

# Westminster At Worship

*23rd Sunday after Pentecost*

November 8, 2020

10:30 a.m.



## GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have been born into Christ.

**People: In Christ, we have life;**

Leader: In Christ, we die;

**People: With Christ we rise to new life.**

Leader: Let us, therefore, be Christ's people of hope and courage,

**People: Awaiting Christ's coming again with confidence.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God,

**People: Let us worship God together.**

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, you call us to live into the eternal here and now. We confess that we move from day to day as if our days were without number. We too often live as if we will never need to be accountable for our choices and their consequences. We live as if your eternal desire for creation were nothing greater than our personal**

**immortality. Forgive us our apathy and our indifference.**

**Hear us now, O Lord, as we come to you in silent prayer...SILENT PRAYER...**

**Open our eyes to your eternal truth and to the blessing of our mortality which makes every decision precious. Amen.**

#### **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**Leader: Friends, hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel.**

**People: In and through Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

#### **PASSING THE PEACE**

#### **ANTHEM**

*"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

Dawn, Ken, & Brandi

#### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

### OLD TESTAMENT

**Amos 5:6-7, 14 (NRSV)**

**6 Seek the Lord and live,**

**or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.**

**7 Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,**

**and bring righteousness to the ground!**

**14 Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so  
the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you  
have said.**

### NEW TESTAMENT

**2 Timothy 4:1-5 (NRSV)**

**4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to  
judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing  
and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: 2 proclaim the  
message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or  
unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the  
utmost patience in teaching. 3 For the time is coming when  
people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having**

itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. 5 As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

## SERMON

*“A God-sized Message  
for a Media-Overwhelmed World”*

Rev. Dr. Ewen Holmes

## †AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A New Creed 1995

**We are not alone, we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

## **HYMN OF AFFIRMATION**

*“How Great Thou Art”  
Dawn, Ken, & Brandi*

### **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

##### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**PEOPLE: 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.**

#### **OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

##### **†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.*

#### **UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Into your hands, O God, we commend these gifts:  
offerings not only to meet the needs of our times, but  
offerings also intended for your eternal realm.  
Transform these finite gifts into the infinite and the**

eternal that your blessing to us may become a blessing  
for the whole universe. Amen.

**BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD**

**HYMN OF DEDICATION**

*"Soon and Very Soon"*

Dawn, Ken, & Brandi

**CHARGE**

**BENEDICTION**

MINISTERS

All the People

TRANSITIONAL PASTOR

Rev. Dr. Ewen Holmes

PARISH ASSOCIATE

Rev. Linda Williams

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Nikelle Johnson

NURSERY SUPERVISOR

Elaine Edwards

CHOIR DIRECTOR

Dawn Auger

HAND BELL DIRECTOR

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Wendy Tally

TREASURER

Heather Heidtman

CUSTODIAN

Harold Miller

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2020**

**FLOWERS** today are in honor of our veterans, whose service has kept us free.

**THANKSGIVING BASKETS:** The Crisis Committee plans to assemble at least 100 Thanksgiving Baskets again this year for those in need within our community. Because of Covid-19, the Crisis Committee will accept cash or check donations for this project. The Committee will purchase the food, gift cards, and assemble the baskets. Thank you for your support! This has always been a successful project and very much appreciated by the families that are served.

**THE WIRED WORD ADULT FAITH FORMATION:** Join us on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. Enjoy lively conversations about current events in the news and the Bible passages that relate to those events. Any questions regarding the class or for Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 989-686-1360 or email at [\*\*parishassoc@wpcbc.org\*\*](mailto:parishassoc@wpcbc.org).

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION:** On Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, Adult Faith Formation takes a journey through the Gospel of John using Max Lucado's book and study guide, *"You Are Never Alone."* Those books are available through the office. Donations to help defray costs are appreciated. Any questions regarding the class or for Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 989-686-1360 or email at [\*\*parishassoc@wpcbc.org\*\*](mailto:parishassoc@wpcbc.org).

