

The Order of Common Worship

Westminster Presbyterian Church

August 4, 2024
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: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *arr.* Wagner

Greeting

*Call to Worship: *from* Psalm 51

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God,
You will not despise.

*Opening Hymn: “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” *Celebrating Grace #315*
Mit Freuden Zart

*Prayer of Adoration

Invitation to Confession *from* Deuteronomy 5 and the Shorter Catechism

The Lord spoke all these words saying: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.”

“You shall have no other gods before me.”

“You shall not make for yourself a graven image...”

“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain...”

“Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy...”

“Honor your father and your mother...”

“You shall not kill.”

“Neither shall you commit adultery.”

“Neither shall you steal.”

“Neither shall you bear false witness against your neighbor.”

“Neither shall you covet...anything that is your neighbor’s.”

What is sin?

Any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

Let us pray.

Time for Silent Examination and Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession *from* Psalm 139

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You see me when I walk or lie down, you know every detail of my conduct. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. So examine me, and know my heart, O God; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is

any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way that leads to eternal life. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who opened the way to that eternal life for us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon *from* John 1

*Passing of the Peace

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 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: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” *Celebrating Grace #186*
Hamburg

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

Sermon: “And You...But God” *The Rev. Will Shurley*

Prayer for Right Response to God’s Word

The Affirmation of Faith: The Philippian Christ Hymn

I believe in Jesus Christ, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed upon him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory: “Contabile” *Haan*

*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

The flowers in the sanctuary are placed to the glory of God and in honor of all our United States athletes at the Olympics.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread

The Sharing of the Cup

(Please hold the elements: we will partake together.)

The Prayer After Communion

Closing Hymn: “Amazing Grace” *Celebrating Grace #587*
New Britain

*The Charge and Benediction

*Postlude: “The Solid Rock” *arr.* Page

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 - August 4, 2024

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.
 I plan to attend the Daniel Bible study.

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

Operation Christmas Child—sorting donations: Today after morning worship

LifeHouse Youth: This evening at 5 p.m.

Rise & Shine Men's Breakfast: Tuesday at 7 a.m. at Cracker Barrel

Prayer Group: Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Missions Committee: Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Thursday at 6 p.m.

Highlands & Islands: Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming:

End of Life Seminar: August 11 & 18 at 4 p.m.

Rally Day: Saturday, August 18

Bible Study-Book of Daniel: starts August 20 (12-weeks)

The next 5th Sunday Potluck will be on September 29. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters and bulletins.

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

Class of 2024
 Ted Hammer
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 Chip Westbrook
 Stewardship

Class of 2025
 Cummings King
 Property
 Rachel Price
 Missions

Class of 2026
 Lynda Gary
 Discipleship Formation
 Jim Roberts
 Property
 Scott Winter
 Worship

STAFF

Alice Bellanger, Youth Director
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 Tim Silkman, Facilities Manager

Westminster's Mission Partners

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| 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 |
| BVE Backpack Buddies | GCMS Counselors' Fund |
| French Camp Academy | Bethel Free Health Clinic |
| 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

Financial Report (YTD through June 30, 2024)	
2024 Annual Budget	\$316,278.00
YTD General Budgeted Receipts	\$182,228.70
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$147,470.26
Last Week's Budgeted Receipts	\$ 2,426.98

Support our church members battling cancer!



- Ways to help Terry Barnes and Jeannie Congleton:**
1. Pray
 2. Purchase Door Dash gift cards:
 - Online via the app
 - Terry: tljb50jj@hotmail.com
 - Jeannie: jeaniemariern@gmail.com
 - At a store that sells gift cards (bring to church)
 - Call church office or Anna Kate Shurley (228) 224-3420



RALLY DAY: AUGUST 18


Don't miss this year's epic Rally Day Sunday! Bring the whole family; bring friends.

9:15 a.m.: Pancake breakfast celebrating Prayer Warriors and their children in the Fellowship Hall. All welcome.

10:30 a.m.: Morning worship, including the commissioning of youth and children's ministry volunteers; Young Rejoicers singing; blessing of the backpacks and IDs; and presentation of Bibles to rising first graders. *If you are a student or teacher in any school at any grade level, bring your backpack or school ID and place it at the communion table before worship. The congregation will offer a special prayer over them.*



Check in and give online today.

 **TITHE.LY** Online giving available at gulfportchurch.org or through the Tithe.ly app.



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



Grace & Gratitude
 A Series Through Ephesians


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

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