

The Order of Common Worship

Westminster Presbyterian Church

March 1, 2026
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!

Prelude: “The Power of the Cross” *arr.* Getty/Townsend

Greeting Pastor

Call to Worship: *based on* Isaiah 55:2,11-12; John 4:24

Let us worship God, for whom our souls thirst and our bodies long.

Listen, listen to me, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

We have come to hear the Word God has sent.

God’s Word will not return empty but will accomplish through us his holy purpose.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Then we will go out with joy and be led forth in peace;

The mountains and the hills will sing; the trees of the field will clap their hands.

Prayer of Invocation Pastor

*Hymn of Adoration: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Hymn #319

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

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: “You Are My All In All” Hymn #571

*Confession 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.

The Offertory: “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” *arr.* Martin

*Doxology

**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**

Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Dedication

*Scripture Reading: Mark 8:31-38 Pew Bible p. 1003

Sermon: “Lose Your Life” Rev. Dr. Rhett Payne

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table Psalm 51:17

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Corporate Confession of Sin and The Lord’s Prayer

God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts. Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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.

Assurance of Pardon Ephesians 2:8

“The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners... He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.”

Words of Institution

*Hymn “The Power of the Cross” Hymn #190

*Benediction Pastor

*Passing of the Peace

*Postlude: “Prelude” Hook

**If you are able, please stand.*



Sanctuary Flowers

The 2026 Sanctuary Flower chart has been posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Fresh flowers are a beautiful addition to our sanctuary and help enhance our worship each week. Members are encouraged to sign up to sponsor the weekly flowers in honor or in memory of loved ones, or simply to the glory of God.

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 an Elder if we can be of any assistance.

Registry of Fellowship - March 1, 2026

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 LifeHouse Youth when meeting.

Prayer Requests: _____

Would you like a prayer card sent? Yes* No

Please send address for prayer card to office@gulfportchurch.org.

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This Week's Meetings/Events

Prayer Group: Tuesday, March 3 at 10 a.m.
Mission Committee: Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m.
Genesis Project: Wednesday, March 4 at 2:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous: Thursday, March 5 at 6 p.m.
Rise & Shine Men's Breakfast: Friday, March 6 at 8 a.m.
at Brick & Spoon

Announcements

Adult Sunday School: Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Library
Study is on the Book of Hebrews, led by Dr. Sam Clark
Children & Youth Sunday School: Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in CE Bldg.
LifeHouse Youth: March 8 and March 15, 5-7 p.m.
Session Meets: Thursday, March 12 at 6 p.m.
Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt: March 29
Donations needed: Large plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy by March 22.

Financial Report (YTD through January 31, 2026)	
2026 Annual Income Budget.....	\$253,024.00
2026 Annual Expense Budget	\$312,320.00
YTD General Budgeted Receipts	\$ 44,720.65
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 23,938.65
Last Week's Budgeted Receipts	\$ 2,268.61
Last Week's Future Improvements Receipts.....	\$ 35.00

The Rev. Dr. Rhett Payne, Interim Pastor
 Chip Westbrook, Clerk of Session
 Jane Bloss, Treasurer

THE SESSION OF WESTMINSTER

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Lynda Gary	Mark Alspaugh	Pete Bloss
Discipleship Formation	Stewardship & Finance	Nominating
Scott Winter	Ben Stone	Patrick Gann
Asst. Clerk and Worship	Personnel	Missions
	Pat West	Robert Wood
	Congregational Life	Property

STAFF

LeAnn Davis, Church Administrator
 Tim Silkman, Facilities Manager
 Jeanie Pollard, Organist
 Alice Bellanger, Youth Director
 Angela Hudson, Nursery Care

OTHER CHAIRS

Sam Clark
 Outreach
 Valarie Hammer
 Hospitality
 Chip Westbrook,
 Personnel Committee

Westminster's Mission Partners

Boy Scout Troop 209	Cub Scout Pack 209
Feed My Sheep	Girl Scout Troop 3542
Good News Jail & Prison Ministry	Gulf Coast Rescue Mission
GHS Counselors' Fund	Genesis Project
Pass Road Elem. Counselors' Fund	Bethel Free Health Clinic
GCMS Counselors' Fund	French Camp Academy
Medical Benevolence Foundation	MBF Nursing Scholarship-Haiti
Foundation for Reformed Theology	Kindness Foundation
Missionaries in Austria, Lebanon, and Japan	Belhaven University

Duty Elder
 Mark Alspaugh



This Week's Birthday

March 7 – Robert Wood Jr.



Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt: March 29
 following morning worship service
 Donations of large plastic eggs and individually wrapped candies will be accepted until March 22.

Missions Spotlight for March: Feed My Sheep



Feed My Sheep began as an idea in Westminster's adult Sunday School class many years ago. Over the years, members of Westminster have played a vital role in growing the soup kitchen into an essential part of our community. Each month, several members volunteer by delivering food to the homebound, while others serve on the Board of Directors. In addition, our church continues to support Feed My Sheep financially. If you would like more information on how you can volunteer with Feed My Sheep, contact the church office, Rachel Price, or Christie Batson.



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 for the World In Jesus Christ"*

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