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** We invite everyone to participate in this year's Christmas concert! Please submit a recording and we will assemble all submissions and post the final video on Westminster's website and Facebook page. Please contact Dawn, Wendy, or the church office with any questions. Please submit your recording by Tuesday, December 1.

**SPIRITUALITY OF AGING:** Our Spirituality of Aging groups have begun gathering in groups of twos over the phone. We realize this is not the way we would have all hoped to have gathered this Fall, but for the ten to twelve who have signed up, it has become a way to remain connected during these coronavirus days. For these “two-by-two” conversations, we are using “*On the Brink of Everything*,” a beautiful book of reflections on what we can learn as we move closer to “the brink of everything.” This book is written by beloved and bestselling author Parker J. Palmer. It’s never too late to join in! If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our “two-by-two” discussion format, please give Rev. Linda a call.

**THE BOOK CLUB** will meet Tuesday, November 24 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. We will discuss the book “*Wicked Takes the Witness Stand*,” which tells the true story of a mysterious (and unsolved) death in northern Michigan. The author, Mardi Link, grew up in Bay City, Michigan. Books are available at church this month. They are located in the church office for check-out and can be picked up during regular business hours or on Sundays before or after worship.

**CALLING ALL BAKERS & VOLUNTEERS:** Would you like to add a little sweetness and love to someone’s day? We have an opportunity to contribute desserts to the Salvation Army’s meal distribution efforts. Since the pandemic began in March, members of Grace United Methodist Church have been baking in their own kitchens on behalf of all the guests who pass through the back door of the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen. To date, more than 30,000 boxed meals have been served and behind every one of those boxes is a loving “taste-from-a-home-bound” baker. The bakers at Grace Unites Methodist Church have reached out to other churches for a little help to provide these desserts. We’re not exactly sure how Westminster’s help might look, but we wanted to inform our volunteers of this opportunity to serve during this challenging time.



We're looking for ideas, volunteers, and possibly organizers. For more information or to volunteer please call Pam Johnston (989-316-1684 or cell 989-392-1958) or the church office (686-1360). Thank You!

**JOIN US AND LIVE STREAM ON FACEBOOK:** Westminster Presbyterian Church - Bay City.

**LIVE STREAM ON YOUTUBE:** Westminster Presbyterian Church Live Stream.

### *This Week at Westminster*

#### **Today, Sunday, November 8, 2020**

- 10:30 a.m.      Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m.      Family & Fellowship Meeting

#### **Monday, November 9, 2020**

- 6:00 p.m.      Finance Meeting
- 7:00 p.m.      Stewardship Meeting

#### **Tuesday, November 10, 2020**

- 10:00 a.m.      Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m.      Spiritual Growth Meeting
- 7:00 p.m.      Worship Committee Meeting

#### **Wednesday, November 11, 2020**

- 1:00 p.m.      The Wired Word Adult Formation Class via Zoom

#### **Thursday, November 12, 2020**

- 5:00 p.m.      Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran
- 7:00 p.m.      Adult Faith Formation via Zoom

#### **Next Sunday, November 15, 2020**

- 10:30 a.m.      Worship Service

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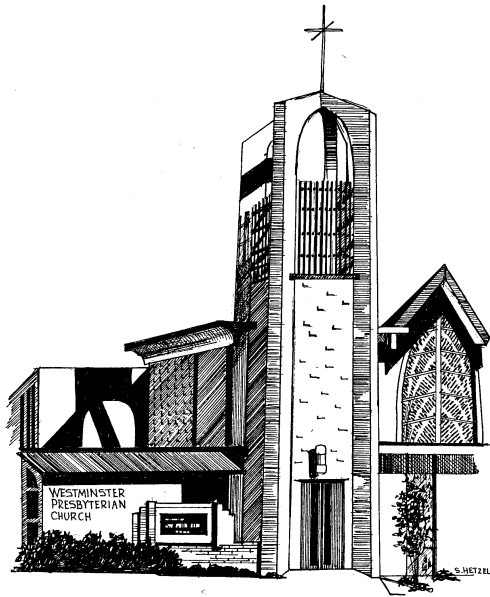
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### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

lunch 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.