

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

June 7, 2026

Second Sunday after Pentecost



Jesus shows mercy that brings new life! Here are a few images of ways Westminster members have shown mercy actively in recent months: Paper Crane creation for Holy Trinity Arts festival, Heart and Hands delivering hand-made good to People's City Mission, and Westminster Youth at Orphan Grain Train!

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

“Rigaudon” by Andre Campra

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Special Announcement

Jim Kinkennon

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 50:14-15, adapted from Common English Bible) Deacon Joan Roberts

One: Offer God a sacrifice of thanksgiving!

All: Let us fulfill our promises to the Lord!

One: Cry out to God whenever times are hard,

All: God will rescue us, and we will respond with praise!

***Hymn #305**

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

***Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we acknowledge our guilt, and we seek your face and your forgiveness. For we have not offered steadfast love to you or each other. We have not moved forward in faith but have allowed ourselves to be stifled by fear. Revive us, raise us up, that we might live before you, rejoicing in the knowledge of your love. 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 #471**

The Lord is My Song

***The Lord is my song;
the Lord is my praise:
all my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song;
the Lord is my praise:
God, the well-spring of 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.

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Gospel Reading Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Sermon

"The Work of Jesus: (New) Life"

Rev. Chris Peters

*Hymn #795

Healer of Our Every Ill

Invitation to the Offering

Deacon Joan Roberts

Offertory Special Music

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" arr. Mark Hayes
Claire Ehlers, soloist

*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

Deacon Joan Roberts

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

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

Rev. Chris Peters

Communion Music

Prayer After Communion

*Hymn #766

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound (verses 1-4)

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

“Hornpipe” by G.F. Handel

Liturgy Notes and Sources

Today’s liturgy is adapted from Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts: June 7, 2026: Second Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 5

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: Deacon Joan Roberts

Music Director: Wes Hansmeyer

Organist: John Ross

Handbell Director: Christopher Boilesen

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Greeters: Megan, Jason & Porter Woita

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

Dishwashers: Kelly Braswell, Dorrie Gage

Sanctuary Audio and Livestream: Dale Minter

Communion Servers: Sam Baltensperger, Sarah Baltensperger, Marilyn Hood, Susie Hughes, Jim Kinkennon





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

The week of June 7, 2026

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

Adult Ed | Sundays | 11:15 AM | Lounge

June 7: “American Christian Nationalism” Led by Dr. Jonathan Redding, Associate Professor of Religion, Nebraska Wesleyan Univ.

This class gives a basic overview of contemporary Christian Nationalism in the United States. We will also discuss direct action steps and how to respond to this powerful theological movement as it continues to grow.

Dr. Jonathan Redding holds a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University and M.Div. from Wake Forest University. He has taught at NWU for nine years, and has received accolades such as “Most Spirited Professor” by the NWU Office of Student Life, the Faculty Scholarship Award, and the Dr. Margaret J. Prouty Faculty Teaching Award. Dr. Redding’s Faculty Directory Listing with more on his published books and courses taught can be found here:

<https://www.nebrwesleyan.edu/campus-directory/jonathan-redding>

June 14: "Honest with Genesis" An informed look at Genesis and So-called Creationism, by Rev. Jimmy Shelbourn.

June 21: Shane Tucker, NE Highway Paleontologist, *Nebraska’s Highway Paleontology Program: Life in the Past Lane*, a road trip millions of years in the making.

June 28: Participants in the *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* June 13 bed build will show-and-tell about their experience. Adult Ed will provide details to those who might want to share.

WPC Arts and Crafts Show

Come to Fellowship Hall to see the wide variety of talent in our church family. The show is available for viewing until noon today.

Welcome Hunter Stewart to Westminster’s Staff!

Hunter Stewart is our new Full-Time Finance Manager, overseeing financial accounting and operations with our Finance Committee. Hunter has a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, and has worked as a staff accountant at UN-L and

with Resort Lifestyle Communities. He also has extensive intern experience with Catholic Social Services. Hunter began in the office this past Tuesday, June 2, working Monday – Friday.

Hunter’s hire begins a season of transition from part-time bookkeeping with outsourced accounting to in-house work for the Church, Preschool, and Foundation. Our Bookkeeper, Dennis Rohren, will work an overlap period as new systems are put into place before fully retiring. Look for more information on the ‘why’ and next steps on this process soon from the Finance Committee. We hope you’ll warmly welcome Hunter soon!

BED BUILD: PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION

Saturday, June 13, (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. 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) or Gary Haller (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 in the WPC 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.

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

YAAL Performances Next Weekend

Youth Actors Academy of Lincoln (YAAL) would like to invite you to take a look at what we've been up to this summer! Performances for School of Rock, Young Actors Edition are June 13th (2:00 and 6:00) and June 14th (2:00 and 6:00) in Fellowship Hall. The musical, based on the film, follows Dewey Finn, a failed, wannabe rock star who decides to earn an extra bit of cash by posing as a substitute teacher at a prestigious prep school. There he turns a class of straight-A pupils into a guitar-shredding, bass-slapping, mind-blowing rock band. But can he get them to the Battle of the Bands without their parents and the school's headmistress finding out? Tickets can be purchased at <https://yaal.org/wordpress/tickets/> starting on Monday morning. As a thank you for being such welcoming hosts, YAAL is holding a section just for our WPC friends at the Sunday matinee. If you want seats in this section, please sign up in the Garden Room on Sunday morning or email emilykillham@gmail.com to hold your spot!



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.

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.

Week Beginning June 7

<p><u>Sun. (June 7)</u> 8:30 AM-12 PM Arts & Crafts Show, Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM Equal Exchange Coffee & Choc for Purchase 10 AM Worship with Communion, Sanctuary 11:15 AM Adult Ed, Lounge 12 PM Sudanese Worship, Chapel</p> <p><u>Mon. – Fri. (June 8-12)</u> 9 AM-3 PM Youth Actors Academy of Lincoln (YAAL)</p> <p><u>Mon. (June 8)</u> 7 PM Recovery Group, Library</p> <p><u>Tues. (June 9)</u> 10 AM Lincoln City Library, Parking Lot 5 PM Personnel, Zoom 5 PM Church Life, Conf. Room 5 PM Building & Grounds, Lounge 5:30 PM Worship, M & FA, FH 6 PM Mission & Social Witness, Lounge 6:15 PM A&P, Conf. Room</p>	<p><u>Wed. (June 10)</u> 1 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 4:30 PM Foundation Marketing Meeting, Library 4:30 PM Foundation Finance Meeting, Lounge 5 PM Foundation Board Meeting, Lounge</p> <p><u>Thurs. (June 11)</u> 9 AM Friendship Home Mtg., FH</p> <p><u>Sat. (June 13)</u> 9 AM Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build, Parking Lot 2 & 6 PM YAAL Performances, FH</p> <p><u>Sun. (June 14)</u> 10 AM Worship, Sanctuary 11:15 AM Adult Ed, Lounge 12 PM Sudanese Worship, Chapel 2 & 6 PM YAAL Performances, FH 2 PM Zane Rehfeldt, Cole Hall</p>
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Worship services are available on-line at this link:

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