Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

November 1, 2026

All Saint's Sunday

Our Values: Deepening Faith



James, Laura. Sermon on the Mount, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. https://act.library.vanderbilt.edu/artworks/57891 [retrieved October 29, 2026]. Original source: Laura James, https://www.laurajamesart.com/collections/religious/.

*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 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" by Thomas Giesen

Welcome Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

100th Celebration History Update Elder Susie Hughes

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 34:7-10) Deacon Joan Roberts

One: Taste and see how good the Lord is!
Many: The one who takes refuge in God is truly happy!
One: You who are the Lord's holy ones, honor him,
Many: because those who honor God don't lack a thing.
One: Even strong young lions go without and get hungry,
Many: but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

***Hymn #326** **For All the Saints (verses 1-3 & 5)**

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

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we know that we may rest in the promises of baptism — we know that your grace rests on us this day and every day. Never for a moment are we outside of your constant care. And yet, things happen. Life tumbles in and your promises seem distant. We retreat into fear. We worry about what we cannot change. Forgive our anxious fears. Lead us to be the people of God that you created us to be, disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer our prayers …

***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 #643** **Now Thank We All Our God (verse 1)**

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

***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	1 John 3:1-3	N.T. pg. 93
Epistle Reading	Matthew 5:1-12	N.T. pg. 4

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

Sermon "Our Values: Deepening Faith" Rev. Chris Peters

***Hymn #726**
Will You Come and Follow Me? (The Summons) (verses 1-2 & 4-5)

Invitation to the Offering Deacon Joan Roberts

Offertory Choir Anthem *This Little Light of Mine arr. by Neil A. Johnson*
Soloists: Margo Gamet, Steve Hughes, Susan Zander, April Kaul, Haven Unger, Janelle Welstead, Connor Fleming, Karen Hoffman, Max Bower, Rita Kinkennon, Jim Kinkennon, Carolyn Harp
Connection to Message: Deep faith is not something we hide away. It is meant to grow bigger and brighter every day. As we talk about deepening our faith today, let this song remind us to step out of our comfort zones and let God's love shine through us everywhere we go.

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 Joan Roberts

The Lord's Supper

Invitation Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

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.

Blessing and Sharing of the Elements Rev. Chris Peters

Communion Music

Prayer After Communion Rev. Chris Peters

Hymn #720 **Jesus Calls Us**

***Charge & Benediction** Rev. Chris Peters
Postlude "Rejoice in God's Saints" by David Cherwien

Liturgy Notes and Sources

Today's liturgy is adapted from *The Presbyterian Outlook: Order of Worship for Sunday, November 1, 2026* by Rev. Dr. Baron Mullis, Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, PA. (Rev. Dr. Mullis served as Head of Staff at Morningside Presbyterian in Atlanta, GA, while Pastor Chris worked there as a Part-Time Youth Director all three years of seminary. Pastor Chris learned many wonderful lessons on pastoring from Dr. Mullis and considers him a friend and mentor.)

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: Kelly Braswell-Burbach, Marilyn Smith, Valery Wachter
Ushers: Diana Wild, Debra Schleining, David Anderson, Charles Duncan
Dishwashers: Paul Korslund
Sanctuary Audio and Livestream: Dale Minter
Communion Servers: Karen Hoffman, Marilyn Hood, Dave Arunski, Ron Souliere, Bob Leavitt.



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

The week of Nov. 1, 2026

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

Adult Education:
November 1: Rachel M. Gibson, Vice President of Action for the of League of Women Voters NE, will present What is on your ballot and why it matters
Upcoming:
November 8: Living as a Christian in the Third Reich, Dr. Peter Reinkordt, professor of German at Doane University.
November 15: No Adult Ed (congregational meeting after Service then officer training with lunch)
November 22: A Season of Giving - Peg Connealy, Co-president of the Heritage League of Lincoln, will speak about their community service activities.
November 29: No Adult Ed, Thanksgiving weekend.

