

The Order of Common Worship
Westminster Presbyterian Church
November 1, 2026
10:30 a.m.

"...true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth." --John 4:23

Welcome to Westminster!

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Introit: “For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” v. 3

Call to Worship: *based on Isaiah 55:2, 11, 12; John 4:24*

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Listen, listen to me, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.
 We have come to hear the Word God has sent.
**God's Word will not return empty but will accomplish through us his
 holy purpose.**
 Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.
Then we will go out with joy and be led forth in peace;
 The mountains and the hills will sing; the trees of the field will clap their
 hands.

*Hymn of Adoration

Celebrations and Concerns of the Church

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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.

*Confession of Faith:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty

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.

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**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**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 23:1-12

Sermon: "Behold Your King: The Purity He Promotes" Rev. Albert Bisson

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

"The sacrifice acceptable to

“The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise”

God of compassion, you are slow to anger

God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts. Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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.

"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that

“The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners... He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”

*Hierarchy of Commitment

*Passing of th

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The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the wonderful fall weather and outdoor activities we have on the Coast.

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 – November 1, 2026

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 Westmins

☐ I would be willing to provide supper for LifeHouse Youth when meeting.

Please send address for prayer card to office@gulfp

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This Week's Meetings/Events

Meeting of the Congregation: Today after morning worship
Prayer Group: Tuesday, November 3 at 10 a.m.
Missions Committee: Tuesday, November 3 at 6:30 p.m.
Genesis After School Program: Wednesday, November 4 at 2:15 p.m.
Wednesday Dinner & Bible Study: Wednesday, November 4 at 6 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous: Thursday, November 5 at 6 p.m.
Highlands and Islands: Thursday, November 5 at 6:30 p.m.
Rise & Shine Breakfast: Friday, November 6, at 8 a.m. at Brick & Spoon

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
Westminster Diner's Club: Sunday, November 8 at 3 p.m.
Hosted by Amy and Eli Underhill at 12029 J. Miller Rd, Gulfport. There will be a tour of their distillery, followed by potluck dinner. RSVP to Teresa Alsbaugh at 615-423-5653.
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	\$ 1,546.12
Last Week's Future Improvements Receipts.....	\$ 10.00

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 Alsbaugh <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

LeAnn Davis, Church Administrator
Tim Silkman, Facilities Manager
Jeanie Pollard, Organist
Jeannie Congleton, Youth Director
Samantha Rutland, 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
Patrick Gann



This Week's Birthdays

November 7 – Rachel Price
November 7 – S. J. Stiglets



**WEDNESDAY SUPPER
& BIBLE STUDY**

This week's supper will be spaghetti, French bread, beverage and dessert provided by Sam and Burt Clark.

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 November: Roger & Abi Lowther, Community Arts Tokyo



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Roger & Abi Lowther serve as missionaries to Japan. They founded Community Arts Tokyo, a local community-based group in Tokyo's historic downtown area reconnecting the arts to society and daily lives. "Art helps us understand the world around us and respond to it. It gives the vision and power to bring about the future we seek, for the flourishing of humanity at local, national, and global levels."

Community Arts Tokyo offers performances, lectures, symposiums, lessons, masterclasses, screenings, and exhibitions. They are responsible for a wide range of music education, from college preparation for overseas study to children exposed to music for the very first time. They remain closely connected to the professional art world in Japan through formal events (concerts, panel discussions, etc.) and informal events (fellowship dinners, sharing times, parties, etc.). They also work to connect and provide resources for churches from many denominations and groups through the arts and worship.



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for the World In Jesus Christ"*

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