Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

October 11, 2026

20th Sunday after Pentecost



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 "Prelude" by C.S. Lang

Welcome Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Special Announcement: Westminster's Vision and Values

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 106:1-3)
One: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;
All: God's steadfast love endures forever.
One: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all God's praise?
All: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!

***Hymn #450** **Be Thou My Vision**

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

***Prayer of Confession**
Almighty God, you call us again and again to seek your kingdom first, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Still, we make our excuses and justify in our own hearts why we go our own way. Lord, forgive our sin. Turn us from our selfishness and turn us to your ways of grace, mercy, love and service. May we heed your invitation to be part of your kingdom and strive, through the power of your Holy Spirit, to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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 ##829** **My Faith Looks Up to Thee (verse 1)**
My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

***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

Hebrew Scripture	Exodus 32:1-14	O.T. pg. 78
Epistle Reading	Philippians 4:1-9	N.T. pg. 198

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

Sermon "Redefining Church" Rev. Chris Peters

***Hymn #684** **Faith Begins by Letting Go**

Moment of Gratitude: Joanne Gabriel

Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer Rev. Chris Peters

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 of Heart and Hands Knit Goods

Invitation to the Offering Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Offertory Choir Anthem *With a Voice of Singing* by Martin Shaw

Today's anthem, while traditional, contains a more "radical" call to action. The text commands us to take our worship outside these walls "even to the ends of the earth." As we ***redefine church*** *today, this music reminds us that the church is not a hidden building but an important organization meant to make a difference on God's earth.*

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 #716** **God Whose Giving Knows No Ending**

***Charge & Benediction** Rev. Chris Peters

Postlude "Tuba Tune" by C.S. Lang

Liturgy Notes and Sources

Today's Call to Worship is adapted from the Psalm of the Day: Psalm 106:1-3. Other liturgy is adapted from *The Presbyterian Outlook: Order of Worship for Sunday, October 11, 2026* by Dr. Philip Gladden, retired PC(USA) Minister of Word and Sacrament who lives in Wallace, NC.

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
Music: Wes Hansmeyer, Westminster Choir | John Ross, Organist
Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere
Greeters: Thom & Jack Johnson, Josh Swanson
Ushers: Marilyn Hood, Marybell Avery, Joyce Douglas, Dave Anderson
Dishwashers: Lisa and Steve McConnell
Sanctuary Audio and Livestream: Dale Minter

The Vine

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

The week of Oct. 11, 2026

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

Adult Education: Lenses that Distort Scripture; Lenses that Reveal Scripture

Today—Lenses that Distort Scripture: Literalism and Dispensationalism

Upcoming:
October 18: Lenses that Distort Scripture: Moralism and Hierarchy
October 25: Lenses that Reveal Scripture: Context and the Jesus Lens

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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!

Let's Fill the Green Barrel Again
The Lincoln Hygiene Network Barrel has been filled and emptied twice in September with over 1,600 personal care items available to our Lincoln area neighbors. We will continue to collect new and unopened hygiene items during OCTOBER. Consider your life without a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, and shampoo. Every item collected helps someone in our community to improve their health, dignity, and wellbeing. Thank you from Presbyterian

Women for your generosity. Dental Products…Bar Soap & Deodorant…Hair Products…Feminine Hygiene Products

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 weeks to-do list Oct. 11 to Oct 17:

Hosta La Vista
- Cut our sucker trees and remove vine weed.

Profit Path
- Cut out sucker trees, trim new branches from trees, & remove weeds

Parking Lot 4 (circles)
- Needs cleaned up from weeds & etc.

South Street
- L'il Devils Corner - needs weeded-Plus bricks
- Strip 1n - weeded on parking lot side (front of playground)

All Parking Lots
- Cleanup the lots from leaves along the curb.

No experience is necessary—just bring your willingness to help! If you have gardening gloves or hand tools, feel free to bring them.

Questions: Call 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 did to Gary. Thank you for helping 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.

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.

Pianist Needed for Preschool Program
Preschool is looking for a pianist to play for the Christmas Program on Dec. 17. Must be able to attend 2-3 morning practices during the week of the program. Contact Laurie McCubbin, Preschool Director, at 402-475-6702 if interested in helping out!

Hearts and Hands – A Year of Giving
Our Hearts & Hands group has been busy creating throughout the year! From autumn 2025 through autumn 2026, the group made an incredible collection of items to bring warmth and comfort to others.
As of October 7, 2026, their creations included 7 matching scarf and hat sets, 121 adult hats, 8 children's hats, 34 scarves, 53 bears made by Dorothy, 3 bibs, 2 washcloths, and 4 "fat" cats.



We are so grateful for the time, talent, and care our Hearts & Hands members put into every item. Thank you for sharing your gifts with our community!

Week Beginning Oct. 4

Sun. (Oct. 11)	6 PM Discipleship Taskforce, Lounge
10 AM Worship, Faith Village	6 PM YAAL Rehearsal, FH
11:10 AM Farmhouse Fraternity Initiation, Sanctuary	6:15 PM A&P, Conference Room
11:15 AM Adult Ed., Lounge	**Wed. (Oct. 14)**
12 PM Sudanese Worship, Chapel	1 PM Hearts & Hands, Library
Mon. (Oct. 12)	4:30 PM Foundation Finance, Lounge
11 AM The Explorers—Study of Romans, Library	4:30 PM Foundation Marketing, Library
6 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal, First Plymouth	5 PM Foundation Board Meeting, Lounge
6:30 PM Children, Youth, and Family on Zoom	5:30 PM W3 Youth Activities
Tues. (Oct. 13)	6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
10 AM Circle 5, Lounge	**Thurs. (Oct. 8)**
5 PM Church Life, Conference Room	7 PM Camera Club, Lounge
5 PM Personnel on Zoom	**Sun. (Oct. 11)**
5:30 PM Worship, Music, and Fine Arts, Cole Hall	10 AM Worship, Faith Village
6 PM Mission and Social Witness, Library	11:15 AM Adult Ed., Lounge
	12 PM Sudanese Worship, Chapel

Worship services are available on-line at this link:
https://www.youtube.com/@WestminsterLincoln/streams