

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

June 21, 2026

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



The Work of Jesus: Holy Disruption

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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 "Jesus, My Joy" & "Praise God, You Christians, All Together" by J.S. Bach

Welcome Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 69:30,32, 34; Common English Bible, Adapted) Deacon Claire Titus

One: Let us praise God's name with a song! Let us magnify God with gratitude!

All: Come, let us worship God with joy!

One: Let those who suffer see it and be glad! You who seek God, let your hearts beat strong again...

All: Come, let us worship God with hope!

One: Let heaven and earth praise God, the oceans too, and all that moves within them!

All: Come, let us worship God together!

***Hymn #239** Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

***Call to Confession** Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, we try to follow your word: to put others above ourselves, to remember that we are all bound together as your beloved children, to seek the common good instead of our own interests. But it is so easy for our lesser selves to get the better of us. We succumb to jealousy, vindictiveness, callousness, and indifference. In your mercy, send your healing to those we have hurt, and to our own misguided souls so that we may follow you once more. 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

Epistle Reading

Romans 6:1-11

N.T. pg. 156

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:9 - 24

N.T. pg. 10

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

Sermon

"The Work of Jesus: Holy Disruption"

Rev. Chris Peters

***Hymn #718**

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said (verses 1-2, 4)

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Deacon Claire Titus

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

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"
by J.S. Bach
Maddy Stolcpart, Soprano

***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 #745**

Now Go in Joy

***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

"Fugue in g minor" by J.S. Bach

Liturgy Notes and Sources

Today's liturgy is adapted from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts: June 21, 2026: Fourth Sunday After Pentecost* and *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion, Year A Vol. 1, Proper 6 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

Liturgist: Deacon Claire Titus

Music Director: Wes Hansmeyer

Organist: John Ross

Handbell Director: Christopher Boilesen

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Greeters: Joyce Douglas, Marilyn Hood, Daniel Dunlap

Ushers: Leslie Miner, Gwen Thorpe, Barbara Arunski, Joan Roberts

Dishwashers: Barbara & David Arunski

Sanctuary Audio and Livestream: Dale Minter





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

The week of June 21, 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 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.

July 5: No Adult Ed Class

Join Us for Vacation Bible School! | July 13-17

9:00 AM-12:30 PM

VBS is approaching, and there are many rewarding ways for you to get involved and share your faith with our children.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you can clear your mornings from Jul 13 to Jul 17, we would love your hands-on help. We are specifically searching for a section leader and an assistant to coordinate our music sessions.

Don't worry about experience—you won't be working alone! You can volunteer alongside a friend, or we can pair you with other team members. VBS is even more fun as a volunteer than it was as a child.

Support Through Prayer

We also ask for your prayers for our youth and our volunteers. To help guide you, we have provided a 31-day prayer calendar featuring daily scriptures and specific prayer intentions.

Next Steps

- Access the prayer calendar: <https://bit.ly/4v6aSOS>
- Register to volunteer: <https://westminster-goodshepherd.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

For any questions, please reach out to Trish at trish@westminsterlincoln.org.

Summer VBS: Roadtrip! | July 13-17 | 9:00 AM-12:30 PM

Children 4 years – 5th grade | \$15 per child, maximum \$45 per family

VBS is back and we are hitting the road! Get ready to buckle up for an incredible journey! This summer, kids are invited to join us for **Roadtrip!**, our fun-filled Vacation Bible School adventure from July 13-17. We're taking off for a week packed with high-octane excitement as we explore the amazing destinations God has planned for our lives. Embark on an exciting journey with Road Trip VBS, based on Joshua 1:9 – "The LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Discover God's presence everywhere as we explore new places, make new friends, and experience God's goodness together.

Register here <https://westminster-goodshepherd.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-child>.

WPC YG: Service at Matt Talbot | July 19

WPC Youth Group and their families will be serving dinner at Matt Talbot this summer on July 19. If you are willing and able to help with this activity, please sign-up at <https://forms.gle/DWFwEJLbHND5oJ4D7>.

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!

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 July

Dan Brown does not disappoint with his 2025 book, *Secret of Secrets*. Set in the beautiful city of Prague, the complex mystery is bound to lead to a spirited discussion. Come join us on July 15 at 1 pm in the Lounge.

Pastor Chris's Upcoming Schedule

The PC(USA) General Assembly is coming up, and Pastor Chris is both serving as a Homestead Presbytery Commissioner and standing for the office of Co-Moderator! That means a big impact to Chris's availability at church in coming weeks as he shares his time for the work of the greater church, as approved by Session and Homestead Presbytery.

- Monday, June 22 – Thursday, June 25th – Limited Availability due to General Assembly Committee Meeting Online
- Friday, June 26th – Thursday, July 2nd – General Assembly Meeting On-Site
- Sunday, July 5th – Pastor Chris in Worship at Westminster
- Tuesday, July 7th – Monday, July 13th – Vacation Time-Off

Week Beginning June 21

<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> <p><u>Mon. – Fri. (June 22-26)</u> 9 AM-3 PM Youth Actors Academy of Lincoln (YAAL)</p> <p><u>Mon. (June 22)</u> 6 PM Session, Lounge 7 PM Recovery Group, Library</p> <p><u>Tues. (June 23)</u> 5:30 Deacons, Lounge</p>	<p><u>Wed. (June 24)</u> 1 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 6 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p><u>Fri. (June 26)</u> General Assembly Begins in Milwaukee</p> <p><u>Sun. (June 28)</u> 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>