

The Order of Common Worship

Westminster Presbyterian Church

April 26, 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: “How Great Thou Art” *arr.* Miller

Greeting Pastor

Call to Worship: *from* Psalm 86:8-10

There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.
**All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you,
O Lord, and shall glorify your name.**
For you are great and do wondrous things,
You alone are God.

Prayer of Invocation Pastor

*Hymn of Adoration: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Hymn #319

Call to Confession: *based on* Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God’s faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Our Father in heaven, we thank you that you have led us into the light of the gospel. We thank you for sending the Savior to call us from death to life. We confess that we were dead in sin before we heard his call, but when we heard him, like Lazarus, we arose. But, O Father, the grave clothes bind us still. Old habits that we cannot throw off, old customs that are so much a part of our lives that we seem helpless to live the new life that you have called us to live. Forgive us, O Father; help me to break the bonds of sin; give us courage to live a new life in you; renew our hope this morning, that by your grace we might worship you in spirit and in truth; in the name of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and The Lord’s Prayer: 1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

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: “Before the Throne of God Above” Hymn #594

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: “I Need Thee Every Hour” *arr.* Elliott

*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

*Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 1:1-9 Pew Bible p. 1203

Sermon: “HOPE” 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: “The Solid Rock” Hymn #590

*Benediction Pastor

*Passing of the Peace

*Postlude: “Wonderful Grace of Jesus” Lillenas

**If you are able, please stand.*



Sanctuary Flowers
The 2026 Sanctuary Flower sign up list is 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 - April 26, 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.

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This Week's Meetings/Events

- Cub Scouts meeting:** Monday, April 27 at 6 p.m.
- Prayer Group:** Tuesday, April 28 at 10 a.m.
- Genesis Project:** Wednesday, April 29 at 2:30 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous:** Thursday, April 30 at 6 p.m.
- Rise and Shine Men's Breakfast:** Friday, May 1 at 8 a.m.
at Brick & Spoon in Gulfport

Announcements

- Adult Sunday School:** Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Library
New study is on 1 Peter, led by Ted Hammer
- Children & Youth Sunday School:** Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in CE Bldg.
- Discipleship Formation meeting:** Sunday, May 3, after worship
- LifeHouse Youth:** Sunday, May 3 and May 17, 5-7 p.m.
- Graduate Recognition:** Sunday, May 17
- 5th Sunday Potluck:** Sunday, May 31
- Vacation Bible School:** June 15-19
See Garnie Dubuisson to volunteer

Financial Report (YTD through March 31, 2026)	
2026 Annual Income Budget.....	\$253,024.00
2026 Annual Expense Budget	\$312,320.00
YTD General Budgeted Receipts	\$ 80,584.87
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 76,609.85
Last Week's Budgeted Receipts	\$ 2,578.98
Last Week's Future Improvements Receipts.....	\$ 25.00

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 & 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

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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 | 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
 Pat West



This Week's Birthday
 May 1 – Peter Gregory



Missions Spotlight: Our Scout Troops

Westminster Presbyterian Church is proud to support Cub Scout Pack 209, Boy Scout Troop 209, and Girl Scout Troop 3542.

We have chartered the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts since 1961 and have a long history of supporting Scouting in our community. Today, we provide meeting space—most often on Mondays—host Scout Sunday each year, and offer financial support through our Missions Committee.



girl scouts  This partnership is especially meaningful as several of our members serve as leaders and participants in these troops. We are grateful for the opportunity to support and encourage these young people as they grow in character, leadership, and service.

Troop 3542



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 for the World In Jesus Christ”*

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