

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

August 2, 2026

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Hochhalter, Cara B.. Feeding the Multitudes, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://act.library.vanderbilt.edu/artworks/59291> [retrieved July 29, 2026]. Original source: Cara B. Hochhalter.

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

“Let Us Break Bread Together” by Dale Wood
“We Come to the Hungry Feast” by David Cherwein

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

***Call to Worship**

Deacon Susan Jackson

One: In this place, in this time of worship,

All: we feel the presence of God.

One: In our words, in our song,

All: we sing the beauty of God.

One: In each person, in each soul,

All: we see the face of God.

***Hymn #509**

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

***Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, you have revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ. Everything we need to know about you has been shown. Your goodness, mercy, healing and renewal are on full display. But sometimes we do not see what is right before us. Sometimes we miss the miracle. We misunderstand you, and so we misunderstand the world. Forgive us, we pray. Restore to us the ability to see you as you reveal yourself. Inspire us to seek your peace, love, and grace with and for the world. We pray it in Jesus' name, and for his sake... 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 #551**

Lord, Have Mercy

Lord, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy upon us. (x2)

***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 14:13-21
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

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Sermon

“The Work of Jesus: Fulfillment”

Rev. Chris Peters

*Hymn #526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Session Update

Elder Jim Kinkennon

Invitation to the Offering

Deacon Susan Jackson

Offertory Special Music

“For the Beauty of the Earth” arr. Bryce Inman
John Ross and Wes Hansmeyer, piano

*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 Susan Jackson

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Rev. Chris Peters

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. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Communion Music

Prayer After Communion

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

*Hymn #525

Let Us Break Bread Together

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” by Wayne Wold

Liturgy Notes and Sources

Today’s Call to Worship comes from the PCUSA Office of Theology and Worship. Other liturgy is adapted from *The Presbyterian Outlook: Order of Worship, August 2, 2026*; Rev. Dr. Baron Mullis, Senior Pastor / Head of Staff, First Presbyterian, Philadelphia, PA.

Fun Fact: Dr. Mullis was Head of Staff at Morningside Presbyterian, Atlanta, while Pastor Chris worked there during seminary (2011-2014) to build their new youth program (still going strong!) and to serve as seminary intern. They stay connected to this day, and Pastor Chris considers Baron a beloved mentor and friend.

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 Susan Jackson

Music Director: Wes Hansmeyer

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Greeters: Megan Woita, Jason Woita, Porter Woita

Ushers: Diana Wild, Debra Schleining, April Douglas

Dishwashers: Kelly Braswell, Dorrie Gage

Sanctuary Audio and Livestream: Dale Minter

Communion Servers: Ron Souliere, Dave Arunski, Marybell Avery, Karen Hoffman,
Rachel Hoffman





*"I am the vine,
you are the branches . . ."*

The week of Aug. 2, 2026

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

Sunday Save the Dates!

Aug. 9 – Blessing of the Backpacks and Kick-Off Sunday!

Aug. 16 – “WPC Kids Big Sunday” #1 – KidCon! (During Worship)

Farewell Reception for Dennis Rohren | Aug. 9

Join us in Fellowship Hall after worship next Sunday to thank Dennis Rohren for his service to Westminster over the past 6 ½ years as our bookkeeper and to wish him well on his next venture!

Adult Ed | Sundays | 11:15 AM | Lounge

Aug. 2: No Adult Ed

Aug. 9: Kick-Off Sunday, Farewell Reception for Dennis, No Adult Ed

Aug. 16: Westminster Youth Mission and Fun Trip, sharing their experiences from the June adventure.

Aug. 23: Restoring Westminster's stained-glass windows, Jim White and a representative from the team of artisans will enlighten us.

Aug. 30: Vaccine Science, Westminster's Martha Brown, Project Manager at Zoetis, will share her experience in vaccine development.

Lunch Bunch

Join us for Lunch Bunch on Tues., Aug. 4, 11:30 AM, at Early Bird, 1900 K Street. R.S.V.P. to jimkinkennon@gmail.com or text 402-290-5888.

Pastoral Care Cell Phone: 531-510-4929

If you are a member and have a need for pastoral care, such as a bereavement or hospitalization, call 531-510-4929. One of the pastors will answer or get back to you.



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.

Splashtacular Fun: Join Us for our End-of-Summer Pool Party!

All ages are welcome and encouraged to join the fun!

