

The Order of Common Worship

Westminster Presbyterian Church

March 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: “Holy, Holy, Holy” *arr.* Metzger

Greeting Pastor

Call to Worship: Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.
Who forgives all your iniquity,
Who heals all your diseases,
Who redeems your life from the pit,
Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagles.

Prayer of Invocation Pastor

*Hymn of Adoration: “Redeemed” Hymn #575

Call To Confession: *based on* Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16; 1 John 1:8

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence, trusting that God will forgive our sin and cleanse us from every kind of wrong. Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Corporate Confession of Sin: *based on* Psalm 130:3-6

Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. We confess before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and The Lord’s Prayer: *from* 1Timothy 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: “Shout to the Lord” Hymn #348

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: “Jesus Paid It All/Sacred Head” Dave Carlson, clarinet
arr. B. Adams

*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: Galatians 3:1-14 Pew Bible p. 1155

Sermon: “What Will It Be...Curse or Blessing” 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 Fountain” Hymn #445

*Benediction Pastor

*Passing of the Peace

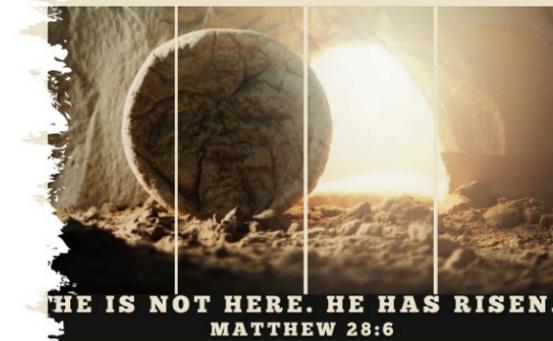
*Postlude: “Sing to the Great Jehovah’s Praise” *arr.* L. Smith

**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.



Easter Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Invite a friend!

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 - March 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.

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This Week's Meetings/Events

Cub Scouts Meeting: Monday, March 23 at 6 p.m.

Prayer Group: Tuesday, March 24 at 10 a.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Thursday, March 26 at 6 p.m.

Lunch Bunch: Friday, March 27 at 11:30 a.m. at The Rack House

Announcements

Adult Sunday School: Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Library

Study is on the Book of James, led by Ted Hammer

Children & Youth Sunday School: Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in CE Bldg.

Called Meeting of the Congregation: Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt: March 29 after morning worship
Donations needed: Large plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy by March 22.

Rise & Shine Men's Breakfast: Friday, April 3 at 8 a.m.
at Brick & Spoon

Financial Report (YTD through February 28, 2026)	
2026 Annual Income Budget.....	\$253,024.00
2026 Annual Expense Budget	\$312,320.00
YTD General Budgeted Receipts	\$ 63,511.00
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 52,804.10
Last Week's Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,109.12
Last Week's Future Improvements Receipts.....	\$ 342.00

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
 Mark Alspaugh



The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, March 29 for the purpose of acting on the report of the Nominating Committee.



This Week's Birthday
 March 27—Paula King
 March 28—Sarah Clark
 March 28—Karen Dobbs



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 March: Feed My Sheep



Feed My Sheep began as an idea in Westminster's adult Sunday School class many years ago. Over the years, members of Westminster have played a vital role in growing the soup kitchen into an essential part of our community. Each month, several members volunteer by delivering food to the homebound of our community, while others serve on the Board of Directors. In addition, our church continues to support Feed My Sheep financially. If you would like more information on how you can volunteer with Feed My Sheep, contact the church office, Rachel Price, or Christie Batson.



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 for the World In Jesus Christ"*

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