**Greeters:** Joyce Douglas, Marilyn Hood & Daniel Dunlap

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

**Dishwashers:** Lisa & Steve McConnell

**Sanctuary Audio and Livestream:** Dale Minter





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

**The week of May 24, 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 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.

**Special Day Today**

It is not too late to complete and turn in your application for the Westminster Arts and Crafts show to be held June 6 and 7. TODAY is the last day to turn in your application to be part of the show.

**Columbarium Memorial Service**

There will be a brief memorial service for the family and friends of all who are interred in Westminster’s Columbarium at 11:20 AM today after services. You are invited to attend.

## 5th Sunday

May 31<sup>st</sup> is another 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

Let’s support Westminster’s Food Pantry

❖ Canned tuna or chicken OR

❖ Canned fruit

Bring your donations and place them in the wooden box  
by the office.

**Called Congregational Meeting - Sunday, May 31, 2026**, following worship to vote on at-large members of the Nominating Committee.

### **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).**

### **Join Us at Toast**

Lunch Bunch will meet Tuesday, June 2, 11:30 A.M., at Toast, 570 Fallbrook Blvd. Please RSVP to [jimkinkennon@gmail.com](mailto:jimkinkennon@gmail.com) or text to 402-290-5888.

### **Prairie Readers in June**

Prairie Readers will meet in the lounge at 1 PM on June 17. Martha VanSickle will lead the discussion of *Life of Pi*, a winner of the Man Booker Prize. This classic is sure to stimulate a vigorous discussion. Come and join us.

### **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.



## **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*

## **Hearts & Hands**

Hearts & Hands is a fun-loving group that meets every Wed. from 1:30 – 3 PM, in the church library. Our mission is to knit and crochet items for the People’s City Mission—hats, scarves, baby items, toys, etc. We donate finished items in the fall before the holidays. All needle work folks are welcome to come visit and see what you’re missing! Laughter is free. All yarn donations are welcome! Questions? Call Dorrie Gage, 402-730-9676.

## **Staff Schedules**

Pastor Jimmy will be out of the office beginning May 26 and returning to the office on June 1.

The church building will be **closed on Monday, May 25** for Memorial Day.

## Week Beginning May 24

<p><b><u>Sun. (May 24)</u></b> 10 AM Worship, Sanctuary 11:20 AM Memorial Weekend Service in Columbarium 12 PM Sudanese Worship, Chapel</p> <p><b><u>Mon. (May 25)</u></b> Memorial Day Holiday— Building Closed</p> <p><b><u>Tues. (May 26)</u></b> 9 AM Youth Actors Academy of Lincoln, Youth Areas</p> <p><b><u>Wed. (May 27)</u></b> 9 AM Youth Actors Academy of Lincoln, Youth Areas 11 AM Advocacy Hour, Lounge 1 PM Hearts &amp; Hands, Library</p>	<p><b><u>Thurs. (May 28)</u></b> 9 AM Youth Actors Academy of Lincoln, Youth Areas</p> <p><b><u>Fri. (May 29)</u></b> 9 AM Youth Actors Academy of Lincoln, Youth Areas 11 AM Jon Peterson Memorial Service, Sanctuary, followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall 7 PM End of Year Party for Youth Group Hosted by Beckmans</p> <p><b><u>Sun. (May 31)</u></b> 10 AM Worship, Sanctuary 11 AM Called Congregational Meeting, 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>