

# The Order of Common Worship

## Westminster Presbyterian Church

March 26, 2023  
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!

Voluntary

Striking of the Hour

Greeting

Call to Worship

*from Galatians 5:22-26*

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.*

\*Opening Hymns: “His Name is Wonderful” The Sounding Joy #102  
“There’s Something About That Name” The Sounding Joy #196

\*Prayer of Adoration

Invitation to Confession

*from I John 1:8-10*

Prayer of Confession

Psalm 51:7-13

Assurance of Pardon

Celebrations and Concerns of the Church

*Prayer requests can be made via Facebook messenger, gulfportchurch.org, the bulletin tear-off, or by calling the church office.*

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

**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: “He Touched Me” The Sounding Joy #122

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1:1-11  
Psalm 33:8-15

Sermon: “Living in a Changing Nation” Comm. Pastor W. H. Pettey (Ret.)

Prayer for the Right Response to God’s Word

Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Presentations of Offerings

The Offertory

\*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**

\*Offertory Prayer

\*Closing Hymn: “Living for Jesus” The Sounding Joy #138

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

*\* If you are able, please stand.*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are placed to the  
glory of God and in memory of  
Agnes and Charlie Grice  
by Susan Blanchard and Stan Hoogerwerf.*

*W. H. (Bill) Pettey is a charter member of Westminster. He served on the Board of Deacons for one term before being elected to the Session in 1966. He has served 8 times on the Session, most of those years as Clerk. The church sponsored him as a candidate for Commissioned Pastor Training in 2002 and 2003. After graduation he filled the pulpit at several churches. With a “chuckle,” Bill says “I went to Wiggins to fill the pulpit for 2 weeks and didn’t leave for 12 1/2 years!”*

*To help maintain our live stream’s bandwidth, please set phones to airplane mode or turn off.*

*When the Lord’s Supper is celebrated, glass cups contain wine and stainless steel cups contain juice.*

*Please take a moment to complete the registry of fellowship section of this bulletin. Professional 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 our pastor if we can be of any assistance.*

### Registry of Fellowship - March 26, 2023

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 will provide supper for LifeHouse Youth when meeting at the church.

Prayer Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like a prayer card sent?  Yes  No

Please send prayer card’s recipients address to office@gulfportchurch.org.

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### This Week's Meetings/Events

**Prayer Group:** Tuesday at 10 a.m.  
**Women's Bible Study:** Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Thursday at 6 p.m.

### Save the Date

**Lunch Bunch:** March 31  
*(at White Cap Seafood Restaurant)*

**Palm Sunday:** April 2  
*(Egg Hunt to follow service)*

**Maundy Thursday:** April 6 at 7 p.m.

**Good Friday Tenebrae:** April 7 at 7 p.m.  
*(at First United Methodist Church of Gulfport)*

**Easter Sunrise:** April 9 at 6 a.m.  
*(in the Courtyard)*

**Easter Service Festival Service:** April 9 at 10:30 a.m.  
*(in the Sanctuary with Brass)*

The Reverend Will Shurley, Pastor  
Buddy Weir, Clerk of Session  
Jane Bloss, Treasurer

### THE SESSION OF WESTMINSTER

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Karen Barnard <i>Congregational Life</i>	Ted Hammer <i>Discipleship Formation</i>	Cummings King <i>Property</i>
Brenda Pace <i>Missions</i>	Chip Westbrook <i>Nominating Committee</i>	Rachel Price <i>Worship</i>
Amy Underhill <i>Stewardship</i>		

### STAFF

Alice Bellanger, Youth Director  
Bob Chism, Organist  
LeAnn Davis, Church Administrator  
Tim Silkman, Sexton

### 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	BVMS Counselors' Fund
BVE Backpack Buddies	Belhaven College
Kindness Foundation	Bethel Free Health Clinic
Foundation for Reformed Theology	French Camp
Medical Benevolence Foundation MBF Nursing Scholarship-Haiti	Roger Lowther Community Arts Tokyo
Missionaries in Austria, Lebanon & Japan	

### **Duty Elder**

Brenda Pace




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for the World In Jesus Christ"*

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*Don't forget to check in at Westminster on Facebook today.*