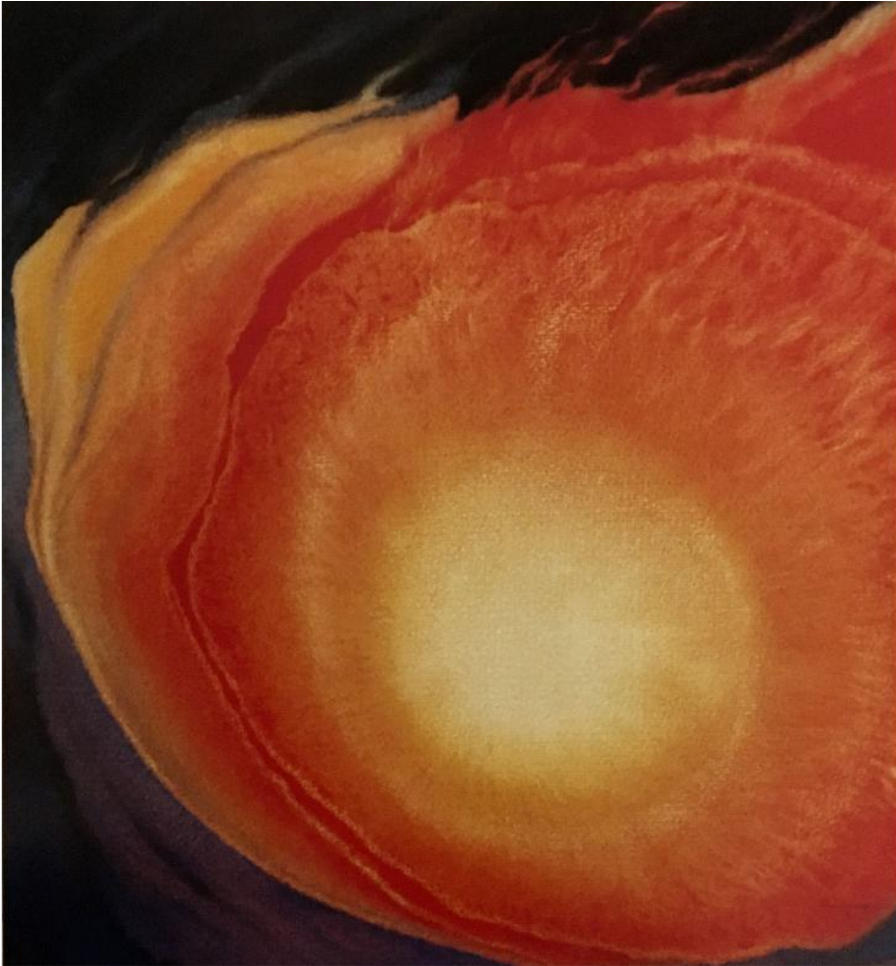


Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

October 4, 2026

World Communion Sunday



Swanson, John August. Moses, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://act.library.vanderbilt.edu/artworks/56554> [retrieved September 24, 2026]. Original source: Estate of John August Swanson, <https://www.johnaugustswanson.com/>.

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

Selections from *Japanese Festival* by Yoshinao Nakada

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Session Update

Elder Rachel Hoffman

*Call to Worship (from the Iona Abbey Community)

Deacon Susan Jackson

One: Come now all who thirst,

Many: And drink the water of life.

One: Come now all who hunger,

Many: And be filled with good things.

One: Come now all who seek,

Many: And be welcomed by the community of Christ.

*Hymn #37

Let All Things Now Living

*Call to Confession

Deacon Susan Jackson

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we are indebted to you and your generosity. But we fail to live as good stewards of all you have given us. We take and consume far more than our fair share. We neglect the poor and trap people in poverty. We turn our eyes as innocent people are harmed by greed, racism, and war. God, liberate us from our spiritual and moral bondage. Reorder our priorities so all your nations and peoples may thrive. 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!

*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. 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

Hebrew Scripture

Exodus 20:1-21

O.T. pg. 66

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

Sermon

“The Exodus Saga VII: Guardrails”

Rev. Chris Peters

*Hymn #756

O God of Every Nation

Moment of Gratitude

Invitation to the Offering

Deacon Susan Jackson

Offertory Choir Anthem

“Keep My Commandments”

By Kenney Potter

Today’s anthem links love for Christ with faithful obedience. In this service centered on the Ten Commandments, the anthem reminds us that God’s law is rooted in love and lived out through discipleship.

*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

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

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.

