Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday





Joyful Service





*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 "Improvisation on HYMN TO JOY"

Welcome Please sign and pass the connection pad.

***Call to Worship** (Based on Psalm 46) Elder Karen Hoffman

One: The mountains may shake,
Many: But God is our God, and we are God's people.
One: The waters may roar and rage,
Many: But God's love is unfailing.
One: The earth may crumble,
Many: But God builds us up.
One: The waves may crash,
Many: But we will dance with joy!
One: There may be times of great trouble,
Many: But we have found grace in the wilderness.

***Hymn #12** **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

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

***Prayer of Confession**

God of the ages, your commandments are so simple: love God, love neighbor, love self. Yet we cannot always muster that love. Love for you seems too abstract and distant. Love for our neighbors seems too impractical and draining. Love for ourselves seems too impossible and unimportant. But you are truly the God of love; if there is anyone who can help us love, it is you. Shower us with your love so we might have the greatest example, and help us learn from you.

***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 Psalm 106:1-5 (Common English Translation)
Gospel Reading Matthew 22:34-46

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

Westminster Handbells "Footsteps in Faith" by Jason Krug
Christopher Boilesen, Director

Sermon "Our Values: Joyful Service" Rev. Chris Peters

***Hymn #767** **Together We Serve**

Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer Elder Karen Hoffman

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.

Invitation to the Offering Elder Karen Hoffman

Offertory Choir Anthem **"***A Mighty Fortress is Our God"* arranged by Kyle Pederson
Woodrow Nelson, Guitar

On Reformation Sunday, we give thanks for God's grace and the enduring power of God's Word. Written by Martin Luther, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" has become a beloved hymn of the Reformation, celebrating God's strength, protection, and faithfulness through every generation.

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 #611** **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

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

Postlude "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" by Johann Gottfried Walther

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Liturgy Notes and Sources

Today's liturgy is adapted from *Call to Worship Journal: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts. Liturgy for October 25, 2026 and Reformation Day Liturgy, October 31, 2026.* Call to Worship Journal is a work of the PC(USA)'s Office of Theology and Worship and the Presbyterian Association of Musicians.

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: Stephanie and Scott Rogers, Kathy Phillip
Ushers: Rohn Loyd, Joan Roberts, Bruce Sheffield, Margaret Sheffield
Dishwashers: Gary and Glenna Haller
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.

Stewardship Campaign – We're "Better Together!"
Some truths are simple: we are better together. As we journey into the start of our "Next 100 Years at Sheridan and South" in December, we look ahead with hope to the ministry that is to come in 2027. One of our new Values, *Better Together,* reminds us that our church can flourish and grow when every member shares their time, talent, or financial support for the work God is calling us to do. That Value is at the heart of this year's Giving Season: **"Better Together!"**

Are you a member of Westminster?
Look for a packet in your mail in the next two weeks or request one from the church.

Are you a visitor or non-member who would like to make a pledge? Pick up a packet beginning next Sunday, November 1st

We are the church together, and thus we are all grateful for all pledges! Please consider making your commitment to give in 2027 between Commitment Sunday, November 15th and the end of the calendar year! Westminster's budget is largely determined by the pledges received by the start of the year.

Save these Dates
Sunday, November 1 – All Saint's Sunday
Sunday, November 15 – Commitment Sunday and Congregational Meeting after Church
Sunday, December 1 – First Sunday of Advent
Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve, Services at 5:00 PM and 7:00PM

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

Today— 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.

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

Ladies Night Out
Tuesday, October 27 @ 5p
Billy's Restaurant
Join us this month at Billy's Restaurant. As always, it promises to be a fun time of catching up. Feel free to bring a friend! Westminster Presbyterian Church Ladies' Night Out @ Billy's 1301 H St; Tuesday, October 27 , from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Nader and his team serve a variety of heavy appetizers family style. Our cost is $17/per person, additional cost of your drink, tax, and tip. Feel free to order off their menu to meet your dietary needs or preferences. We visit local restaurants to share in conversation and in a good meal. We have no agenda; our primary goal is to get-to-know one another better in a small group setting. We would love to have a seat at the table for you; please RSVP to robynu2@hotmail.com by Sunday, October 25th.Questions or suggestions please email, text, or call Robyn 937-935-6858. We want to have plenty of seating for all. We hope you can join us!

Dudes Night Out
Tuesday, October 27, 2026 - 5pm-7pm
Westminster Men
Join us for a good meal and lots of fellowship at the The Mettle Grill - 5500 S. 56th St. 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, Oct. 25th. If you have questions or suggestions please email, text, or call Gary Haller at (817) 757-2980.

Spooktacular Trunk or Treat | Oct 28, 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Believe it or not, Spooktacular is coming soon! All Cowboys, princesses, and creatures of the night are invited to slither, shuffle, or ride on down to Westminster to play games, trick or treat, for a frightfully fun evening.
You can help us make this event possible!

- Provide donation bags of candy, packaged snacks, and/or any small handouts for the children. Look for the collection box at the top of the steps by the East entrance.
- Wear a costume and decorate a table in Fellowship Hall with a fun theme then pass out treats to the children. You will need to arrive by 4 pm to select a spot and decorate your table.

Questions? Contact Trish at trish@westminsterlincoln.org or by text or phone, 402-570-0163.

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!

New Staff Email
Dylan Douglas, our Executive Administrator, will be transitioning to the email dylan@westminsterlincoln.org. Although Dylan will still be fulfilling the communications role for the time being, please use the new email to contact her directly.

Staff Notes
Dylan Douglas, Executive Administrator, will return to the office tomorrow, Monday, October 26th.

Marijane England, Interim Bookkeeper, will be out of the office this coming week, returning on Monday, November 2nd. Dennis Rohren, our prior Bookkeeper, will be in limited hours. Please call ahead with your Finance Office requests the week of 10/26-10/30. Thank you!

Week Beginning Oct. 25

Sun. (Oct. 25)	**Tues. (Oct. 27)**
10 AM Worship	9:45 AM Staff Meeting, Conference Room
10 AM KidCon II	6:00 PM Deacons
11:15 AM Adult Ed., Lounge	**Wed. (Oct. 28)**
12 PM Sudanese Worship, Chapel	1 PM Hearts & Hands, Library
Mon. (Oct. 26)	5:30 PM Spooktacular

11 AM The Explorers—Study of Romans, Library 6 PM Session, Lounge 6 PM Scouts, Youth Cafe	6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary **Sun. (Nov. 1)** 10 AM Worship, Faith Village 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