

The Order of Common Worship
Westminster Presbyterian Church
October 25, 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: “Highland Cathedral” Elizabeth Doss, bagpipes

Greeting Pastor

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

There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.
All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.
For you are great and do wondrous things,
You alone are God.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Adoration: “How Firm a Foundation” Hymn # 425

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.

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 sins. 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; Psalm 103:11-12

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

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.

Hymn of Thanksgiving: “What Wondrous Love Is This” Hymn # 171

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

Offertory: “Amazing Grace” 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: Matthew 2:1-20 Pew Bible, p. 960

Sermon: “Behold Your King! – His Opposition” Rev. Albert Bisson

*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: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Hymn # 418

*Benediction Pastor

*Passing of the Peace

*Postlude: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Elizabeth Doss, bagpipes
Beethoven

* If you are able, please stand.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given
to the Glory of God and in honor of
all the Fall Festival organizers and volunteers
who made it a wonderful event.

Please take a moment to complete the Registry of Fellowship section of this bulletin (below). 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 – October 25, 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

LifeHouse Youth: Sunday, October 25 at 5 p.m.
Prayer Group: Tuesday, October 27 at 10 a.m.
Genesis After School Program: Wednesday, October 28 at 2 p.m.
Wednesday Dinner & Bible Study: Wednesday, October 28 at 6 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous: Thursday, October 29 at 6 p.m.
Highlands and Islands: Thursday, October 29 at 6:30 p.m.
Lunch Bunch: Friday, October 30, 11:30 a.m. at The Chimneys

Announcements

Adult Sunday School: Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Library
The current study is based on, "The Gospel-Centered Life," led by Ted Hammer
Children's & Youth Sunday School: Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the CE Building
Called Meeting of the Congregation: Sunday, November 1 (*assuming approval by Session*)
Joint Thanksgiving Service with Trinity: November 22, 6 p.m. at Westminster

Financial Report (YTD through September 30, 2026)	
2026 Annual Income Budget	\$253,024.00
2026 Annual Expense Budget	\$312,320.00
YTD General Budgeted Receipts	\$212,728.11
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$223,393.61
Last Week's Budgeted Receipts	\$ 3,299.98
Last Week's Future Improvements Receipts.....	\$ 0.00

The Rev. Albert Bisson, Interim Pastor Chip Westbrook, Clerk of Session Jane Bloss, Treasurer		
THE SESSION OF WESTMINSTER		
Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Lynda Gary <i>Discipleship Formation</i>	Mark Alspaugh <i>Stewardship & Finance</i>	Pete Bloss <i>Nominating</i>
Scott Winter <i>Asst. Clerk and Worship</i>	Ben Stone <i>Personnel</i>	Patrick Gann <i>Missions</i>
	Pat West <i>Congregational Life</i>	Robert Wood <i>Property</i>
STAFF		OTHER CHAIRS
LeAnn Davis, Church Administrator		Sam Clark <i>Outreach</i>
Tim Silkman, Facilities Manager		Valarie Hammer <i>Hospitality</i>
Jeanie Pollard, Organist		Chip Westbrook <i>Personnel Committee</i>
Jeannie Congleton, Youth Director		
Samantha Rutland, Nursery Care		

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
October 28 – Wayne Tisdale
October 28 – Carmen Allen
October 29 – Amelia Allen
October 29 – Donna Smith
October 31 – Emily Winter



**WEDNESDAY SUPPER
& BIBLE STUDY**

This week's supper will be Chili, Cornbread, and Pumpkin Surprise provided by Teresa & Mark Alspaugh.

WEDNESDAYS AT 6 P.M.

Join us for a free supper, Christian fellowship, and Bible study. Bring your family, a neighbor, or a friend!

6:00 p.m. - Supper
6:30 p.m. - Bible Study

The Life of Jesus Christ, a Life Worth Living, a study of the Gospel of John led by Rev. Albert Bisson.

Missions Spotlight for October: Gulf Coast Rescue Mission (GCRM)



The Gulf Coast Rescue Mission is a relief society with a work-therapy rehabilitation program. It maintains a home for the homeless, feeds the hungry, and clothes the needy. By meeting the physical needs of men, women, and children, the Mission can also minister to their spiritual needs.

Each year, GCRM serves more than 25,000 free meals and also operates a community thrift store. Its three primary ministries are:

- **Transient lodging** for men
- **Direct assistance** to local families with food, clothing, and furniture
- **Spiritual counseling** and guidance



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