

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

September 13, 2026

16th Sunday after Pentecost



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

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” by Janet Linke

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

***Call to Worship** (inspired by Exodus 15:2 & Matthew 18:35)

Deacon Susan Jackson

One: Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves. . . .

Many: Give praise to God!

One: It is God who forgives. . . .

Many: Give praise to God!

One: It is God who delivers. . . .

Many: Give praise to God!

One: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord with joy and singing!

***Hymn #331**

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

***Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***Prayer of Confession**

***Gracious and loving God, you lived for us—we have not lived for you.
You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others. You have loved us—
we have not loved ourselves, nor have we loved one another. Take pity
on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you.
Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

***Time of Silent Confession**

Lord, hear our prayer. ***Amen.***

***Declaration 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. At this time, children in K-5th 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

Scripture

Epistle Reading

Romans 14:7-12

N.T. pg. 163

Hebrew Scripture

Exodus 14: 19-31

O.T. pg. 61

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

Sermon

“The Exodus Saga IV: Escape”

Rev. Chris Peters

***Hymn #324**

For All the Faithful Women

Prayers of the People / Lord’s Prayer

Deacon Susan Jackson

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.

Ministry Architects Update: Marketing and Branding Strategies

Emily Killham & Phil Whitmarsh

Invitation to the Offering

Deacon Susan Jackson

Offertory Special Music

“Be Thou My Vision” arranged by John Ross

Amy and Carey Collingham, violin and cello

At the Red Sea, Israel could not see a way forward, but God guided and protected them. “Be Thou My Vision” expresses the same trust—that God will lead us when the path is uncertain. Both the hymn and Exodus 14 remind us to fix our eyes on God, whose presence brings guidance, protection, and deliverance.

***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 #379**

We Shall Overcome

***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

“When We Are Living” by Emma Lou Diemer

Liturgy Notes and Sources

Today's liturgy is adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A Vol. 2, Proper 19 Semicontinuous Lectionary*. Rev. Dr. Kimberly Bracken Long, Editor.

Marybell Avery proudly provided the flowers for worship today in celebration of the September 18th dedication of Campbell Commons, the newly renovated entrance area for UNL's Campus Recreation Center, named in honor of Stan Campbell, Director Emeritus of Campus Recreation.

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: Brooke & Matt Larson, Daniel Dunlap

Ushers: Kathy Anderson, Marilyn Hood, Marybell Avery, Joyce Douglas

Dishwasher: Stephen Odenore

Sanctuary Audio and Livestream: Dale Minter



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

The week of Sept. 13, 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

Sept. 13: "GA 227 - What the Heck Does it Mean and Why Does it Matter?" with Pastor Chris! Pastor Chris served at the PC(USA) General Assembly (or, "GA") this past June as a voting commissioner and also stood for the denominational-level position of Co-Moderator. Hear about his experience, overtures and decisions you should know, and ask questions!

Sept. 20: Creation Celebration: Tim Shaw and Phyllis, Bread for the World and the goal of Ending Hunger in our Lifetime

Sept. 27: Creation Celebration: John Hay, Data Center Water
Use 101

Oct. 4: Creation Celebration: Crystal Powers, Nebraska Water: Development, Use, and Policy

Explorers Bible Study of Romans

Ready to explore the New Testament letter of Paul to the Christians in Rome? We meet Mondays, beginning Sept. 14 at 11 AM in the library. You are invited. Please let us know if you would like more information or plan to join us by emailing edavis3655@gmail.com.

Prairie Readers in September

Prairie Readers meets September 16 at 1 PM in the Lounge. Diana Wild will lead the discussion of *The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Ferrell. The author describes the world of Renaissance Italy through the life of a young woman thrust into an unfamiliar and unwelcoming court. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Confirmation Kick-Off Session

Sunday, September 27th

11:15a – 12:00p in Fellowship Hall

For youth 9th-grade-and-up who have not been confirmed.

A parent/guardian is encouraged to attend with youth. We will have some icebreakers, snacks, and our first session, “What is Confirmation?” Contact Pastor Chris

(chris@westminsterlincoln.org) to ‘confirm’ your participation in the class and/or RSVP for this session!

