

The Order of Common Worship

Westminster Presbyterian Church

September 24, 2023
10:30 a.m.

“Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.” --Psalm 96:9

“...true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.” --John 4:23

“What is the chief end of man? To glorify God and enjoy Him forever.” --Shorter Catechism

Welcome to Westminster!

Voluntary

Greeting

Opening Sentence:

from Exodus 3

God directed Moses to say to the people, “The Lord, the God of your Fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Jacob has sent me to you. This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generation.”

*Opening Hymn: “The God of Abraham Praise” Celebrating Grace #45
Leoni

*Prayer of Adoration

Invitation to Confession

from Romans 5

Time for Silent Examination and Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Psalm 32

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

from Romans 5

*Passing of the Peace

The Celebrations and Concerns of the Church

Prayer requests can be made via bulletin tear-off, Facebook Messenger, gulfportchurch.org, the QR code on the back of the bulletin, or by calling the church office at (228) 864-3143.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

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.

Time with Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson:

Genesis 15:1-6

Sermon:

“Righteousness by Faith”

The Rev. Will Shurley

Prayer for Right Response to God’s Word

Reception of New Members: Jessica and Jess Thomas

The Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting, Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

*Doxology

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*Offertory Prayer

*Closing Hymn: “Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound” Celebrating Grace #587
New Britain

*The Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

** If you are able, please stand.*

The flowers in the sanctuary are placed to the glory of God and in honor of the 37th anniversary of the marriage of Ron and Karen Barnard.

Please take a moment to complete the registry of fellowship section of this bulletin. Childcare is available in our nursery during worship. Restrooms are located down the main hall, and there is an emergency exit at the front right of the sanctuary. We encourage your prayer requests and questions about our family of faith's mission and ministry. Please see a greeter or our pastor if we can be of any assistance.

Registry of Fellowship - September 24, 2023

Name(s): _____

Member First Time Visitor Return Visitor

For our visitors:

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- I would like a call from the pastor (please list phone number above).
 I would like information on becoming an active member of Westminster.
 I would be willing to provide supper for the LifeHouse Youth when meeting at the church on Sundays.

Prayer Requests: _____

Would you like a prayer card sent? Yes No

Please send prayer card’s recipients address to office@gulfportchurch.org.

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This Week's Meetings/Events

LifeHouse Youth: Today, 5-7 p.m.

Cub Scouts Meeting: Monday at 6 p.m.

Prayer Group: Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Thursday at 6 p.m.

Lunch Bunch: Friday, 11:30 a.m.
at Jalapeno Grill on Pass Rd.

Save the Date

The **Fall Festival** is coming! Saturday, October 21, 1-4 p.m.

Help us host this much anticipated fun filled event!

Youth Baked Potato Sale: October 29 after morning worship.

Help our youth raise money for camp.

The Reverend Will Shurley, Pastor
 Chip Westbrook, Clerk of Session
 Jane Bloss, Treasurer

THE SESSION OF WESTMINSTER

Class of 2024
 Ted Hammer
 Congregational Life
 Chip Westbrook
 Stewardship

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 Cummings King
 Property
 Rachel Price
 Missions

Class of 2026
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 Property
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 Scott Winter
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Westminster's Mission Partners

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Jim Roberts

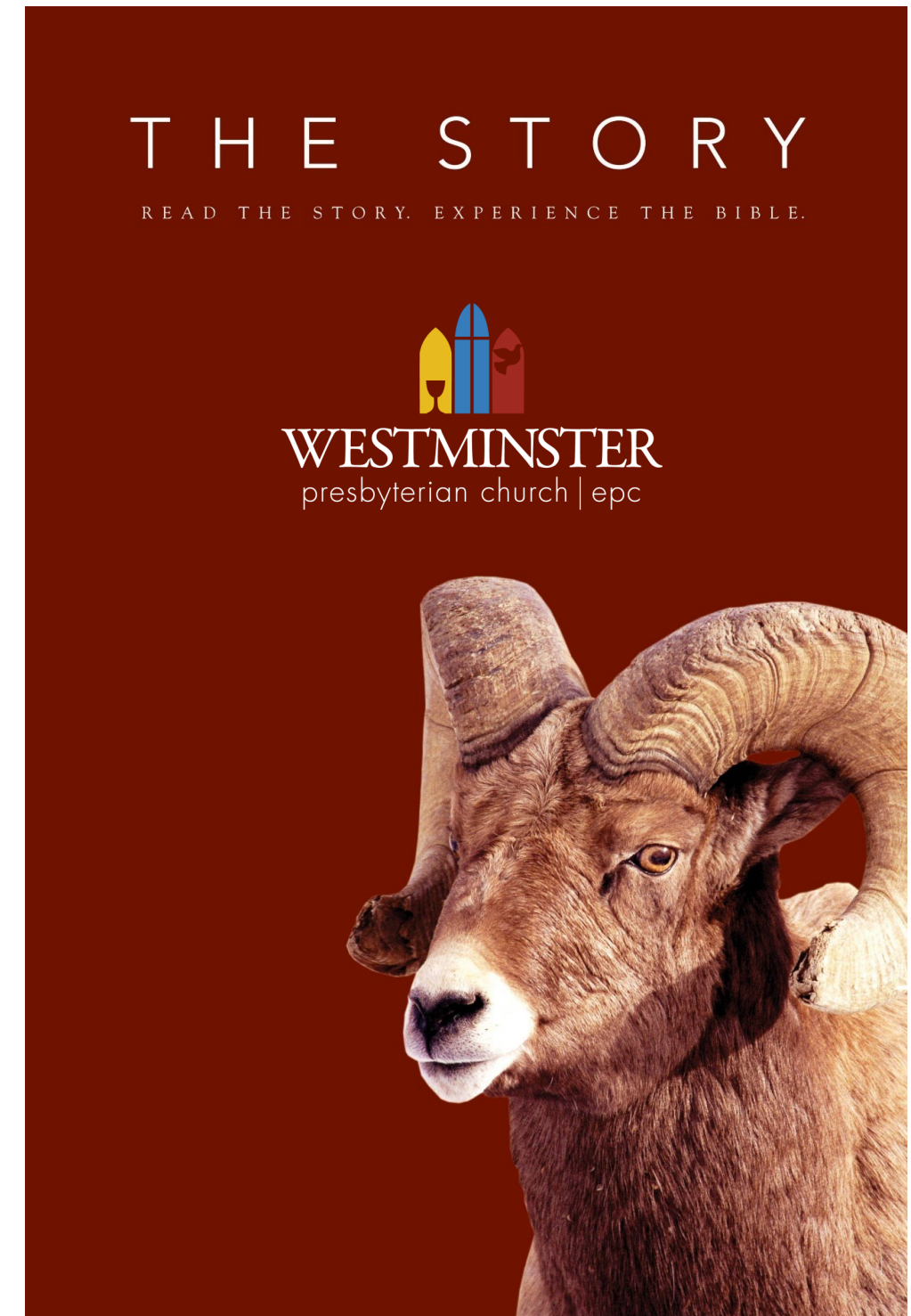


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“Bearing Witness to God’s Love for the World in Jesus Christ”

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