

Westminster At Worship

A Celebration of Worship *Third Sunday after Pentecost*

June 14, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Please silence your cell phones prior to entering the sanctuary.

†Those who feel comfortable standing may do so.

* Denotes hymn number in pew hymnal. Some lyrics may be different than what is projected on the screens.



DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The God of ages past and days to come is here,
inviting us to worship and praise.

The God of promises and challenges is with us,
calling us to faithful service.

The God of boundless love is with us,
making every one of God's promises possible.

†HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*No. 48

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.*

*Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We love you, O God, and we yearn to rest in your steadfast love.
When we are restless, calm our spirits with your Holy Spirit.
When we are lost, guide us back to you.
When we are threatened, be our protective shepherd.
We can't go this alone, O God.
Be with us, and remind us that you are with us.
Help us to believe, even where we have not seen,
that your loving promises may bless our lives and guide our steps.
In faith and trust, we pray. Amen.**
God listens closely to the deepest yearnings of our hearts.
God is listening now.

— A time of Silent Confession —

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Trust the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

†RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

†SHARING GOD'S PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW READING

Genesis 18:1-8

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:35-10:23 (Selected verses)

SERMON

"The Hard Work of the Kingdom"
Rev. Jamie Milton

†HYMN *"Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)"* *No. 350

*"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"*

*"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"*

*“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”*

*“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”*

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
who gathers, protects and nourishes the Church.**

**The Church is holy, universal;
it is the fellowship of God’s children,
called together from the whole of humanity
to proclaim God’s wonderful deeds.**

**We believe that God has entrusted to the Church
the message of reconciliation;
and that the Church is called
to proclaim and embody this reconciliation;**

**We believe that God wants to bring about true
justice and lasting peace on earth;
we believe that God is,
the God of the suffering, the poor and the downtrodden.
We praise God who gives justice to the oppressed
and bread to the hungry;**

who sets captives free and makes the blind to see;
who protects strangers, orphans, and widows
and obstructs the plans of the wicked.

We believe that the Church...
should stand where God stands:
against injustice and with those who are wronged.
We commit ourselves to reject all forms of injustice
in ourselves and amongst us;
and to struggle against all forms of injustice
and every teaching that allows injustices to flourish.

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.

DISCIPLES RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

CONTEMPORARY CHOIR

"Goodness of God"

*Words and Music by Jenn Johnson, Brian Johnson, Jason
Ingram, Ed Cash and Ben Fielding; Arranged by James Koerts*

†DOXOLOGY

*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

Faithful and loving God, bless these gifts
with your faithfulness and love.

Bless our lives to be faithful and loving.

And bless our world with your promises
of faith, hope, peace, and love—

knowing always that the greatest of these is love. Amen.

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

†HYMN

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

*No. 729

*Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.*

*Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.*

*Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.*

*Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on, till victory is won.*

*Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died.*

*Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed?*

*We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the
slaughtered,*

*out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.*

*God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.*

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JUNE 14, 2026

• **NURSERY CARE** is available for infants and toddlers during the worship service. Our nursery is equipped with a paging system. Quality childcare is provided by Elaine Edwards, who is infant/CPR trained.

• **PER CAPITA for 2026 is \$35.00.**

• **WINGS OF PRAYER:** If you have someone you would like to add to our Wings of Prayer list, please contact Patti Wesenick at 989-737-6844.

• Mark your calendars, **BAY SHORE CAMP'S ON THE ROAD DAY CAMP** is



returning to Westminster **August 3 through August 6.**

Camp is open to those entering Kindergarten through 5th grade. Registration is LIVE

through the camp's website: <https://bayshorecamp.campbrainregistration.com/>

or scan the QR code to register. Camp fills up quickly, so be sure to register early! We are still working out the details on what we might be able to offer for others outside of these age groups. More details will be available soon!

• **PRAYER IN THE PEW MINISTRY** - a quiet movement of intercession, right where you sit. You are invited to take a few quiet moments before or after worship and use the PRAYER IN THE PEW booklet that can be found in the hymnbook rack in your pew. You may want to use the included prayers or just sit in silent prayer and join this gentle ministry of intercession. You are also invited to join the Prayer Team at the front of the church / lectern side following worship who will gather briefly for silent or communal prayer.

