

# The Order of Common Worship

## Westminster Presbyterian Church

March 8, 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: “Be Thou My Vision” *arr. Wagner*

Greeting Pastor

Call to Worship: Hebrews 12:1-3

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

**Fixing our eyes upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.**

Who for the joy set before him 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 sinful people,

**So that you will not grow weary and lose heart.**

Prayer of Invocation Pastor

\*Hymn of Adoration: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Hymn #186

Call To Confession: *based on* Hebrews 4:15-16

Remember that our Lord Jesus Christ is able to sympathize with us in our weaknesses. In every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Corporate Confession of Sin:

**Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that, truly repenting of our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon and The Lord’s Prayer: *based on* Joel 2:13; 2 Corinthians 9:15

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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: “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” Hymn #178

Celebrations and Concerns of the Church

*Prayer requests can be made via bulletin tear-off, Facebook Messenger, [gulfportchurch.org](http://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: “Jesus Paid It All” *arr. Wagner*

\*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: Ephesians 2:11-18 Pew Bible p. 1160

Sermon: “Nothing But the Blood” Rev. Dr. Rhett Payne

\*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 Commitment: “Victory in Jesus” Hymn #627

\*Benediction Pastor

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Postlude: “Chacone in F” Couperin

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

*The paraments in the Sanctuary are placed to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Carol Wood.*



### 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 8, 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](mailto:office@gulfportchurch.org).*

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**This Week's Meetings/Events**

**LifeHouse Youth:** Today at 5 p.m.  
**Cub Scouts & Girl Scouts meet:** Monday, March 9 at 6 p.m.  
**Prayer Group:** Tuesday, March 10 at 10 a.m.  
**Genesis Project:** Wednesday, March 11 at 2:30 p.m.  
**Session Meets:** Thursday, March 12 at 6 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Thursday, March 12 at 6 p.m.  
**Highlands & Islands:** Thursday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m.

**Announcements**

**Adult Sunday School:** Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Library  
*Study is on the Book of James, led by Ted Hammer*  
**Children & Youth Sunday School:** Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in CE Bldg.  
**LifeHouse Youth:** March 8 and 15, 5-7 p.m.  
**Lunch Bunch Meets:** Friday, March 27 at 11:30 a.m. at The Rack House  
**Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt:** March 29 after morning worship  
*Donations needed: Large plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy by March 22.*

<b>Financial Report</b> (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 .....	\$ 3,300.64
Last Week's Future Improvements Receipts.....	\$ 25.00

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*

*No Birthdays This Week*



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 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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