

The Order of Common Worship
Westminster Presbyterian Church
November 2, 2025
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/Processional: “Highland Cathedral Elizabeth Doss, bagpipes

Greeting Pastor

Call to Worship: from Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.
And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.
For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Adoration: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Celebrating Grace #418

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

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: “Before the Throne of God Above” Celebrating Grace #594

*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: “Love Divine” Elizabeth Doss, bagpipes

*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**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 7:2-10

Pew Bible p. 1149

Sermon: “From Sorrow to Salvation”

Rev. Dr. Rhett Payne

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table from Psalm 32

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.
Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.”
And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Eternal God, our Father, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church: we have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Dear Father. And lead us into joyful obedience, that we might be like a tree planted by springs of water, that we may bring forth fruit for Your Kingdom in due season. By Your grace and mercy, forgive our past offenses, cleanse us now, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon Romans 5:1-2

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

The Words of Institution

*Closing Hymn: “Now Thank We All Our God” Celebrating Grace #371

*Benediction

*Passing of the Peace

*Postlude: “Ode to Joy / Scotland the Brave” Elizabeth Doss, bagpipes

*If you are able, please stand.

Old Hundredth

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to
the glory of God and in loving memory
of Mary & Conrad Nesossis
by Tony Nesossis.

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 - November 2, 2025

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

Cub Scout Meeting: Monday, Nov. 3 at 6 p.m.
Prayer Group: Tuesday, Nov. 4 at 10 a.m.
Genesis Project: Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 2:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous: Thursday, Nov. 6 at 6 p.m.
Highlands & Islands Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m.
Men's Breakfast: Friday, Nov. 7 at 8 a.m. at Brick & Spoon—Gulfport

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
LifeHouse Youth: Sunday, Nov. 16 and 23, 5-7 p.m.
Session Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 20 at 6 p.m.
4th Quarter Potluck: Sunday, Nov. 23 after morning worship
(Soups, Salads, and Desserts)
Community Thanksgiving Service: Sunday, Nov. 23 at 6 p.m. at
Trinity Methodist, Pastor Rhett will be preaching

Financial Report (YTD through September, 2025)	
2025 Annual Budget	\$320,738.00
YTD General Budgeted Receipts	\$228,452.18
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$226,628.71
Last Week's Budgeted Receipts	\$ 5,397.15

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

THE SESSION OF WESTMINSTER

<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Cummings King	Lynda Gary	Mark Alspaugh
Property	Discipleship Formation	Property
Rachel Price	Jim Roberts	Ben Stone
Missions	Property	Personnel
	Scott Winter	Pat West
	Asst. Clerk and Worship	

STAFF

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

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
Scott Winter



This Week's Birthdays

3rd — Abigail Gregory
7th — Rachel Price
7th — S.J. Stiglets

Missions Spotlight for November: The Mook Family in Lebanon



Specific prayer requests:

- For the kids as they start school soon. Especially for Silas, who is potty training ever so slowly.
- For some of the ladies here to be encouraged. Elizabeth has been on a few visits lately and has prayed for some women who are feeling the weight of various trials.
- For our kids' immigration papers to be finished soon. We are attempting to get all that sorted, and though we have a lawyer's help, things can be pretty complicated.
- A praise! We've started connecting socially with a few more new friends here lately. This is an answered prayer.
- A praise! We've seen a couple of our Syrian friends evangelize a bit while in conversation lately. It's very encouraging to see God work in the lives of the people here in this way, and we pray that it would lead to continued kingdom growth.



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\$15 each

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