Giving to Westminster

There are many ways to share your gifts with Westminster.

Cash and checks are welcome. Please use your offering envelopes or the envelopes found in pew backs and place your gift in the offering plate when it is passed. Visit our website www.wpcbc.org and click on the "Give Now" button at the top of the page This will direct you to our Online Giving Portal or simply scan the QR Code. Contributions can also be sent through the mail to the attention of the Church Treasurer. We're grateful for your gifts, however you choose to give. THANK YOU!

GENERAL FUND	Month to Date	
	thru June 8 2026	Year to Date
Pledges & Other Giving	\$ 7,442	\$ 295,024
One-time Gifts	\$ -	\$ -
Other Cash Received	\$ 40	\$ 6,319
Total Income	\$ 7,482	\$ 301,343
Expenses	\$ 3,563	\$ 180,710
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 3,919	\$ 120,633

Budgeted expense total for 2026 is \$467,000.



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- **CARING CONNECTIONS:** Come join us on the first Thursday of every month. Our Caring Connections Group is open to the Bay City community, so if you have a friend or neighbor who is dealing with grief, they are welcome to join!
- Join us for **“SUMMER DICE AND SMILES” Bunco group on Tuesdays: June 30, July 28, and August 18.** Bring a bag lunch at **noon, and Bunco will begin at 12:30 p.m.** Light refreshments

served. Prizes will be awarded for Most Bunco, Most Mini Buncos, Most Wins, and Most Losses. Come for a fun time—no skill needed, just lots of luck and laughter!

- **UKULELE GROUP!** There’s still time to join our new Ukulele Group! We’ll meet on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the choir room. Ask Dawn Auger or Seth Cunningham for more details.

The logo for Westminster Community Pantry features the word "Westminster" in a large, elegant, cursive script font. Below it, the words "COMMUNITY PANTRY" are written in a bold, dark green, sans-serif, all-caps font.

COMMUNITY PANTRY

The Pantry Celebrates Two Years serving Bay County! When we opened in June 2024, we didn't dream that the Pantry would be this busy or the need would be this great. In Year Two (June 2025-May 2026), we had 2,556 visits serving 7,257 people with 82,493 pounds of food. Compared to our first year, that's 600 more visits serving 1,354 more people with almost 19,000 pounds more food going out the door. While we wish food insecurity did not exist in Bay County, with your help we have played a big part in feeding our hungry neighbors. Thank you!

The June “Item of the Month” is canned fruit (peaches, pears, mixed fruit, pineapple, etc.). We cannot always get

these staples from the Food Bank, but they are items we always want to have in stock. All donations may be left on the cart outside the pantry door. Thank you!

Items for the Tree: We try to keep our Christmas tree stocked with kitchen items like can openers, measuring cups and spoons, dish towels, dish cloths, etc. First-time guests and returning guests who bring their own bags can pick something off our tree. Right now, our tree is looking a little bare. We appreciate your donations of new or gently-used items. Please leave them on the cart outside the pantry door. Many thanks!

Our “Free Little Library” has been a hit! We have inspirational reads, devotionals, cookbooks and children’s books. If you have books to contribute, please leave them on the cart outside the pantry. These books will feed the spirit, just like food feeds the body!

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• The **OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH'S** delicious destination for June is **Blossom's Asian Bistro!** We will gather **Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 1 p.m.** at Blossom's, 4124 Wilder Rd., Bay City (in the same strip center as Buffalo Wild Wings, FedEx and UPS). **Please RSVP** with Dave Crook by **Monday, June 15** by calling 847-624-5798 or by email at crookds@earthlink.net.

• Join us for our monthly **GATHERING AND GAMES** event with a creative twist! **TODAY after worship** in the Fellowship Hall, we're combining fellowship, fun, and faith formation as we prepare to kick off our summer worship series "All My Days." While some gather around the board game tables, others can craft their own prayer beads—or do both! Move between the craft table and game tables as you like. We'll also be preparing additional sets to hand out during worship for those who aren't able to make their own prayer beads.

