# The Order of Common Worship

Westminster Presbyterian Church
October 12, 2025
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: "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring" Bach

Greeting Pastor

Call to Worship Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD, he is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him, and bless his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn of Adoration: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Celebrating Grace #566

Call to Confession Hebrews 10:19-22

Since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 147:2-4, 5

The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving: "Give Thanks" Celebrating Grace #373

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 and the Lord's Prayer

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 Offertory: "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" arr. Linker

\*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

Anthem: "Brookfield" Chancel Choir

Billings

\*Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:3-11 Pew Bible p. 1145

Sermon: "Comfort Through Sorrow" 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: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Celebrating Grace #48

\*Benediction Pastor

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Postlude: "The Solid Rock" arr. Page

\*If you are able, please stand

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of all Westminster members who will help make our upcoming Fall Festival a wonderful success.

Please take a moment to complete the registry of fellowship section of this bulletin. Professional 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.

□ Member	☐ First Time Visitor	□ Return Visitor
For our visitors:		
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□ I would like i	information on becoming ar	active member of Westminster.
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□ I would be w	villing to provide supper for	LifeHouse Youth when meeting.
Prayer Requ	ests:	

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# This Week's Meetings/Events

Fall Festival Volunteers Meeting: Today after the service in the FH Cub Scouts & Girl Scouts meet: Monday, Oct. 14 at 6 p.m.

> **Prayer Group:** Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. Genesis Project: Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 3 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous: Thursday, Oct. 16 at 6 p.m. Highlands & Islands: Thursday, Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

#### Announcements

**Elder Training:** Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Library (through October 26) Adult Sunday School: Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (through October 26)

**Session Meets:** Thursday, Oct. 23 at 6 p.m.

Fall Festival: Oct. 25, 2-4 p.m.

Volunteer signup sheets are in the Narthex We are now collecting candy for our Fall Festival (no chocolate, please)

# Financial Report (YTD through September 30, 2025) YTD Budgeted Expenditures .......\$226,628.71 Last Week's Budgeted Receipts ......\$ 4,664.64

The Rev. Dr. Rhett Payne, Interim Pastor Chip Westbrook, Clerk of Session lane Bloss, Treasurer

#### THE SESSION OF WESTMINSTER

Class of 2025 Cummings King Property Rachel Price Missions

Class of 2026 Lynda Gary Discipleship Formation lim Roberts Property Scott Winter Asst. Clerk and Worship

Class of 2027 Mark Alspaugh

Property Ben Stone Personnel Pat West

#### **STAFF**

Alice Bellanger, Youth Director LeAnn Davis, Church Administrator Angela Hudson, Nursery Care Jeanie Pollard, Organist Tim Silkman, Facilities Manager Chip Westbrook, Personnel Committee Chair

### 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 MBF Nursing Scholarship-Haiti Medical Benevolence Foundation

Foundation for Reformed Theology Kindness Foundation Missionaries in Austria, Lebanon, and Japan Belhaven University

## **Duty Elder** Scott Winter



This Week's Birthdays 9th—Frankie Sutton 12th-Carl Parker, Jr. 15th-Justin Cuevas

### 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 Mission is able to minister to their spiritual needs as well.

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

#### **Current Needs:**

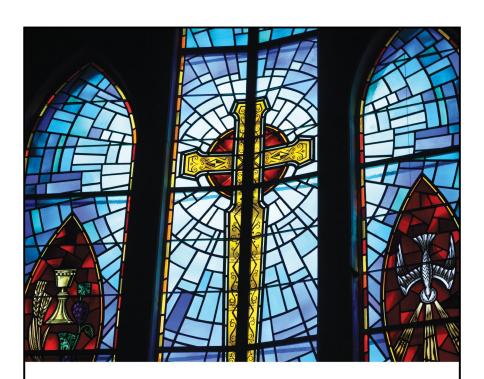
- Men's deodorant for residents
- Canned goods for the 2025 Holiday Season





Check in and give online today.







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