# The Order of Common Worship

Westminster Presbyterian Church
November 23, 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 "Now Thank We All Our God" arr. Karg-Elert

Pastor

Call to Worship: selected readings from Psalm 147

Praise the Lord!

Greeting

For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

The Lord lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.

His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man.

But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn of Adoration: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Celebrating Grace #310

Call to Confession based on Romans 8:39

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

Corporate Confession of Sin

God of love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Assurance of Pardon and The Lord's Prayer

Psalm 32:1

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

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: "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine" Celebrating Grace #619

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 "Aria"

Dixon

\*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: "Peace Like a River" Sanctuary Choir

arr. Raney

\*Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 Pew Bible p. 1152

Sermon: "Strength Through Weakness" 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" Celebrating Grace #377

\*Benediction Pastor

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Postlude "Nun Danket Alle Gott" arr. Travis

\*If you are able, please stand.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 60th Wedding 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 an Elder if we can be of any assistance.

Registry of Fellowship - November 23, 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

**Potluck:** Today, after morning worship **Lifehouse Youth:** Today, 5-7 p.m.

Community Thanksgiving Service: Today at 6 p.m. at Trinity Methodist,

Pastor Rhett will be preaching

**Cub Scouts Meeting:** Mon., Nov. 24 at 6 p.m. **Prayer Group:** Tues., Nov. 25 at 10 a.m.

No Genesis Project this week due to school holidays

**Thanksgiving Holidays:** Thurs., Nov. 27 - Fri., Nov. 28, *church office closed* 

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Thurs., Nov. 27 at 6 p.m.

#### **Announcements**

**Adult Sunday School:** Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Library *Study is on the Book of Hebrews, led by Dr. Sam Clark* 

Men's Breakfast: Fri., Dec. 5 at 8 a.m.

**Lunch Bunch:** Fri., Dec. 5 at 11:30 a.m. at Chimneys Restaurant **LifeHouse Youth:** Sun., Dec. 7 and 21, 5-7 p.m.

Financial Report (YTD through October 31, 2025)	
2025 Annual Budget	\$320,738.00
YTD General Budgeted Receipts	\$252,405.29
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$258,120.07
Last Week's Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,884.98
Last Week's Future Improvements Receipts	\$ 317.00

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

Class of 2025 Cummings King Property Rachel Price Missions Class of 2026
Lynda Gary
Discipleship Formation
Jim Roberts
Property
Scott Winter

Class of 2027
Mark Alspaugh
Property
Ben Stone
Personnel
Pat West

#### **STAFF**

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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

GCMS Counselors' Fund

Medical Benevolence Foundation

Bethel Free Health Clinic

French Camp Academy

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
Nov. 24—Patty McKinley

### 2026 Stewardship Campaign

Thank you to all who have contributed to our 2026 Stewardship Campaign. We are encouraged by the strong participation so far and grateful for your faithful support. We are encouraging every member to take part, and if you have not yet had the opportunity, you may still submit your pledge by placing your card in the offering basket or by mailing it to the church office. Pledge cards are available in the narthex.

## Missions Spotlight for November: The Mook Family in Lebanon

Specific prayer requests:

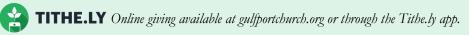
- For the kids as they start school soon. Especially for Silas, who is potty training ever so slowly.
- For some of the ladies here to be encouraged.
   Elizabeth has been on a few visits lately and has prayed for some women who are feeling the weight of various trials.

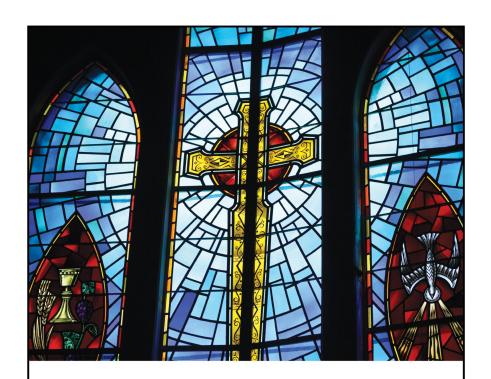


- For our kids' immigration papers to be finished soon. We are attempting to get all
  that sorted, and though we have a lawyer's help, things can be pretty complicated.
- A praise! We've started connecting socially with a few more new friends here lately. This is an answered prayer.
- A praise! We've seen a couple of our Syrian friends evangelize a bit while in conversation lately. It's very encouraging to see God work in the lives of the people here in this way, and we pray that it would lead to continued kingdom growth.



Check in and give online today.







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

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