

# The Order of Common Worship

## Westminster Presbyterian Church

March 15, 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: “Come Christians, Join to Sing” *arr.* Metzger

Greeting Pastor

Call to Worship: Isaiah 53

He was despised and rejected by men,  
**a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;**  
Surely he has borne our griefs  
**and carried our sorrows;**  
But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
**he was crushed for our iniquities;**  
Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
**and with his wounds we are healed.**  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
**and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

Prayer of Invocation Pastor

\*Hymn of Adoration: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” Hymn #566

Call To Confession: *based on* Heidelberg Catechism

During his whole life on earth, but especially at the end, Christ sustained in body and soul the anger of God against the sin of the whole human race. In response to his sacrifice, let us confess our sins to God.

Corporate Confession of Sin:

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon and The Lord’s Prayer: *from* John 8:12

Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

**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: “There is a Redeemer”

Hymn #377

Celebrations and Concerns of the Church

*Prayer requests can be made via bulletin tear-off, Facebook Messenger, [gulfportchurch.org](http://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: “Change My Heart, O God” *arr.* Wagner

\*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

Special Music: “Just Believe” Bryan Batson

\*Scripture Reading: Mark 10:32-45 Pew Bible p. 1006

Sermon: “It’s Not What You Think” 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: “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” Hymn #642

\*Benediction Pastor

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Postlude: “Rondo” Mouret

*\*If you are able, please stand.*



### 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.

*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 - March 15, 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](mailto:office@gulfportchurch.org).*

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**This Week's Meetings/Events**

**LifeHouse Youth:** Today at 5 p.m.  
**Cub Scouts Meeting:** Monday, March 16 at 6 p.m.  
**Prayer Group:** Tuesday, March 17 at 10 a.m.  
**Genesis Project:** Wednesday, March 18 at 2:30 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Thursday, March 19 at 6 p.m.

**Announcements**

**Adult Sunday School:** Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Library  
*Study is on the Book of James, led by Ted Hammer*  
**Children & Youth Sunday School:** Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in CE Bldg.  
**Discipleship Formation Meeting:** Sunday, March 22 at 11:45 a.m.  
**Lunch Bunch:** Friday, March 27 at 11:30 a.m. at The Rack House  
**Called Meeting of the Congregation:** Sunday, March 29  
**Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt:** March 29 after morning worship  
*Donations needed: Large plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy by March 22.*

<b>Financial Report</b> (YTD through February 28, 2026)	
2026 Annual Income Budget.....	\$253,024.00
2026 Annual Expense Budget .....	\$312,320.00
YTD General Budgeted Receipts .....	\$ 63,511.00
YTD Budgeted Expenditures .....	\$ 52,804.10
Last Week's Budgeted Receipts .....	\$ 5,152.36
Last Week's Future Improvements Receipts.....	\$ 00.00

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
<i>Discipleship Formation</i>	<i>Stewardship &amp; Finance</i>	<i>Nominating</i>
Scott Winter	Ben Stone	Patrick Gann
<i>Asst. Clerk and Worship</i>	<i>Personnel</i>	<i>Missions</i>
	Pat West	Robert Wood
	<i>Congregational Life</i>	<i>Property</i>

**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**  
 Mark Alspaugh



The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, March 29 the for the purpose of acting on the report of the Nominating Committee.



***This Week's Birthday***

*Gene Cox—March 19*  
*Sally Wilson—March 19*  
*Bryan Batson—March 20*



**Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt: March 29**  
 following morning worship service  
 Donations of large plastic eggs and individually wrapped candies will be accepted until March 22.

**Missions Spotlight for March: Feed My Sheep**



Feed My Sheep began as an idea in Westminster's adult Sunday School class many years ago. Over the years, members of Westminster have played a vital role in growing the soup kitchen into an essential part of our community. Each month, several members volunteer by delivering food to the homebound, while others serve on the Board of Directors. In addition, our church continues to support Feed My Sheep financially. If you would like more information on how you can volunteer with Feed My Sheep, contact the church office, Rachel Price, or Christie Batson.



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 for the World In Jesus Christ"*

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