

# Westminster At Worship

*A Celebration of Worship  
18th Sunday after Pentecost  
50-Year Member Recognition*

September 26, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Please silence your cell phones prior to entering the sanctuary.



## GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Happy are those who walk in the Lord's Instruction.

**PEOPLE: Those who guard God's laws are truly happy! They seek God with all their hearts.**

LEADER: Those who walk in God's ways know right from wrong!

**PEOPLE: They seek God with all their hearts.**

LEADER: Let us give thanks to God with a heart that does right.

**PEOPLE: Let us seek God with all our hearts.**

### OPENING HYMN

GIFT OF LOVE

*"Though I May Speak"*  
Chancel Choir Recording

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, giver of all good things, we have failed to live in thanksgiving for Earth, for our families, for neighbors, and for**

strangers, for the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the soil that grows our food.

Forgive us for sins against you, your creation, and our neighbors, through disobedience to your will in word and deed.

Teach us to love the way of blamelessness and to be happy in your steadfast love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

— *Silent Prayer* —

Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

### **†SHARING GOD’S PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **FANNING THE FLAME**

*Following this time for our young disciples at the front of the church, children are invited to follow Ms. Brandi to the Campfire Meeting (Children’s Church), and can be picked up following the service at the end of the Sunday School hallway.*

## **PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

### **Hebrew Lesson**

### **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

**4** Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. **5** You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. **6** Keep these words that I am commanding

you today in your heart. **7** Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. **8** Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, **9** and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

## **Gospel Lesson**

### **Mark 12:28-34**

**28** One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" **29** Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; **30** you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' **31** The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." **32** Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; **33** and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." **34** When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

**SERMON**        *"Learn to See through the Lens of Love"*  
Rev. Jamie Milton

## **50-YEAR MEMBER RECOGNITION**

***Ross Wayne Brown, Joy Hebner, Richard Talbot***

**LEADER:** There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

**PEOPLE:** **One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

## **†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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.**

## **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**

#### **OFFERTORY**

WAGNER

*"God is So Good"*  
Chancel Choir Recording

#### **DOXOLOGY**

Wendy Tally

## **†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Bless these gifts, O Lord, from your unfailing care for your people. Let them be a sign of our gladness for all that we have and all that we may offer to others, in Jesus' name.  
Amen.**

## **BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD**

### **HYMN OF DEDICATION**

CHEREPONI

*"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"*  
Chancel Choir Recording

### **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**

**PRAYERS** of the congregation are extended to Mike Hankish. Mike's son, Cameron, passed away on Friday, September 17, 2021. A funeral service will take place at Squires Funeral Home on Monday, September 27 at 2:00 p.m.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our 50-year members: Ross Wayne Brown, Joy Hebner, and Richard Talbot.

**50-YEAR MEMBER CELEBRATION:** Today we will celebrate a new class of 50-year members! Following worship, all are welcome to join for a luncheon catered by Kryziak's. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, there will only be a limited number of seats available inside Fellowship Hall. For those who are able, we encourage you to eat outdoors under one of the tents. We will have volunteers standing by to help carry plates and drinks or to assist anyone who may need it.

**LUNCH & LEARN:** Join us for the first installment of our Lunch & Learn program on Tuesday, September 28 at noon in Fellowship Hall. We will learn about Pastor's Jamie's year of ministry in Peru. Lunch & Learn will gather on the last Tuesday of each month over a brown bag lunch (beverages provided) with an opportunity to hear, see, or do something new! Future scheduled speakers include:

