

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

June 14, 2026

Third Sunday after Pentecost

The Work of Jesus
“Harvest”



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

“Trumpet Tune” by Andrew Carter

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 100:1, 5; NRSV Updated Edition Adapted)

Rev. Chris Peters

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing.

One: For the Lord is good;

All: God’s steadfast love endures forever and God’s faithfulness to all generations.

***Hymn #399**

God Welcomes All

***Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***Prayer of Confession**

God of our salvation, incline your ear to us. You have given us power: power to heal, to bring hope, to comfort, to restore. But we ignore that power, choosing to live our own lives. At worst, we abuse that power, storing up riches for ourselves without an eye for the needs of others. Forgive us. Remind us of our call to proclaim your good news, and to welcome each other as we would welcome you.

***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. Chris Peters

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

Epistle Reading

Romans 5:1-8

N.T. pg. 155

Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

N.T. pg. 9

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

Sermon

"The Work of Jesus: Harvest"

Rev. Chris Peters

***Hymn #700**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

***Litany Affirmation of Faith** (Confession of 1967, 9.32-33, Adapted)

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

One: Christians, what do we believe?

All: The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.

One: His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.

All: His service to humankind commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.

One: His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice.

All: In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

One: The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action.

All: So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

Prayers of the People / 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.

Moment of Gratitude / Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Chris Peters

Offertory Special Music

"Forever" with "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

arr. Camp Kirkland and Richard Kingsmore

Summer Choir

Jon Jackson, Bass Guitar

***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 #744**

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

“Fanfare” by William Mathias

Liturgy Notes and Sources

Today’s liturgy is adapted from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts: June 14, 2026: Third Sunday After Pentecost* and *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion, Year A Vol. 1, Proper 5 Complementary Lectionary*

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

Music Director: Wes Hansmeyer

Organist: John Ross

Handbell Director: Christopher Boilesen

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Greeters: Kelly Braswell, Kathy Phillip, Paul Korslund

Ushers: Marybell Avery, Joyce Douglas, Kathy Anderson, Joan Roberts

Dishwashers: Lisa and Steve McConnell

Sanctuary Audio and Livestream: Dale Minter





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

The week of June 14, 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 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.


Presbyterian Outlook PC(USA) Co-Moderator Conversation (including Pastor Chris!)


The Presbyterian Outlook news service will host an online panel conversation with the Co-Moderator candidates on Wednesday, June 17th at 6 pm. As approved by Homestead Presbytery and Westminster's Session, Pastor Chris is standing for Co-Moderator and will be part of the panel with his partner-in-standing, Rev. Rebecca Luter of Farmington Presbyterian Church, Germantown, TN.

Here's more information from the Outlook:

“At a pivotal moment for the church, leadership matters.

Join the Presbyterian Outlook for a live conversation with the candidates for co-moderator of the 227th General Assembly. Together, we'll explore their hopes, priorities and visions for the PC(USA).

 June 17 at 6 p.m. CT

 On-demand replay available

 Pay what you can”

<https://pres-outlook.org/product/a-conversation-with-moderator-candidates/>

Share Your Gratitude with Us!

As we will regularly have a Moment of Gratitude in church in worship going forward, and we would love to have your suggestions for those moments. Is there a church volunteer, team, initiative, or staff person you would like to lift up? Would you like to share a moment reflecting on how your church family has impacted your life recently? Please email office@westminsterlincoln.org with the subject "Gratitude Submission" only, at any time. You may give a simple suggestion for Chris or Jimmy to share, a scripted note (max 400 words) to be read aloud, or you may request to do one on your own (max 4mins, must be pre-written and practiced beforehand). If we receive a number of submissions, we may pair yours with a future theme, so please be patient. Thank you, and as always, remember – a Presbyterian's response to God's grace is gratitude!

Support the 2026 Summer Mission Trip! | June 18-21

Our youth group is gearing up for an awesome summer mission trip, and we need your help! This year's trip balances hard work, faithful service, and community fellowship. Our youth will be putting their faith into action by volunteering with two incredible organizations:

- **Flourish Furniture:** A wonderful ministry that helps families overcoming housing insecurity. Our youth will assist in collecting, repairing, and providing donated furniture to help turn new houses into true homes.
- **The Kansas City Mission:** A hands-on opportunity to serve vulnerable populations, learn about urban ministry, and share the love of Christ with those who need it most.

In addition to their service work, the youth will have the opportunity to grow closer to God and one another through two special excursions:

- **The Great Passion Play:** An awe-inspiring, live performance depicting the epic story of Jesus' last week on Earth.
- **Silver Dollar City:** A day of fun, laughter, and team-building.

How can you help? At the top of the stairs by the east entrance, you'll find our special Mission Trip Display. It features various donation options and amounts. Choose an amount that fits your budget, grab the corresponding tag, enclose the tag along with your donation in an envelope, and put it in the basket on the reception desk. Or, if you prefer, use the Venmo code on the display. We are deeply grateful for the generosity of those who have already contributed to this trip. A special thank you to the Social Witness Committee for their generous sponsorship of two students for this trip. Every contribution brings our youth one step closer to making a tangible difference.

Beyond financial support, we ask for your prayers. Please pray for safe travel, open hearts, strong teamwork, and that our youth will see God moving through their service and thank you for always investing in the next generation of our church.

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!

Why the Change from Out-Sourced Accounting to In-House?

The session and committee have been working very hard at ensuring the financial stability of the church and wanting to make sure they are good stewards of your contributions. As such, the decision was made to move away from the current system of an external accounting firm working in conjunction with an internal part-time bookkeeper. With the recent hire, we are now executing the plan of moving towards a more self-sufficient system of a full-time in-house bookkeeper. This decision was not made lightly, and we are confident this will be a great change for the church. We envision this change allowing for more flexibility as well as more timely information available to committees as they continue their good work.

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.

NOTE: Black Hills Energy is replacing a nearby gas line this week, which means the entrance to the alley from Ryons St. will be closed.

Staff Schedules

Joanne Gabriel, Office Manager, will be out of the office beginning Monday, June 15, returning Monday, June 22.

Week Beginning June 14

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| <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 Cole Hall Reserved for Building Use Request</p> <p><u>Mon. – Fri. (June 15-19)</u> 9 AM-3 PM Youth Actors Academy of Lincoln (YAAL)</p> <p><u>Mon. (June 15)</u> 7 PM Recovery Group, Library</p> <p><u>Tues. (June 16)</u> 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 10 AM Faith and Cancer Support Group, Library</p> | <p><u>Wed. (June 17)</u> 1 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 1 PM Prairie Readers, Lounge</p> <p><u>Thurs. (June 18)</u> Youth Group Mission Trip to Kansas City and Eureka Springs, Arkansas 7 PM Camera Club, Lounge</p> <p><u>Fri. (June 19) Juneteenth</u> Holiday for Staff</p> <p><u>Sat. (June 20)</u> 12 PM FH Reserved for Building Use Request</p> <p><u>Sun. (June 21)</u> Youth Return from Mission Trip 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>