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

Upcoming Confirmation Sessions
Confirmation class will meet at the same time (11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m.) 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!

Lunch Bunch
Lunch Bunch will meet Tuesday, November 3 at 11:30 a.m. at Granite City, 6200 "O" Street. R.S.V.P. to jimkinkennon@gmail.com or text 402-290-5888.

Equal Exchange Coffee & Chocolate for Purchase | Sun., Nov. 1
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.

November Prairie Readers
Prairie Readers will meet Wednesday, November 18 at 1 PM in the lounge. This is a chance to nominate a favorite book as we select titles for 2027. This is an important process so please join us.

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!

Restoration Recognition
For many years, generous members of our church have provided support for the repair and replacement of our beautiful stained-glass windows. As the Westminster Sanctuary approaches its 100th anniversary, the window restoration project is nearly complete. We want to make sure everyone who helped to make this project possible receives the recognition and thanks they deserve. We need your help finding people who donated before 2021. If you or a family member contributed to the stained-glass window restoration before 2021, we would like to ensure you are recognized. We would also appreciate hearing from anyone who knows of other church members or friends who donated during that time. Please contact: Steve Larson at (402) 613-6644 by November 10th. If Steve is unavailable, please leave a message on his answering machine with your name, phone number and, if possible, the donor's name and mailing address. Thank you for helping us recognize the generosity of those who helped preserve our church's beautiful stained-glass windows for future generations!

Thanks Westminster!
The "Green Barrel" was filled several times during September and October with personal care items that benefit the Lincoln Hygiene Network. Presbyterian Women are grateful to those who packed period kits and contributed products. Each item will help a person in our community to achieve health and well-being. WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER!

Fall Clean Up Report
Building and Grounds scheduled "Fall Clean Up" for last Saturday, October 24 from 9am til noon. It was a spectacular success for three reasons.

- Most of the leaves we expected to collect were still in the tree canopies.
- Steve Hughes, Tom Welstead, Claire Titus, Bill Burbach, Carol Burbach, Gary Haller and Tom Pappas came to work and were fixing to finish up around 11am.

- At exactly 11 we were surprised by the arrival of six volunteers from UNL's community service project "The Big Event". We had applied for four student workers but literally didn't know we were approved until the arrival of Allison, Violet, Mattie, Claire, Lola and Lily. Bill stayed on and did some serious trimming and leaf blowing, and Tom supervised the UNL volunteers' work until 1pm.



The students, pictured at left, allowed us to collect an amazing amount of additional leaves. Stock value in leaf bags made a big jump.

**Note: Watch for another Fall Clean Up for the big leaf drop.

Week Beginning Oct. 4

Sun. (Nov. 1) 10 AM Worship, Faith Village 11:15 AM Adult Ed., Lounge 11:15 AM Confirmation Class 12 PM Sudanese Worship, Chapel **Mon. (Nov. 2)** 11 AM The Explorers—Study of Romans, Library 6 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal, First Plymouth 6:30 PM Circle 4, Parlor **Tues. (Nov. 3)** 8 AM General Election 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch, Granite City – 6200 O St 5 PM Adult Ed, Conference Room **Wed. (Nov. 4)** 10 AM Circle 3, Lounge	1 PM Hearts and Hands, Library 5:30 PM W3 Wed. Activities 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal **Thurs. (Nov. 5)** 6 PM YAAL Rehearsal, FH Fri. (Nov. 6) 6 PM YAAL Performance, FH **Sat. (Nov. 7)** 9 AM YAAL Rehearsal, FH) 11 AM Memorial Service 5:30 PM YAAL Pizza and Movie Night, Youth Areas 6 PM Lambda Chi Alpha Fall Initiation, FH, Parlor, Sanctuary **Sun. (Nov. 8)** 10 AM Worship, Faith Village 11:15 AM Confirmation Class 11:15 AM Adult Ed., Lounge 12 PM Sudanese Worship, Chapel