

The Order of Common Worship
Westminster Presbyterian Church
October 4, 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: “Ceremonial Trumpet Tune” *arr.* Haan

Greeting Pastor

Call to Worship: Psalm 92:1-2

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,
 For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
At the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Adoration: “All Creatures of Our God and King” Hymn #307

Celebrations and Concerns of the Church

Prayer requests can be made via bulletin tear-off, Facebook Messenger, [gulfportchurch.org](https://www.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

*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.

Offertory: “Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” *arr. Haan*

*Doxology

**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: Romans 3:21-28 Pew Bible, p. 1118

Sermon: “Behold Your King! – His Sonship, Part 9”
Rev. Albert Bisson

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table: I John 1:7-9

If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and The Lord's Prayer: Psalm 103:8,13

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

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.

Choir Anthem: “Come to the Table of the Lord” *arr.* Althouse

Words of Institution

*Hymn of Commitment: “My Jesus, I Love Thee” Hymn #361

***Benediction:** Numbers 6:24-26 Rev. Albert Bisson

*Passing of the Peace

*Postlude: “Recessional” Haan

* 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. Please 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 (below). 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 - October 4, 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

Westminster Diner's Club: Today at 4 p.m., at the Underhill home
Prayer Group: Tuesday, October 6 at 10 a.m.
Missions Committee: Tuesday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Dinner & Bible Study: Wednesday, October 7 at 6 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous: Thursday, October 8 at 6 p.m.
Session Meeting: Thursday, October 8 at 6 p.m.
Highlands and Islands: Thursday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Announcements

Adult Sunday School: Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Library
The current study is based on, "The Gospel-Centered Life," led by Ted Hammer
Children's & Youth Sunday School: Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the CE Building
Ladies Group: Tuesday, October 20, 11 a.m.
Fall Festival: Saturday, October 24, 2-4 p.m.

Financial Report (YTD through August 31, 2026)	
2026 Annual Income Budget.....	\$253,024.00
2026 Annual Expense Budget	\$312,320.00
YTD General Budgeted Receipts	\$182,341.64
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$198,992.64
Last Week's Budgeted Receipts	\$ 3,663.34
Last Week's Future Improvements Receipts.....	\$ 285.00

The Rev. Albert Bisson, Interim Pastor
Chip Westbrook, Clerk of Session
Jane Bloss, Treasurer

THE SESSION OF WESTMINSTER

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Lynda Gary <i>Discipleship Formation</i>	Mark Alsbaugh <i>Stewardship & Finance</i>	Pete Bloss <i>Nominating</i>
Scott Winter <i>Asst. Clerk and Worship</i>	Ben Stone <i>Personnel</i>	Patrick Gann <i>Missions</i>
	Pat West <i>Congregational Life</i>	Robert Wood <i>Property</i>

STAFF

LeAnn Davis, Church Administrator
Tim Silkman, Facilities Manager
Jeanie Pollard, Organist
Jeannie Congleton, Youth Director
Samantha Rutland, 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
Scott Winter



This Week's Birthdays

October 4 – Sarah Hill
October 9 – Frankie Sutton



**WEDNESDAY SUPPER
& BIBLE STUDY**

WEDNESDAYS AT 6 P.M.

Join us for a free supper, Christian fellowship, and Bible study. Bring your family, a neighbor, or a friend!

6:00 p.m. - Supper
6:30 p.m. - Bible Study

The Life of Jesus Christ, a Life Worth Living, a study of the Gospel of John led by Rev. Albert Bisson.



Fall Festival
October 24 | 2-4 p.m.
5005 Lawson Avenue
FREE EVENT

Fall Festival will be on
October 24, 2-4 p.m.
in the front courtyard.
See Garnie Dubuisson to
volunteer or call the church
office at 228-864-3143.

Missions Spotlight for October: Gulf Coast Rescue Mission (GCRM)



The Gulf Coast Rescue Mission is a relief society with a work-therapy rehabilitation program. It maintains a home for the homeless, feeds the hungry, and clothes the needy. By meeting the physical needs of men, women, and children, the Mission can also minister to their spiritual needs.

Each year, GCRM serves more than 25,000 free meals and also operates a community thrift store. Its three primary ministries are:

- **Transient lodging** for men
- **Direct assistance** to local families with food, clothing, and furniture
- **Spiritual counseling** and guidance



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