

The Order of Common Worship
Westminster Presbyterian Church
October 18, 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: Fantasis on ‘Iste Confessor’ arr. Lani Smith

Choral Introit: “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Choir

Greeting Pastor

Call to Worship Psalm 86:8-10

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: “We Praise Thee, O God” Hymn # 355

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.

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Our Father in heaven, we thank you that you have led us into the light of the gospel. We thank you for sending the Savior to call us from death to life. We confess that we were dead in sin before we heard his call, but when we heard him, like Lazarus, we arose. But, O Father, the grave clothes bind us still. Old habits that we cannot throw off, old customs that are so much a part of our lives that we seem helpless to live the new life that you have called us to live. Forgive us, O Father; help us to break the bonds of sin; give us courage to live a new life in you; renew our hope this morning, that by your grace we might worship you in spirit and in truth; in the name of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and The Lord’s Prayer: 1 Peter 2:24

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: “O Worship the King” Hymn # 52

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: “Cantabile” Haan

*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 2:1-12 Pew Bible, p. 960

Sermon: “Behold Your King! – His Worship” 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: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” Hymn # 223

*Benediction Pastor

*Passing of the Peace

*Postlude: “Come Thou Almighty King” arr. Hayes

* If you are able, please stand.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given
by Tony Nesossis
to the Glory of God and in memory of his parents,
Mary & Conrad Nesossis.

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 18, 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

Discipleship Formation & Fall Festival Meeting: Today after morning worship
Cub Scouts Meetings: Monday, October 19, 6 a.m.
Prayer Group: Tuesday, October 20 at 10 a.m.
Ladies Group: Tuesday, October 20 at 11 a.m.
Wednesday Dinner & Bible Study: Wednesday, October 21 at 6 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous: Thursday, October 22 at 6 p.m.
Highlands and Islands: Thursday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m.
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
Fall Festival: Saturday, October 24, 2-4 p.m.
LifeHouse Youth: Sunday, October 25 at 5 p.m.
Lunch Bunch: Friday, October 30, 11:30 a.m. at The Chimneys

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	\$ 7,850.88
Last Week's Future Improvements Receipts.....	\$ 50.00

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
Tim Silkman, Facilities Manager		<i>Outreach</i>
Jeanie Pollard, Organist		Valarie Hammer
Jeannie Congleton, Youth Director		<i>Hospitality</i>
Samantha Rutland, Nursery Care		Chip Westbrook
		<i>Personnel Committee</i>

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

October 19 – Louis Congleton



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.



Fall Festival will be on
October 24, 2-4 p.m.
in the front courtyard.
See Garnie Dubuisson to volunteer or call the church office at 228-864-3143.

We need cupcake donations for the cake walk.

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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for the World In Jesus Christ”*

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