• **SUMMER MOVIE SERIES:** Join us this summer for a special movie series featuring films connected to authors from this past year's book group. Our next film is *A Patch of Blue* on Tuesday, June 23. **Movies will be shown on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.** As always, we have soda, popcorn, and candy, so come enjoy a good film and good company with us this summer. Any questions, please call the church office.

• **LOONS GAME:** Join us for a fun-filled evening at Dow Diamond on **Friday, July 17th** as we cheer on the Great Lakes Loons! This isn't just any baseball game—it's **The Great Lakes Grand Carnival** night, when the ballpark transforms into a full-scale carnival experience. For tickets go to

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Westminsterpresbyterian26>. Tickets can also be purchased through the church office or on Sunday mornings if you need help, or scan the QR code to buy online.

• **BOOK/BIBLE STUDY SERIES:** This summer we invite you to join our book/Bible study series on ***Tending the Wild Garden: Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit*** by Eugenia Gamble. We meet at **1:30 – 2:30 p.m.** We will meet three weeks in June, three weeks in July and four weeks in August. You need not attend all weeks, just come as you are able to enjoy and be inspired by ***Tending the Wild Garden***. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend so we can order books. Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 10.

• **LOG DEADLINE:** Those wishing to submit anything for inclusion in the July issue of The Westminster Log are asked to please turn your information into the office by **4 p.m. Wednesday, June 17.**

• **NOTICE AN ERROR** in your contact information or anything else on the web-based MyUCD Church Directory? Please contact Bill in the church office at 989-686-1360 or by email at office@wpcbc.org so that he can make the necessary corrections.

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The office is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday through Thursday. Closed noon to 1 p.m. for lunch each day.



Show Your Spirit – New WPC Shirts Now Available!



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Looking for a great way to represent our church community? We're excited to offer custom shirts featuring our church logo!

We're offering **100% Cotton T-Shirts** for \$12-15 or **Polo Shirts** for \$25-29. They are available in Navy blue, White, or Red

You can place your order using the QR code below or by following the link. The online store is open until the end of June. If you'd prefer to order in person, we'll have someone taking orders and payments after church on June 14, 21, and 28.

Support Westminster with pride and help spread the word about our church family. Perfect for Sunday services, community events, or everyday wear. Get yours today!

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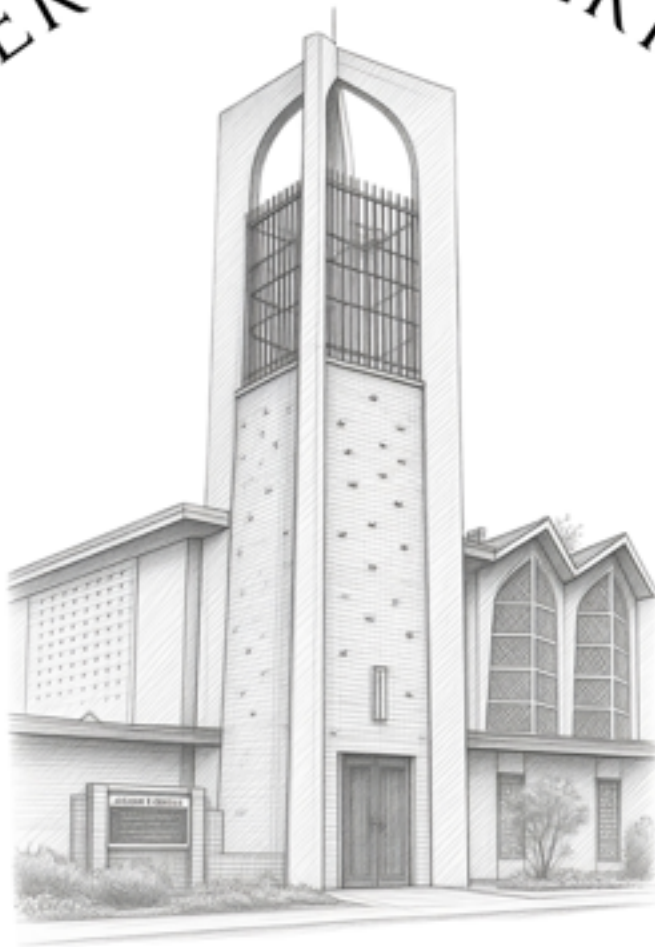
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