September Artist—Allison Borgschulte

The featured September artist is Allison Borgschulte of Lincoln. She is a multi-disciplinary artist working in glass, fiber art, painting and kaleidoscope making. Her work has been displayed in local, national and internationally juried exhibits, received high honors and is often published. She feels a stirring in her soul when admiring large panels of stained glass in church sanctuaries as well as walks on a forest trail or prairie path. Seeking to combine these spiritual awakenings, she has created detailed studies of botanical subjects and wildlife using traditional glass staining techniques. The techniques utilized are the same methods artisans have used for centuries in Cathedral windows and cultural centers across the world. With the pieces chosen for our exhibit, Allison strives to honor the God-given beauty of the natural world.

The Green Barrel Returns for the LINCOLN HYGIENE NETWORK

Presbyterian Women at Westminster are again partnering in

September and October with the Lincoln Hygiene Network to provide basic hygiene necessities through over 20 community groups who help people in the Lincoln-Lancaster County area. Hygiene and period products are NOT covered by SNAP or WIC. Hygiene items are essential to provide health and dignity for our neighbors. The most needed products are deodorant, bar soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, period products, hair care products, and laundry items. If you wish to give a money donation a QR Code is available by the barrel or contact www.lincolnhygienetwork.org for how to donate online or by check with **PW Westminster** on the memo line. Look for the **Green Barrel** near the east entrance off the parking lot for all of **September and October. Give with a generous heart.**

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 list can be found in the tote with lawn bags.)

This week's to-do list (Sept. 13 to Sept. 19):

South Street

- Parlor - Weed & cut Euonymus to 6 inches
- Frontage Road - weeds removed from cracks
- Playground - Needs weeded

Ryons Street

- From Driveway to 27th Street - rake up Linden Seeds

Peony Parking

- Cut Peonies down and weed

All Parking Lots

- Clean weeds out of street cracks

If you have gardening gloves or hand tools, feel free to bring them. For questions, contact Tom Pappas (402)202-4454 or Gary Haller (817)757-2980. Keep track of your time and send your total volunteer time, along with what you worked on, to Gary at garyhaller70@att.net. Thank you for helping to keep our church grounds beautiful!

Caring Amid Normal Concerns, Experiences, and Relationships

These are some of the feelings and emotions expressed each month at our Faith & Cancer meetings in the church library on the third Tuesday at 10 AM. Come join us. Contact Bruce Sheffield (402) 303-2363.

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 or text 531-510-4929. One of the pastors will answer or get back to you.

Adult Ed. Recordings Available

Did you know that you can access recordings of some of the previous Adult Ed. classes on WPC's website? The link is in the weekly eVine that comes out on Wed. Otherwise, this is the link to copy into your browser: <https://westminsterlincoln.org/adult-education/>

Week Beginning Sept. 13

<u>Sun. (Sept. 13)</u> 10 AM Worship, Sanctuary, Faith Village 11:15 AM Adult Ed., Lounge 12 PM Sudanese Worship, Chapel <u>Mon. (Sept. 14)</u> 11 AM The Explorers—Study of Romans, Library 6:30 PM Scouts Den Meetings, Youth Room <u>Tues. (Sept. 15)</u> 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 10 AM Faith & Cancer Support Group, Library 4 PM YAAL Improv, FH 5 PM Church Life, Conference Room 5 PM Personnel on Zoom 6:15 PM A & P, Conference Room 6:30 PM Children, Youth and Family on Zoom	<u>Wed. (Sept. 16)</u> 1 PM Prairie Readers, Lounge 1 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 5:30 PM W3 Wed. Activities, Youth Areas 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary <u>Thurs. (Sept. 17)</u> 6 PM YAAL Rehearsal, FH 7 PM Camera Club, Lounge <u>Fri. (Sept. 18)</u> 6 PM The Bridge, Movie at LNK <u>Sat. (Sept. 19)</u> 9 AM YAAL rehearsal, FH 3:30 PM YAAL Youngsters, FH <u>Sun. (Sept. 20)</u> 10 AM Worship, Sanctuary, Faith Village 11:15 AM Adult Ed., Lounge 12 PM Sudanese Worship, Chapel
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Worship services are available on-line at this link:

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