**October 26:** Sandra Jones, Executive Director of the R.L. Jones Community Outreach Center in Flint, Michigan

**November 30:** Honorable Charles Binder, Federal Magistrate, retired; and Patrick

Duggan, JD, retired, former assistant prosecutor and senior trial attorney

**December 21:** Intergenerational Movie (to be announced)

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** will be celebrated on October 3. For this special celebration of the Lord's Supper with Christians around the world, the Deacons are offering to prepare and deliver (if needed) pre-packaged communion elements to those who are unable to be with us in worship that Sunday. You may pick them up in the office the week of September 27, or let the office know if you would like to have them delivered to you.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** When we respond to Jesus' summons to "Follow me" and we choose to follow, we are committing to a lifelong apprenticeship journey — one in which we will continually be formed, reformed, and transformed. Discipleship is not a skill, it's a way of life. Bible Study classes will be offered at two different times to accommodate various schedules. Join us on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Session Room or Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The same study materials will be used at both gatherings, and are available for pick-up in the church office. See Rev. Linda or Pastor Jamie with any questions.

**THE WIRED WORD**, “where current events and faith intersect,” will resume on Tuesday, October 5 at 1:00 via Zoom. News is inevitable — whether good or bad, but what better way to extract hope from this input than to juxtapose scriptures as tools to persevere and navigate our daily walk in Christian faith. Our weekly Wired Word gatherings allow us to reflect on the week’s happenings with others who may not share exactly our same thoughts and opinions, but are equally dedicated to thinking about and talking about how current events intersect with our faith questions and convictions. Any questions, or to receive study material and Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 686-1360 or parishassoc@wpcbc.org.

**DEBORAH CIRCLE**: Ladies, you are invited! The Deborah Circle will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m. Contact Karen Schoeppach at 989-684-1322 or kaysue@chartermi.net for Zoom information.

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

**CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE** takes place on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. All choir members will wear a mask, and all singing will take place socially distanced in the sanctuary. All music will be pre-recorded and played during Sunday’s worship services. If you wish to join us, contact Dawn at 989-894-0426.

**SPECIAL REQUEST**: This program year, children and youth opportunities will take place on Sunday and Thursday evenings. There will be a time for fellowship and food for the youth, so food and snack volunteers are needed for those two evenings.

**On Sundays**, if you would like to bring dinner for youth and volunteers, please review the dinner schedule by following the link below. Dinner will take place from 5:00 until 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, or outside, weather permitting. (We should know approximately how many children are attending each week after the first couple of sessions.) Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0849afaf2ca0ff2-ignite>

**On Thursdays**, if you would like to bring in a snack, please review the snack schedule by following the link below. Groups of students will snack from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, or outside, weather permitting. Volunteers may drop off Thursday’s snacks anytime during the day. (We should know approximately how many children are attending each week after the first couple of sessions.) Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0849afaf2ca0ff2-combustion>

Any questions, please contact Sandy Graves at [sandra.graves@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.graves@gmail.com) or phone/text at 989-225-7488. Thank you for your time and generosity!

## *This Week at Westminster*

### **Today, Sunday, September 26, 2021**

- 9:00 a.m. First Light (Sunday School)
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study (meet in the Session Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. 50-Year Member Celebration Luncheon
- 5:00 p.m. Ignite (Youth Group)

### **Tuesday, September 28**

- 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Hands Knitting
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn
- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 150
- 7:00 p.m. Deborah Circle via Zoom

### **Wednesday, September 29**

- 6:00 p.m. Sweaty Sheep / Walking Wellness Group
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom

### **Thursday, September 30**

- 8:30 p.m. TOPS
- 5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah
- 5:00 p.m. Combustion Council (Youth Group)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

### **Next Sunday, October 3**

- 9:00 a.m. First Light Meeting (Sunday School)
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study (meet in the Session Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. Ignite (Youth Group)

*Now is the time to begin thinking about what we will be doing and where we will be going in 2022.*

*As you look at what you want to see happening next year in our church, consider: What part does Westminster Presbyterian Church play in your family's life?*

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### **Office Hours**

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

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

*What will Westminster need to continue and expand our programs, and our part in furthering God's work: What ministries of our church are important to you?*

*Westminster has many ways of touching people inside and outside of our walls: When did being a part of this church family make a difference to you?*



