

# The Order of Common Worship

## Westminster Presbyterian Church

November 19, 2023  
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: “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” Bach

Greeting

Call to Worship: *from* Psalm 104

Bless the Lord, O My soul! O Lord my God, you are very great!

**You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.**

He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he makes the clouds his chariot;  
**He rides on the wings of the wind; he makes his messengers winds, his ministers a flaming fire.**

\*Opening Hymn: “O Worship the King” Celebrating Grace #52  
*Lyons*

\*Prayer of Adoration

Invitation to Confession *from* Isaiah 53:6

Time for Silent Examination and Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession *from* the 1946 Presbyterian “Book of Common Worship”

**Most Holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for all where we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins, for the sake of Your dear Son. And, O most holy and loving Father, help us, we ask You, to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon *from* I Peter 2

\*Passing of the Peace

The 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 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.**

Time with Young Disciples

Hymn: “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” Celebrating Grace #413  
*Rest (Elton)*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: I Samuel 8:1-9, 19-22

Sermon: “Getting What One Asks For” The Rev. Will Shurley

Prayer for Right Response to God’s Word

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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: “Sheep May Safely Graze” 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

Closing Hymn: “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” Celebrating Grace #215  
*Darwall*

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude: “Hornpipe” Handel

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

*The flowers in the sanctuary are placed to the glory of God and in honor of the 58th anniversary of Donna & Joe Gewin.*

*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 our pastor if we can be of any assistance.*

### Registry of Fellowship - November 19, 2023

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 the LifeHouse Youth when meeting at the church on Sundays.

Prayer Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like a prayer card sent?  Yes  No

Please send prayer card’s recipients address to [office@gulfportchurch.org](mailto:office@gulfportchurch.org).

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**This Week's Meetings/Events**

**Joint Thanksgiving Service:** this evening at 6 p.m. at Trinity.

**Prayer Group:** Tuesday at 10 a.m.

**Cub Scouts—Bears:** Tuesday at 6 p.m.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Thursday at 6 p.m.

**Thanksgiving Holidays:** Thursday and Friday, *church office closed.*

**Save the Date**

**Westminster Diners:** Thursday, November 30 at 5:30 at Aztecas  
*(Contact Garnie Dubuisson or Dona Haynes if you will be able to attend.)*

**Lunch Bunch:** December 1 at 11:30 a.m. at The Chimneys.

*The weekly 2024 flower list is now posted on the hall bulletin board.  
 Sign up now to secure the date you wish to have flowers placed in the  
 sanctuary. Please be specific in your description for proper dedication.*

The Reverend Will Shurley, Pastor  
 Chip Westbrook, Clerk of Session  
 Jane Bloss, Treasurer

**THE SESSION OF WESTMINSTER**

<u>Class of 2024</u> Ted Hammer Congregational Life Chip Westbrook Stewardship	<u>Class of 2025</u> Cummings King Property Rachel Price Missions	<u>Class of 2026</u> Lynda Gary Discipleship Formation Jim Roberts Property Scott Winter Worship
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**STAFF**

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

**Westminster's Mission Partners**


Missionaries in Austria, Lebanon & Japan	BVE Backpack Buddies
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	BVMS Counselors' Fund
Belhaven College	French Camp
Medical Benevolence Foundation	Kindness Foundation
MBF Nursing Scholarship-Haiti	
Foundation for Reformed Theology	Bethel Free Health Clinic
Roger Lowther	
Community Arts Tokyo	

**Duty Elder**  
 Scott Winter

<b>Financial Report</b> (YTD through September 30, 2023)	
2023 Annual Budget .....	\$379,718.28
YTD General Budgeted Receipts .....	\$221,301.56
YTD Budgeted Expenditures .....	\$284,292.05
Last Week's Budgeted Receipts .....	\$ 3001.30



Check in and give online today.

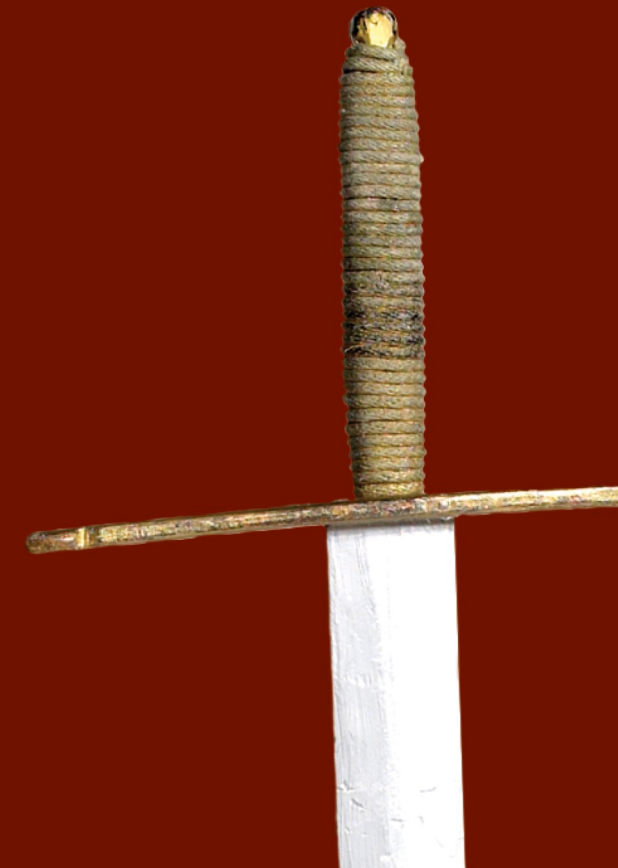
 **TITHE.LY** Online giving available at [gulfportchurch.org](http://gulfportchurch.org) or through the *Tithe.ly* app.



Don't forget to check in at Westminster on Facebook today.

THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.



*“Bearing Witness to God’s Love  
 for the World in Jesus Christ”*

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