Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

November 8, 2026

Our Next Chapter: Better Together



*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 'We Gather Together"

Welcome Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 34:7-10) Deacon Ashley Lammers
One: Rejoice and be glad!
Many: For God is our salvation.
One: Rejoice and be glad!
Many: For God is great.

***Hymn #26** **Earth and All Stars**

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

***Prayer of Confession**
Loving God, you call and equip us with gifts for service and sharing. You knit us together as a body of Christ to do our part and live at peace with all people. Still, we embrace division by thinking that we are better than others. Whether due to status of class, nation, or values, we fall short of loving our neighbors authentically and well. Forgive us and reset the direction of our hearts, minds, and actions. Inspire us to live, serve, and share in the way of Jesus, in whose name we ask with hope…

***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. 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 Rev. Chris Peters

Scripture

Hebrew Scripture	Psalm 33	O.T. pg. 507
Gospel Reading	Matthew 22:34-46	N.T. pg. 25

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

Sermon "Our Values: Better Together" Rev. Chris Peters

***Hymn #727** **Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?**

Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer Deacon Ashley Lammers

All: 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.

Stewardship Moment Rev. Chris Peters

Invitation to the Offering Deacon Ashley Lammers

Offertory Choir Anthem

Ev'ry I Feel the Spirit by Moses Hogan; Cyndy Maddux, soloist
Connection to Message: When the Holy Spirit moves in us, we are drawn closer to God and closer to each other. Whether we are in a hard valley or on a happy mountain, we need a community to walk with us. As we focus on being better together, let this song remind us that we are strongest when we live as one family.

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 #300 **We Are One in the Spirit**

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

Postlude "Earth and All Stars" by Keith Kolander

Liturgy Notes and Sources

Today's liturgy is adapted from Call to Worship Journal: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts. Liturgy for November 7, 2026. The Prayer of Confession is written by Pastor Chris following prayer and reflection on today's passage from Romans in the Common English Bible translation. The Prayer of 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: Janice Rohwedder
Ushers: Marybell Avery, Joyce Douglas, Kathy Anderson, Joan Roberts
Dishwashers: Stephen Odenore
Sanctuary Audio and Livestream: Dale Minter



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

The week of November 8, 2026

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

Adult Education:
November 8: Living as a Christian in the Third Reich, Dr. Peter Reinkordt, professor of German at Doane University.

Upcoming:
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.

Stated Congregational Meeting – Sunday, November 15th @ 11:15 AM

Explorers Bible Study
Join friends Monday mornings at 11 during Advent to explore with the prophets the coming of the Messiah. "Witness to the Light" features the words and stories of prophetic figures in Scripture, from major prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah, and John the Baptist to lesser-heard voices like Miriam, Joel, Ezekiel, and Anna. Dates: November 30, December 7, 14, and 21. For information and to order study book email edavis3655@gmail.com.

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

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!

Youth Group: Bowling/Laser Tag | November 8 @ 3:00 PM-5:00 PM
All youth are invited to join us at Sun Valley Lanes on Sunday, November 8 for bowling and laser tag. Please rsvp to Trish, (402) 570-0163, and bring $10 for admission. Assistance is available.

Pie and Fellowship | November 18 | 6:00 PM-7:00 PM
Kick off the holiday season with this culinary cornucopia. We share a special meal of delectable soups before moving on to dessert. You are invited to bring your favorite dessert to share and to sample the wonderful desserts brought by other families! We will provide whipped topping.

Advent Candle Lighting
Westminster Families, Households, and Friends,
You are invited to help us celebrate the joyful anticipation of the season of Advent in worship! Each Sunday in Advent starting November 29th, along with both Christmas Eve services, we will have a household, family, or friend-group light the designated candles on

our Advent Wreath in worship. This includes 1-2 people reading a Call to Worship for the lighting. Should you sign up, Pastor Chris will reach out to share a script and instructions at least seven days prior to your chosen date. Thank you for the consideration!

If you sign-up and then cannot participate as the date nears due to change of plans, illness, etc., please text Pastor Chris at (402) 480-6068.

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Ladies Night Out | Monday, November 30 | Venue Restaurant and Lounge | 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Join us this month at Venue Lounge. As always, it promises to be a fun time of catching up. Feel free to bring a friend!

Dudes Night Out | Tuesday, November 30, 2026 | 5pm | Rosie's Sports Bar & Grill
Join us for a good meal and lots of fellowship at Rosie's Sports Bar & Grill - 1502 Center Park Road. 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, Nov. 29th. If you have questions or suggestions please email, text, or call Gary Haller at (817) 757-2980.

IT'S A BIRTHDAY PARTY !!!!!!
When: December 6, 2026, during and after the 10:00am service
Why: To celebrate our Sanctuary turning 100 years old
Historic memorabilia: church blueprints, pictures and other artifacts will be on display in Fellowship Hall
Details: Potluck menu - Pork loin main dish, tea, coffee and water provided; sides and desserts to be provided by our congregational members.(members with last name starting with A-O bring a side dish and P-Z a dessert dish)
Setting for lunch: Cole Hall (the original dining room)
For fun: Men and Women wear hats from the 1920's (an era where hats were worn to church). Check your closets, there will be some loaners provided.
Original recipes: A variety of original recipes would be an added attraction. Check your family recipes. Susie Hughes has an original 1950 church cookbook and is willing to share.

Week Beginning Nov. 8

Sun. (Nov. 8)	6 PM Mission and Social Witness, Lounge
10 AM Worship, Faith Village	6 PM A&P, Conference Room
11:15 AM Adult Ed., Lounge	**Wed. (Nov. 11)**
12 PM Sudanese Worship, Chapel	1 PM Hearts & Hands, Library
Mon. (Nov. 9)	5:30 PM W3 Wed. Activities
11 AM The Explorers—Study of Romans, Library	6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
6 PM Session, Lounge	**Thurs. (Nov. 12)**
6:30 PM Children and Youth, Zoom	6:30 PM Scouts Committee Meeting, Youth Cafe
Tues. (Nov. 10)	**Sat. (Nov. 14)**
10 AM Circle 5, Lounge	8:30 AM Model T Club, Cole Hall
5 PM Church Life, Conference Room	9 AM YAAL Rehearsal, FH
5 PM Personnel, Zoom	**Sun. (Nov. 15)**
5:30 PM Worship, Music, and Fine Arts, FH	10 AM Worship, Faith Village
	11:15 AM Stated Congregational Meeting
	12 PM Sudanese Worship, Chapel
	4:30 PM YAAL Rehearsal, FH

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