

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

September 20, 2026

17th 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

“A Gaelic Blessing” by John Rutter

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

***Call to Worship** (inspired by Psalm 105:1-6)

Jaime Hemmerling

One: O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

All: Give thanks to the Lord!

One: The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

All: Give thanks to the Lord!

One: God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God’s covenant.

All: Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise is due to the Lord!

***Hymn #20**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

***Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

***Prayer of Confession**

Creating God, we hear stories of your mighty hand and powerful works. We worship as we are inspired by your care for all people. Still, our actions miss the mark of extending such care ourselves. We know people go hungry, yet we do not share time to serve. We know children lack nutrition, yet we do not advocate for their needs. We know you provided manna in the uncertain wilderness, yet we hoard rather than share bread for the world. Redirect our hearts and our actions. Renew our sense of call to care for the prairies, peaks, and people of this world. Inspire us to live out Christ’s call to love you and our neighbors. 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 #437**

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

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

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

*Hymn #65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*Charge & Benediction

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

“Toccata in Seven” by John Rutter

Liturgy Notes and Sources

Today’s Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession are written by Psator Chris to help our words of worship reflect this fall Season of Creation / Creation Celebration. Other liturgy is adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A Vol. 2, Proper 20 Semicontinuous Lectionary*. Rev. Dr. Kimberly Bracken Long, Editor.

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: Jaime Hemmerling

Music: Wes Hansmeyer, Westminster Choir | John Ross, Organist

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Greeters: Stephanie Rogers, Scott Rogers, Josh Swanson

Ushers: Leslie Miner, Robyn Uebele, Barbara Arunski, Marijane England

Dishwasher: Barbara & David Arunski

Sanctuary Audio and Livestream: Dale Minter



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

The week of Sept. 20, 2026

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

Creation Celebration 🌱 Fall '26

This Week—Protein-Packing our Pantry

*The cause of hunger isn't a shortage of food – it's access to food, especially nutritious food.
--Bread for the World.*



Westminster's Food Pantry is a vital link in making nutritious food accessible to hungry people in our own community. Let's give this ministry a boost by Packing the Pantry with Protein. Specifically, please bring your donations of Baked Beans and Chili with Beans to church with you this week. For everyone born, a place at the table.

Worship:

This Sunday— I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. Exodus 16: Manna from heaven.

Sept. 27—I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. Exodus 17: Water from a rock.

Adult Education: Stewardship of Food and Water

Pick up your coffee after worship and bring it to the Lounge, 11:15-noon, as we consider the critical relationships of earth care, food, and water over the next three weeks.

This Sunday—A World without Hunger. Tim Shaw, an attorney and former CEO of Disability Rights Nebraska, and Phyllis Arth, a teacher of education and psychology at SCC, both members of First-Plymouth Church, have responded to a new calling in their retirements: The vision of a world without hunger. For over six years they have found an effective channel for their efforts in Bread for the World, a non-partisan Christian advocacy organization. Come hear about the difference that churches across America are making by

urging U.S. decision makers to pursue that vision. And learn how Westminster can join the cause with an Offering of Letters.

September 27—Data Center Water Use 101. John Hay, UNL Extension Educator and member of Palmyra Presbyterian Church, will help us understand the complexities and tradeoffs involved in operating and regulating data centers.

October 4—Nebraska Water—Development, Use, and Policy. Crystal Powers, UNL Extension Educator and member of First Covenant Church, will further the conversation, explaining how Nebraska's aquifers and waterways are affected by the ways we use them.

Explorers Bible Study of Romans

Explorers Study of Romans meets on Mondays through Nov. at the church library at 11 AM. You are invited.

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.

Worship services are available on-line at this link:

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

What do these people have in common?

Full Tummies & New Friends!!

Forks & Friends - A Westminster Table Adventure is organizing groups for the October - February timeline. There is still time for you to join. If you would like a new way to connect with people, this may be the group for you. 5-8 people meet once a month around a table to share a meal or snack & enjoy good conversation. Each group has a host(s) but everyone contributes to the planning & providing food. We want this experience to be fun, easy & way to make better friendships. For more information or to sign up, please contact Marilyn Hood by phone or text at 402-499-9045 or email at mhood0529@gmail.com.

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.**

Dudes Night Out

Tuesday, September 29, 2026, 5pm-7pm

Westminster Men

Join us for a good meal and lots of fellowship at the Hi-Way Diner 2105 Nebraska Pkwy. There is no agenda; the primary goal is to get-to-know one another better in a small group setting. We would love to have you join us at the table; please RSVP to garyhaller70@att.net by Sunday, September 27. If you have questions or suggestions please email, text, or call Gary Haller at (817) 757-2980.

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. 20 to Sept. 26):

South Street

- Chapel Parking - Cut Euonymus to about 6 inches high
Clear weeds from main entrance
- Francy's Prairie - Needs weeded
- L'il Devils Corner - needs weeded-Plus bricks
- Strip 1n - weeded on parking lot side (front of playground)

Ryons Street

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

All Parking Lots

- Cleanup the lots from leaves along curb.

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!

Week Beginning Sept. 20

<u>Sun. (Sept. 20)</u> 10 AM Worship, Faith Village 11:15 AM Adult Ed., Lounge 12 PM Sudanese Worship, Chapel	<u>Wed. (Sept. 23)</u> 1 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 5:30 PM W3 Wed. Activities, Youth 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanct.
<u>Mon. (Sept. 21)</u> 11 AM The Explorers—Study of Romans, Library	<u>Thurs. (Sept. 24)</u> 6 PM YAAL Rehearsal, FH
<u>Tues. (Sept. 22)</u> 6 PM YAAL Improv, FH 6 PM Discipleship Task Force, Lounge	<u>Sat. (Sept. 26)</u> 9 AM YAAL rehearsal, FH 3:30 PM YAAL Youngsters, FH
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