

The Order of Common Worship

Westminster Presbyterian Church

April 21, 2024
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: “Down to the River to Pray” Wagner

Greeting

*Opening Sentence *from Lamentations 3*

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

*Opening Hymn: “Great is Thy Faithfulness” Celebrating Grace #48
Faithfulness

*Prayer of Adoration

Invitation to Confession *from Lamentations 3*

Time for Self-Examination and Silent Prayers of Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession *from the prayers of Martin Luther*

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, I feel my sins. They bite and gnaw and frighten me. Where shall I go? I look to you, Lord Jesus, and believe in you. Although my faith is weak, I cling to you and am made sure, for you have promised: “Who believes in me shall have eternal life.” Even if my conscience is troubled and my sins frighten me and make me tremble, you have still said: “My child, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you. I will raise you up on the last day, and you will have eternal life.” I cannot help myself by my own strength. I come to you for help. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon *from Colossians 1*

*Passing of the Peace

The 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 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.

Time with Young Disciples

Hymn: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” Celebrating Grace #407
Olivet

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: II Timothy 4:9-22

Sermon: “Living Testimony” The Rev. Will Shurley

Prayer for Right Response to God’s Word

The Affirmation 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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: “St. Anthony Chorale” Hayden

*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: “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” Celebrating Grace #590
Solid Rock

*The Charge and Benediction

*Postlude: “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” Jordan

**If you are able, please stand.*

*The flowers in the sanctuary are placed
to the glory of God and in honor of
the anniversary of
Jim and Sharon Roberts.*

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 our pastor if we can be of any assistance.

Registry of Fellowship - April 21, 2024

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 at the church on Sundays.
- I will be attending the Diners Picnic this Saturday, April 27.
- I would like to volunteer to help with VBS June 24-28.

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

Prayer Group: Tuesday at 10 a.m.
Bible Study-Revelation: Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous: Thursday at 6 p.m.
Lunch Bunch: Friday at 11:30 a.m.
at Patio 44 in Gulfport
Westminster Diners Club: Saturday at 4 p.m.
Picnic and tour of Underhill's Circle Hook Distilling

Save the Date

LifeHouse Youth: April 28, 5-7 p.m.
Youth Sunday: May 19
Vacation Bible School: June 24-28

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	GCMS Counselors' Fund
French Camp Academy	Bethel Free Health Clinic
Medical Benevolence Foundation	MBF Nursing Scholarship-Haiti
Foundation for Reformed Theology	Kindness Foundation
Missionaries in Austria, Lebanon, and Japan	Belhaven University

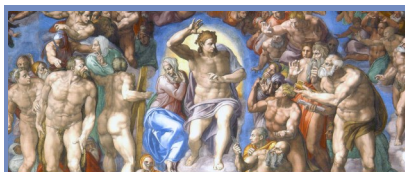
Duty Elder
 Scott Winter

Financial Report (YTD through March 31, 2024)	
2024 Annual Budget	\$315,778.28
YTD General Budgeted Receipts	\$121,051.51
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 75,964.03
Last Week's Budgeted Receipts	\$ 9,351.85

Westminster Diners Club—April 27, 4 p.m.

Westminster Diners Club will be hosted by the Underhills on April 27 at 4 p.m.

Bring your favorite picnic dish and join us for an afternoon of fellowship and a tour of Circle Hook Distilling. This event is open to the congregation. See Karen Barnard or Amy Underhill for additional information.



Revelation: A Study
 Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.
 April 9-June 4 (except May 7)

Weekly Bible Study: Revelation
 Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.

On April 9, a new Bible Study on the book of Revelation began. This study is led by Pastor Will and includes lunch. It's not too late to join!

DR. AND MRS. C.A. WALKER, JR. SCHOLARSHIP

The Dr. and Mrs. C.A. Walker, Jr. Scholarship Foundation is receiving applications for scholarships to individuals attending college. Applications must be received by **May 31, 2024**. Applicants are invited to apply by sending a scholarship request along with your college plans to:

Dr. and Mrs. C.A. Walker, Jr. Scholarship Foundation
 c/o Westminster Presbyterian Church, 5005 Lawson Ave., Gulfport, MS 39507



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The Reverend Will Shurley, Pastor
 Chip Westbrook, Clerk of Session
 Jane Bloss, Treasurer

THE SESSION OF WESTMINSTER

<u>Class of 2024</u> Ted Hammer <i>Congregational Life</i> Chip Westbrook <i>Stewardship</i>	<u>Class of 2025</u> Cummings King <i>Property</i> Rachel Price <i>Missions</i>	<u>Class of 2026</u> Lynda Gary <i>Discipleship Formation</i> Jim Roberts <i>Property</i> Scott Winter <i>Worship</i>
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STAFF

Alice Bellanger, Youth Director
 LeAnn Davis, Church Administrator
 Jeanie Pollard, Organist
 Tim Silkman, Facilities Manager

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READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.



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*“Bearing Witness to God’s Love
 for the World in Jesus Christ”*

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