

# The Order of Common Worship

## Westminster Presbyterian Church

December 4, 2022  
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!

Pre-Service Music

Greeting

Prelude: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

\*Opening Sentence: *from* I Peter 1

[Jesus Christ] was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

\*Opening Hymn: “Prepare the Royal Highway” Celebrating Grace #95  
*Bereden Väg För Herran*

\*Prayer of Adoration

Invitation to Confession *from* Isaiah 40

Time for Silent Examination and Confession

Sung Prayer of Confession: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” Celebrating Grace #107  
v. 4

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today!  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel! Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon *from* Isaiah 40

\*Passing of the Peace

The Celebrations and Concerns of the Church

*Prayer requests can be made via Facebook Messenger, gulfportchurch.org, the QR code on the back of the bulletin, bulletin tear-off, or by calling the church office at (228) 864-3143.*

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

Time with Young Disciples

Hymn: “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” Celebrating Grace #89  
*Genevan 42*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 3:14-15

Sermon “Christ, The Promise from All Time” The Rev. Will Shurley

Prayer for Right Response to God’s Word

\*The Affirmation of Faith: The Philippian Christ Hymn

**I believe in Jesus Christ, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed upon him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Presentation of Tithes and 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

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Invitation to the Table  
The Great Thanksgiving  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Words of Institution  
The Sharing of the Bread  
The Sharing of the Cup  
*(Please hold the elements: we will partake together)*  
The Prayer After Communion

\*Closing Hymn: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” Celebrating Grace #122  
*In Dulci Jubilo*

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

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

## Westminster’s Mission Partners

Missionaries in Austria, Lebanon & Japan BVE Backpack Buddies

Boy Scout Troop 209 Cub Scout Pack 209

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Good News Jail & Prison Ministry Gulf Coast Rescue Mission

GHS Counselors’ Fund BVMS Counselors’ Fund

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Mission Through Music  
(Westminster’s newest mission partner)

*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 ball, 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 - December 4, 2022

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.

**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

**LifeHouse Youth:** Tonight, 5 - 7 p.m.

**Advent Evening Service:** Tonight at 7 p.m.  
*(Sunday Advent Services continue through December 18)*

**Cub Scout Pack Meeting:** Monday at 6 p.m.

**Missions Committee Meeting:** Monday at 6:30 p.m.

**Prayer Group:** Tuesday at 10 a.m.

**Congregational Life:** Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

**MGCCC Choral Concert:** Tuesday at 7 p.m.

**Session Meeting:** Wednesday at 6 p.m.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Thursdays at 6 p.m.

**Highlands and Islands Meeting:** Thursday at 6 p.m.

### Save the Date

**Youth Caroling:** Sunday, December 11 at 5 p.m.

**Gulfport City of Light Prayer Series:**  
*(Ward IV at Westminster) Tuesday, December 13 at 6 p.m.*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given  
to the glory of God and  
in honor of Amber, Willie, and Elodie Hebert  
by Susan Blanchard and Stan Hoogerwerf.*

### Duty Elder

**Karen Barnard**



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*"Bearing Witness to God's Love  
for the World In Jesus Christ"*

**December 4, 2022**

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<br><i>Congregational Life</i> | Ted Hammer<br><i>Discipleship Formation</i>   | Cummings King<br><i>Property</i> |
| Brenda Pace<br><i>Missions</i>              | Chip Westbrook<br><i>Nominating Committee</i> | Rachel Price<br><i>Worship</i>   |
| Amy Underhill<br><i>Stewardship</i>         |   |                                  |

### STAFF

Bob Chism, Organist  
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