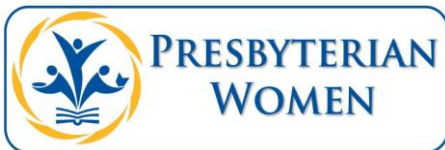
New Venue Alert! Take note: we are switching things up this year! While we usually host this event at Star City Shores, we are moving the party to a fantastic new spot. Join us on **Wed. Aug. 5, 6:30 PM to 8 PM, at Eden Pool** (4400 Antelope Creek Rd) for a fresh change of scenery and just as much excitement! There is no better way to wrap up the summer than surrounded by great music, refreshing water, and even better company. We can't wait to see you all on deck!

Travels with Tami

Westminster member, Tami Wellmann, has found God in all her travels. Her photos will take you to many of the 60 countries she has visited. Travel with Tami to Morocco, Greece, Russia, Canada, Scotland and many more. The countries she has visited are comprised of people just like what we find in the United States. People looking for their place in this world. She was moved by Pastor Jimmy's sermon on July 12th and the parable of sowing seeds. It made her think about God not just sowing for us...but for lands far and wide—The World in which We Live. You will enjoy her photos on display as our Artist of the Month for August.

Prairie Readers in August

Prairie Readers will meet on August 19 at 1 PM in the lounge. Linda Burchard will lead the discussion of *The Emperor of Gladness* by Ocean Vuong. The book is a story of unexpected friendships and the gift of a second chance. Everyone is welcome to join the group.



Gather Us In

WHY: It's the Annual Kickoff

WHO: Presbyterian Women at Westminster and any women who belong to Westminster

WHEN: Saturday, August 22 at 9:30 AM

WHERE: Cole Hall (in the lower level)

WHAT WILL HAPPEN:

- Fellowship with coffee and refreshments
- Remembering our Honor Circle 1 PW's
- Overview of the 2026-2027 Horizon's Bible Study
- Hands-on mission project

Bring personal hygiene items for the LINCOLN HYGIENE NETWORK barrel.

Presbyterian Women gather with commitment to nurture our faith, support the mission of the church, work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive caring community of women.

Questions? Contact Linda Burchard (lindajburchard@gmail.com)

Westminster Community Sing Invitation | Aug. 30

Have you ever sung in a choir before, or would you maybe like to give it a try? Here is your perfect opportunity! On Sunday, August 30, we are opening up the choir loft to everyone of ALL AGES! Whether you are a seasoned vocalist or just love singing in the shower, you are officially invited to join us for a wonderful morning of music making. There are absolutely no strings attached, no long-term commitments, and no auditions. This morning is purely about the joy of lifting our voices and having fun singing together as a community. We will gather for a quick, relaxed rehearsal at 9:00 AM to learn the music, and then we will sing together during the 10:00 AM worship service. Bring a friend, bring your enthusiasm, and let's fill the sanctuary with a beautiful bunch of voices on August 30. We cannot wait to sing with you!

Back Pew Gardeners – Volunteers Needed

Many hands make light work! Please consider joining us as we work together to keep our church grounds looking their best. No gardening experience is necessary.

This week's to do list (Aug. 2 - 8):

South Street:

- Francy's Prairie - Remove Fox tail, Milk weed, soap weed
- Preschool - Euonymus - cut down to one foot & remove weeds
- Chapel wall - Remove the climbing ivy

Circle Drive

- Loggia Wall - Remove Climbing ivy

Along Ryons Street:

- clean up the fallen linden seeds.

Driveway to Garden Room

- Clean leaves and weeds along westside of driveway

If you have gardening gloves or hand tools, feel free to bring them. For questions, contact Tom Pappas. Thank you for helping to keep our church grounds beautiful!

Week Beginning Aug. 2

<u>Sun. (Aug. 2)</u> 10 AM Worship with Communion, Sanctuary 12 PM Sudanese Worship 2 & 6 PM YAAL Performances, FH <u>Mon. – Fri. (Aug. 3-Aug. 7)</u> 9 AM-3 PM Youth Actors Academy of Lincoln (YAAL) <u>Mon. (Aug. 3)</u> 7 PM Recovery Group, Library	<u>Tues. (Aug. 4)</u> 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch 5 PM Adult Ed, Conference Rm <u>Wed. (Aug. 5)</u> 1 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 6:30 PM All-Church Pool Party, Eden Pool <u>Thurs. (Aug. 6)</u> 2 PM Preschool Open House <u>Sun. (Aug. 9)</u> 10 AM Worship, Sanctuary Kick-Off Sunday/Backpacks 12 PM Sudanese Worship
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Worship services are available on-line at this link:

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