

The Order of Common Worship

Westminster Presbyterian Church

May 17, 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: “And Can It Be” *arr.* Wyrzten

Greeting Pastor

Call to Worship: *based on* Colossians 2:3; Revelation 5:12

The Lord Jesus who calls us to worship him today is the same Jesus who refused the temptation to worship the evil one. Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world, he endured the shame of the cross, and today is Lord of lords and King of kings. Now are gathered in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, glory, and power. With the saints of all ages we say,

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

Prayer of Invocation Pastor

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

Call to Confession *based on* Psalm 139:23-24

The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

We express our longing for God’s leading by our own transparent confession.

Corporate Confession of Sin *based on* Psalm 51:10-12

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and The Lord’s Prayer: John 3:16-17

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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: “Here I Am to Worship” Hymn #297

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

The Offertory: “Prière à Notre Dame” Boëllmann

*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: Philippians 2:1-11 Pew Bible p. 1165

Sermon: “The Way Up is Down” 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: “There Is a Redeemer” Hymn #377

*Benediction Pastor

*Passing of the Peace

*Postlude: “Praise To the Lord” *arr.* Young

**If you are able, please stand.*

*The Sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Rhett & Donna Payne
in celebration of their 51st wedding anniversary.*

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.

Registry of Fellowship - May 17, 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

LifeHouse Youth: Today at 5 p.m.
Prayer Group: Tuesday, May 19 at 10 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous: Thursday, May 21 at 6 p.m.
Westminster Diner Club: Saturday, May 23 at 11 a.m. at Salute
RSVP to Lynda Gary by May 18

Announcements

Adult Sunday School: Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Library
Study is on 1 Peter, led by Ted Hammer

Children's & Youth Sunday School: Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the CE Building

Westminster Diners: Saturday, May 23 at 11 a.m. at Salute
RSVP to Lynda Gary before May 18

High School Graduate Recognition: Rescheduled to Sunday, May 24

Lunch Bunch: Friday, May 29 at 11:30 a.m. at Patio 44

5th Sunday Potluck: Sunday, May 31 after worship

Vacation Bible School: June 15-19, 9-11:30 a.m.
Register online at gulfportchurch.org, see Garnie Dubuisson to volunteer

Financial Report (YTD through April 30, 2026)

2026 Annual Income Budget.....	\$253,024.00
2026 Annual Expense Budget	\$312,320.00
YTD General Budgeted Receipts	\$ 98,300.85
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$106,809.73
Last Week's Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,672.68
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
 Scott Winter



This Week's Birthdays
 May 23 – Christine Mahand
 May 23 – Donna Gewin

Missions Spotlight: Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF)

MBF Westminster has enjoyed a long relationship with the Medical Benevolence Foundation, an American Presbyterian mission organization that equips communities to provide medical care to underserved populations abroad.

From Haiti to Kenya to Malawi to the DR of Congo, MBF partners with local medical ministries to strengthen healthcare for the long term while meeting urgent needs today.

This involves supporting hospitals and clinics, investing in nursing and medical education, and walking alongside providers who are serving their communities every day.

At the same time, it means caring for vulnerable patients and creating opportunities for students who will become the next generation of healthcare leaders.



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Vacation Bible School
JUNE 15-19
9-11:30 A.M.
K-5TH GRADES

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 for the World In Jesus Christ"*

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