The Order of Common Worship

Westminster Presbyterian Church
July 6, 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!

Voluntary "God of our Fathers"

arr. McDonald

from Isaiah 1:18

from Psalm 27; John 4:23

Greeting

*Call to Worship:

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation. The Lord is the stronghold of our lives. We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord. Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Opening Hymn: "

"God of Our Fathers"

Celebrating Grace #62 Words: Daniel C. Roberts, 1876

Call to Confession

The Prophet, Isaiah, says: "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

Time for Silent Examination and Personal Prayers

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

from Psalm 32:1-2

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

*Hymn: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" Celebrating Grace#178

Words: Stuart Towned

*Passing of the Peace

Celebrations and Concerns of the Church

Prayer requests can be made via bulletin tear-off, Facebook Messenger, gulfportchurch.org, the OR 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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory: "Sheep May Safely Graze" arr. Bach

*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

*Offertory Prayer

*Scripture Reading: John 10:1-10

Pew Bible p. 1065

*Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "The Great 'I Am'" Part 4

Rev. Dr. Rhett Payne

*The Affirmation 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.

*Closing Hymn: "Amazing Grace"

Celebrating Grace #587 Words: John Newton, 1779

Mac Granahan

*The Charge and Benediction

*Postlude "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

* If you are able, please stand.

The flowers in the sanctuary are placed to the glory of God and in appreciation of our founding fathers for laying the foundation our country has survived on for 249 years.

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 - July 6, 2025
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

Prayer Group: Tuesday at 10 a.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous:** Thursday at 6 p.m. Highlands & Islands: Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming

Communion Sunday: Sunday, July 13

Discipleship Formation Meeting: Sunday, July 13 after worship

Session: Thursday, July 17 at 6 p.m.

Lunch Bunch: Friday, July 25 at 11:30 a.m. at The Great Southern Club

Missionary Visit - Lisa & Werner Schobesberger: Sunday, August 10

Financial Report (YTD through May 31, 2025)	
2025 Annual Budget	\$320,738.00
YTD General Budgeted Receipts	\$151,209.84
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$125,054.56
Last Week's Budgeted Receipts	\$ 3,007.48

The Rev. Dr. Rhett Payne, Interim Pastor Chip Westbrook, Clerk of Session Jane 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

<u>Class of 2027</u> Mark Alspaugh Property Ben Stone Personnel Pat West Asst. Clerk and Worship

STAFF

Alice Bellanger, Youth Director LeAnn Davis, Church Administrator Jeanie Pollard, Organist Tim Silkman, Facilities Manager

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

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

Duty Elder

Scott Winter

Missions Spotlight for July, French Camp Academy:



FRENCH CAMP In 1884, Presbyterian churches established a school for girls at French Camp, Mississippi. That same academic year, a boys school was started and named French Camp Academy.

Today, FCA is an interdenominational ministry for students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin, FCA is a Christ-centered boarding and day school serving young people for the glory of God – helping them mature academically, athletically, socially, and emotionally within a Christian worldview.



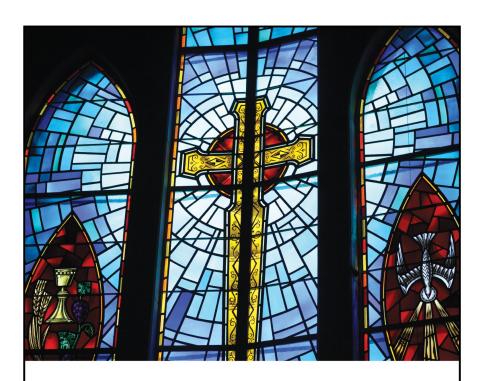
Cardboard Tube Collection:

The Genesis Projects needs your empty cardboard tubes. Wrapping paper, paper towels, toilet paper, etc. All sizes welcome. A collection box is in the Narthex.



Check in and give online today.







"Bearing Witness to God's Love for the World In Jesus Christ"

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