The Order of Common Worship

Westminster Presbyterian Church
November 16, 2025
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

Greeting Pastor

Call to Worship:

selected readings from Psalm 112

Praise the Lord. Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who find great delight in his commands.

Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.

Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.

They will have no fear of bad news;

their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord;

Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear.

The wicked will see and be vexed,

they will gnash their teeth and waste away.

The longings of the wicked will come to nothing.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Adoration: "How Great Thou Art"

Celebrating Grace #323

Call to Confession

based on Psalm 66:16, 18-20

The psalmist testifies: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Dear Heavenly Father, forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations and our small lives. Lord Jesus, our lives are cluttered by too many things and too much to do. Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power and squandering your gifts, spending more and giving less. We are driven by the need to succeed and distracted from our service. We have often lost our way. Forgive us, Lord. Let us, like Mary, find the one thing that is needed and sit at your feet. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and The Lord's Prayer

Romans 5:8

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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: "In Christ Alone"

Celebrating Grace #569

*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.

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

*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

*Prayer of Dedication

*Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:1-11 Pew Bible p. 1150

Sermon: "Receiving Through Giving" Rev. Dr. Rhett Payne

*Hymn of Commitment: "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"

Celebrating Grace #490

*Reception of Stewardship Commitments

*Benediction Pastor

*Passing of the Peace

*Postlude

*If you are able, please stand.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in grateful recognition of all who faithfully supported our Stewardship Campaign.

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 - November 16, 2025
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.
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Prayer Requests:
Please send address for prayer card to office@gulfportchurch.org.
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This Week's Meetings/Events

Diners Club: Today, after morning worship, at Azteca's *Bring your families—all are welcome!*

Lifehouse Youth: Today, 5-7 p.m.

Cub Scouts Meeting: Monday, Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. **Prayer Group:** Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 10 a.m.

Genesis Project: Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 2:30 p.m. **Session Meeting:** Thursday, Nov. 20 at 6 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Thursday, Nov. 20 at 6 p.m.

Announcements

Adult Sunday School: Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Library *Study is on the Book of Hebrews, led by Dr. Sam Clark*

LifeHouse Youth: Sunday, Nov. 23, 5-7 p.m.

4th Quarter Potluck: Sunday, Nov. 23 after morning worship (Soups, Salads, and Desserts)

Community Thanksgiving Service: Sunday, Nov. 23 at 6 p.m. at Trinity Methodist, Pastor Rhett will be preaching

Financial Report (YTD through October 31, 2025)	
2025 Annual Budget	\$320,738.00
YTD General Budgeted Receipts	\$252,405.29
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$258,120.07
Last Week's Budgeted Receipts	\$ 5,963.34
Last Week's Building Fund Receipts	.\$ 10,000.00

The Rev. Dr. Rhett Payne, Interim Pastor Chip Westbrook, Clerk of Session Jane Bloss, Treasurer

Class of 2025 Cummings King Property Rachel Price Missions Class of 2026
Lynda Gary
Discipleship Formation
Jim Roberts
Property
Scott Winter

Class of 2027
Mark Alspaugh
Property
Ben Stone
Personnel
Pat West

STAFF

Asst. Clerk and Worship

Alice Bellanger, Youth Director
LeAnn Davis, Church Administrator
Angela Hudson, Nursery Care
Jeanie Pollard, Organist
Tim Silkman, Facilities Manager
Chip Westbrook, Personnel Committee Chair

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

GCMS Counselors' Fund

Medical Benevolence Foundation

Bethel Free Health Clinic

French Camp Academy

MBF Nursing Scholarship-Haiti

Foundation for Reformed Theology Kindness Foundation Missionaries in Austria, Lebanon, and Japan Belhaven University

Duty Elder Scott Winter

Westminster's Diners Club — Today at Azteca's in Gulfport

Join us today, after morning worship for a meal and fellowship at **Azteca's** on Hwy 49 in Gulfport. This is a great opportunity to try out the **Diners Club** and enjoy good food and company. RSVP to Garnie Dubuisson at 228-365-4062.



All are welcome!

Missions Spotlight for November: The Mook Family in Lebanon

Specific prayer requests:

- For the kids as they start school soon. Especially for Silas, who is potty training ever so slowly.
- For some of the ladies here to be encouraged.
 Elizabeth has been on a few visits lately and has prayed for some women who are feeling the weight of various trials.



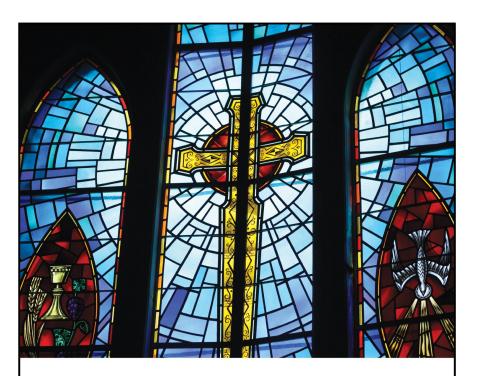
- For our kids' immigration papers to be finished soon. We are attempting to get all that sorted, and though we have a lawyer's help, things can be pretty complicated.
- A praise! We've started connecting socially with a few more new friends here lately. This is an answered prayer.
- A praise! We've seen a couple of our Syrian friends evangelize a bit while in conversation lately. It's very encouraging to see God work in the lives of the people here in this way, and we pray that it would lead to continued kingdom growth.

No Birthdays This Week



Check in and give online today.







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

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