

The Order of Common Worship

Westminster Presbyterian Church

April 19, 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: “When I Can Read My Title Clear” *from* Kentucky Harmony

Greeting Pastor

Call to Worship: *from* Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us and we are his;

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Prayer of Invocation Pastor

*Hymn of Adoration: “How Firm a Foundation” Hymn #425

Call to Confession: *based on* Psalm 139:23-24

The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. We express our longing for God’s leading by our own transparent confession.

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and The Lord’s Prayer: Psalm 145:13-14

The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

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: “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” Hymn #606

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: “Near My God to Thee” *arr.* Elliott

*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: Judges 6:11-24 Pew Bible p. 242

Sermon: “Faith” 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.

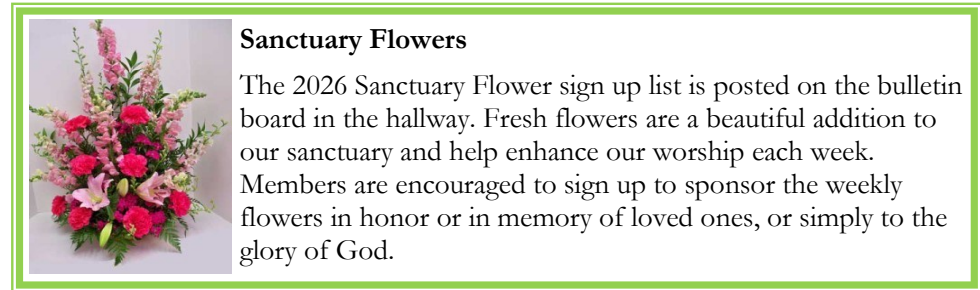
*Hymn of Commitment: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Hymn #295

*Benediction Pastor

*Passing of the Peace

*Postlude: “For the Beauty of the Earth” *arr.* Page

**If you are able, please stand.*



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 19, 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

LifeHouse Youth meets: Today at 5 p.m.
Cub Scouts meeting: Monday, April 20 at 6 p.m.
Prayer Group: Tuesday, April 21 at 10 a.m.
Genesis Project: Wednesday, April 22 at 2:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous: Thursday, April 23 at 6 p.m.
Lunch Bunch meets: Friday, April 24 at 11:30 at Sully's
Presbytery in Diamondhead: Friday, April 24 - Saturday, April 25

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.
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	\$ 5,509.68
Last Week's Future Improvements Receipts.....	\$ 275.00

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

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 Birthdays

April 19 – Joe Gewin
 April 19 – Lilah Congleton
 April 21 – Mallory Symmes
 April 23 – Marlee Stiglets
 April 24 – Andrew Allen



Westminster Diners—April 25

Sally and Eddie Wilson will host the event at their home in Pass Christian at noon on April 25. Call Teresa Alspaugh at 615-423-5653 to reserve your spot!



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
 Troop 3542

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.

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