

The Order of Common Worship

Westminster Presbyterian Church

February 22, 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: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" arr. Wagner/Forrest

Greeting Pastor

Call to Worship: based on Isaiah 43:19-21

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!

Prayer of Invocation Pastor

*Hymn of Adoration: "Lift High the Cross" Hymn #415

Call to Confession: based on Isaiah 55:6-7

"Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

Trusting ourselves to the grace of God, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that, truly repenting of our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and the Lords Prayer: from 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

"The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners... He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness; by his wounds we 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: "There is a Redeemer" Hymn #377

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: "Brother James' Air" arr. Martin

*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 Corinthians 1:18-25 Pew Bible p. 1131

Sermon: "The Lost Cross" 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: "At the Cross" Hymn #595 (Vss. 1, 2 & 5)

*Benediction Pastor

*Passing of the Peace

*Postlude: "Allegretto" arr. Handel

*If you are able, please stand.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are placed to the glory of God and in memory of the birthday of Maxwell Pace by Brenda Pace.

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 - February 22, 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.

*If you are able, please stand.

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This Week's Meetings/Events

Annual Meeting & Potluck: Today after worship
Prayer Group: Tuesday, February 24 at 10 a.m.
Genesis Project: Wednesday, February 25 at 2:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous: Thursday, February 26 at 6 p.m.
Lunch Bunch: Friday, February 27 at 11:30 a.m.
 at Half-Shell Oyster House

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
Children & Youth Sunday School: Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in CE Bldg
LifeHouse Youth: March 8 and March 15, 5-7 p.m.

Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt: March 29

Donations needed: Large plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy (no chocolate) by March 22.

Financial Report (YTD through January 31, 2026)

2026 Annual Income Budget.....	\$253,024.00
2026 Annual Expense Budget	\$312,320.00
YTD General Budgeted Receipts	\$ 44,720.65
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 23,938.65
Last Week's Budgeted Receipts	\$ 6,893.98
Last Week's Future Improvements Receipts.....	\$ 1,050.00

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 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Lynda Gary	Mark Alspaugh	Pete Bloss
Discipleship Formation	Stewardship & Finance	Nominating
Scott Winter	Ben Stone	Patrick Gann
Asst. Clerk and Worship	Personnel	Missions
	Pat West	Robert Wood
	Congregational Life	Property

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

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

Robert Wood



This Week's Birthday

Feb. 23 – Sarah Gregory Feb. 24 – Teresa Alspaugh
 Feb. 26 – Valarie Hammer Feb. 27 – Jess Thomas
 Feb. 28 – Lynda Gary



Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt: March 29

following morning worship service

Donations of large plastic eggs and individually wrapped candies will be accepted until March 22.

Missions Spotlight for February: Genesis Project



The Genesis Project is an after-school program for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students from Pass Road Elementary School. Genesis meets every Wednesday while school is in session. During each meeting, students hear Bible stories, complete art projects, sing, and occasionally learn how to play various musical instruments.

If you enjoy working with children and feel called to serve with the Genesis Project, please contact Jeanie Pollard.



Sanctuary Flowers

The 2026 Sanctuary Flower chart has been 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.



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