

# The Order of Common Worship

## Westminster Presbyterian Church

May 10, 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: “Our Great Savior” *arr.* Wyrzten

Greeting Pastor

Call to Worship: *based on* Exodus 20:1-2, Psalm 124:8

When Moses gathered the people of Israel, God said,

**“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”**

God chose the people of Israel to make a new beginning.

**They received God’s covenant and prepared the way for Jesus to come as our Savior.**

Let us worship the God of the covenant, the God of heaven and earth.

Prayer of Invocation Pastor

\*Hymn of Adoration: “All Creatures of Our God and King” Hymn #307

Call to Confession *based on* Matthew 22:37-40

Our Lord Jesus said: “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

As God has instructed us in these great commandments, and because we have not lived in full obedience, let us now confess our sins to God, trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord.

Corporate Confession of Sin

**Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon and The Lord’s Prayer: from Isaiah 49:15; 66:13

Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you, says the Lord.

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.

\*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.**

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving: “Seek Ye First” Hymn #436

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

The Offertory: “Precious Lord Take My Hand/In Christ Alone” *arr.* Page

\*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: Exodus 2:1-10 Pew Bible p. 53

Sermon: “Women of Faith” Rev. Dr. Rhett Payne

\*Hymn of Commitment: “Now Thank We All Our God” Hymn #371

\*Benediction Pastor

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Postlude: “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”

*\*If you are able, please stand.*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the  
Glory of God and in honor of all the past,  
present, and future mothers of our  
Westminster family.*

*Please take a moment to complete the registry of fellowship section of this bulletin. Professional 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 - May 10, 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**

- Girl Scouts Meeting:** Monday at 6 p.m.
- Prayer Group:** Tuesday, May 5 at 10 a.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous:** Thursday, May 7 at 6 p.m.
- Highlands & Islands:** Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

**Announcements**

- Adult Sunday School:** Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Library  
*Study is on 1 Peter, led by Ted Hammer*
- Session:** Thursday, May 14 at 6 p.m.
- High School Graduate Recognition:** Sunday, May 17
- LifeHouse Youth:** Sunday, May 17, 5-7 p.m.
- Lunch Bunch:** Friday, May 29 at 11:30 a.m. at Patio 44
- 5th Sunday Potluck:** Sunday, May 31
- Vacation Bible School:** June 15-19  
*See Garnie Dubuisson to volunteer*

<b>Financial Report</b> (YTD through April 30, 2026)	
2026 Annual Income Budget.....	\$253,024.00
2026 Annual Expense Budget .....	\$312,320.00
YTD General Budgeted Receipts .....	\$ 98,300.85
YTD Budgeted Expenditures .....	\$106,809.73
Last Week's Budgeted Receipts .....	\$ 4,874.91
Last Week's Future Improvements Receipts.....	\$ 342.00

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**

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|---|-------------------------------|
| 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*

- May 13 – Sam Clark*
- May 16 – Owen Bellanger*

**Missions Spotlight: Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF)**

**MBF** Westminster has enjoyed a long relationship with the Medical Benevolence Foundation, an American Presbyterian mission organization that equips communities to provide medical care to underserved populations abroad.

From Haiti to Kenya to Malawi to the DR of Congo, MBF partners with local medical ministries to strengthen healthcare for the long term while meeting urgent needs today.

This involves supporting hospitals and clinics, investing in nursing and medical education, and walking alongside providers who are serving their communities every day.

At the same time, it means caring for vulnerable patients and creating opportunities for students who will become the next generation of healthcare leaders.



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

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