Blessing and Sharing of the Elements

Rev. Chris Peters

Communion Music

Prayer After Communion

***Hymn (back of pew hymnals)**

To Christ Our Hearts Now Given

***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude

“Allegro in F” by Joseph Haydn

Liturgy Notes and Sources

Today's Call to Worship is adapted from *The Alternative Opening Response for The Service of Welcome* from the Iona Abbey Worship Book. Today's liturgy is adapted from *The Presbyterian Outlook: Order of Worship for Sunday, October 4, 2026* by Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott, 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: Deacon Susan Jackson

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

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Greeters: Joyce Douglas, Marilyn Hood, Josh Whitfield

Ushers: Diana Wild, Debra Schleining, David Anderson, Charles Duncan

Dishwasher: Kelly Braswell and Dorrie Gage

Sanctuary Audio and Livestream: Dale Minter

Communion Servers: Marilyn Hood, Susie Hughes, Jim Kinkennon, Paul Korlund, Stephanie Laux, Bob Leavitt





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

The week of Oct. 4, 2026

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

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.

Today—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.

Confirmation Kick-Off Session

Sunday, October 25

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?" After the Kick-Off session, the class will meet at the same time on Nov. 1, 8, 15, Feb. 7, 21, 28, and April 4, 11. Confirmation Sunday will be at the 10 am service on May 9. Contact Trish Souliere (trish@westminsterlincoln.org) to 'confirm' your participation in the class and/or RSVP for this session!

October Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will meet Tuesday, October 6, 11:30 A.M., at Hacienda Real, 3130 Pine Lake Rd. They are located near Trader Joe's. Please R.S.V.P. to Jimkinkennon@gmail.com or text 402-290-5888.

The Green Barrel Collection Continues All October

Presbyterian Women continue to organize the collection of hygiene items for the **Lincoln Hygiene Network**. The first barrel had almost 1,000 items. The barrel has filled twice. Let's see if Westminster can fill it two more times, Thank you for your generosity!

The price of deodorant, feminine products, and hair products has increased. The need in the Lincoln area has also increased. The green barrel is at the top of the east steps.

Information on money donations can be found at lincolnhygienenetwork.org.



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.

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 (Oct. 4 to Oct. 10):

Chapel Parking

- Rake out Euonymus leaves out of bushes.

L'il Devils Corner

- Remove the weeds 7 cleanup brick area

Hosta La Vista

- Remove vine weed, remove day flower (purple flowers), trim off spent Hosta stems

Strip 1n

- Remove weeds - rake foo leaves

All Parking Lots

- Cleanup the lots from leaves along the 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!

October Prairie Readers

Prairie Readers will meet on Wednesday October 21 at 1 PM in the Lounge. It is our privilege to have Pat Leech as our guest. She will review the American Library Association Notable Books for 2026. She promises to have some unexpected titles too. Everyone is welcome.

Pastor Jimmy is away on vacation and will back for Oct. 11 Services.

Pastor Chris will be at a conference in Cincinnati from Oct. 5 – 7.

Week Beginning Oct. 4

<u>Sun. (Oct. 4)</u> 10 AM Worship, Faith Village 11:15 AM Adult Ed., Lounge 12 PM Sudanese Worship, Chapel	<u>Thurs. (Oct. 8)</u> 9 AM Friendship Home, FH 6 PM YAAL Rehearsal, FH 6:30 PM Scouts Committee Meeting, Youth Cafe
<u>Mon. (Oct. 5)</u> 11 AM The Explorers—Study of Romans, Library 6:30 PM Circle 4, Parlor 6:30 PM Scouts Den Meetings, Youth Areas	<u>Sat. (Oct. 10)</u> 9 AM Graduation Reception, Cole Hall 9 AM YAAL rehearsal, FH 3:30 PM YAAL Youngsters, FH
<u>Tues. (Oct. 6)</u> 5 PM Adult Ed, Conference Rm 6 PM YAAL Improv, Youth Room	<u>Sun. (Oct. 11)</u> 10 AM Worship, Faith Village 11:10 AM Farmhouse Fraternity Initiation, Sanctuary 11:10 AM Farewell Cake Reception for Joanne Gabriel 11:15 AM Adult Ed., Lounge 12 PM Sudanese Worship, Chapel
<u>Wed. (Oct. 7)</u> 10 AM Circle 3, Lounge 1 PM Hearts & Hands, Library 5:30 PM W3 Wed. Activities 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	

Worship services are available on-line at this link:

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