

The Order of Common Worship

Westminster Presbyterian Church

January 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: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” *arr.* Forrest

*The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never,
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.*

*Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.*

*Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.*

*And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.*

Greeting Pastor

Call to Worship: Isaiah 40,41

Do you not know? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
 He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak...
But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.
 For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand, and says to you...
Do not fear; I will help you.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Adoration: “Rejoice, the Lord is King” Celebrating Grace #215

Call to Confession *based on* Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. 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. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen

Assurance of Pardon and The Lord's Prayer *from Acts 10:43*

All the prophets testify about Christ that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

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: “Speak, O Lord” Celebrating Grace #280

Celebrations and Concerns of the Church

Prayer requests can be made via bulletin tear-off, Facebook Messenger, [gulfportchurch.org](https://www.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: “Come to Me” Forrest

*Doxology *Old Hundredth*

**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: Psalm 27 Pew Bible p. 543

Sermon: “Nothing to Fear” 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: “In Christ Alone”

Celebrating Grace #569

*Benediction

Pastor

*Passing of the Peace

*Postlude: “When I Can Read My Title Clear”

**If you are able, please stand.*

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 - January 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

Cub Scouts Meeting: Monday, January 26 at 6 p.m.
Prayer Group: Tuesday, January 27 at 10 a.m.
Genesis Project: Wednesday, January 28 at 2:30 p.m.
Session Meets: Thursday, January 29 at 6 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous: Thursday, January 29 at 6 p.m.
Lunch Bunch Meets: Friday, January 30 at 11:30 a.m.
(at Salute Italian Restaurant)

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
Rise & Shine Men's Breakfast: Friday, February 6 at 8 a.m.
Ash Wednesday Service with Trinity: Wednesday, Feb. 18
at Westminster

Financial Report (YTD through December 31, 2025)

2025 Annual Budget	\$320,738.00
YTD General Budgeted Receipts	\$312,741.52
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$312,741.52
Last Week's Budgeted Receipts	\$ 2,662.64
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	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
Scott Winter



This Week's Birthdays

Jan. 27 – Pat West
Jan. 27 – Scott Winter
Jan. 28 – Chuck McKinley
Jan. 28 – Bob Walker
Jan. 31 – Nell Helms

January Missions Spotlight: Good News Global
(Formerly Good News Jail and Prison Ministry): Good News Global specializes in equipping and sending chaplains to the correctional facilities of the world to minister to the spiritual needs of those impacted by incarceration. We do not have any church members working directly with them at present but we do support them financially.



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.



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for the World In Jesus Christ”*

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