

Westminster At Worship

A Celebration of Worship

November 14, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Please silence your cell phones prior to entering the sanctuary.

†Those who are able to stand may do so.



GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

On the paper you were given as you arrived, write or draw your confession for today. They will be collected during the Prayer of Confession. Once you are done, fold it in half. NO ONE WILL SEE IT. This is between you and God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WESTMINSTER AT WORK

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: God is our hiding place, our helper in trouble.

PEOPLE: Our Savior surrounds us in times of distress.

LEADER: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous!

PEOPLE: Shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

OPENING HYMN

THOMPSON

"Softly and Tenderly"
Chancel Choir Recording

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own

fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

LEADER: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

PEOPLE: Have mercy on us, O God.

LEADER: We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: Have mercy on us, O God.

LEADER: We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness. For the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

PEOPLE: Have mercy on us, O God.

LEADER: For our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people,

PEOPLE: Have mercy on us, O God.

LEADER: For our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

PEOPLE: Have mercy on us, O God.

LEADER: For our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

PEOPLE: Have mercy on us, O God.

LEADER: For our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

PEOPLE: Have mercy on us, O God.

LEADER: Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

PEOPLE: Have mercy on us, O God.

LEADER: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

PEOPLE: Have mercy on us, O God.

LEADER: For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

PEOPLE: Have mercy on us, O God.

LEADER: Restore us, O God of our salvation, and show us your steadfast love.

PEOPLE: Turn to us in your mercy and redeem us.

KYRIE ELEISON

Chancel Choir Recording

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

†SHARING GOD'S PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

FANNING THE FLAME

Following the time with young disciples at the front of the sanctuary, 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

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 51:1-17

Gospel Lesson
Luke 3:3-14

SERMON

“Repent! (You Brood of Vipers!)”
Rev. Jamie Milton

†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.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY HYMN

BESIG

“If We Will Seek the Lord”
Chancel Choir Recording

DOXOLOGY

Wendy Tally

†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, in gratitude for all that you have given us, we bring our tithes, offerings, and labor to help feed a world hungry for healing and hope; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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.

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

CANONBURY

"O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"
Chancel Choir Recording

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2021

NEW MEMBER CLASS Have you been participating in the life and worship of Westminster and want to know more about what it means to become a member of the church? You are invited to attend our new member inquiry classes! We will hold two one and a half hour classes following worship TODAY and November 21. Participants will learn about our PC(USA) denomination and what it means to be an active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church. There is no obligation to join the church after taking the class, but the classes are required for those seeking to become members. Please let Pastor Jamie or the church office know if you are interested in attending or know of someone who may be.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Please join us in our Advent Celebration on Sunday, November 21. We will enjoy a taco bar lunch immediately following the worship service, and then we will decorate the church for the Advent season.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT & MUSICAL SERVICE: Attention all singers! Hello, all piano or trumpet or saxophone players! Attention, all harpists and family singers! This year our Christmas Concert is going to be part of the Sunday, December 19 morning service (recorded in advance for the safety of all). The theme for the day is "Proclaim Hope!" Let's join together in lots of fun, musical ways to proclaim the hope and joy of the Christmas Season. Please contact Dawn at 989-894-0426 or Wendy at 989-284-8161.

OUR STEPHEN MINISTRY PROGRAM is venturing into volunteering with Hospice. We would like to invite anyone in the congregation to join us. Your time commitment is up to you. The Hospice coordinator is great to work with, and will assign you with the job that best suits your interests and time. There will be a training session after Christmas for us all to do together. Please call Jan (989-686-1557) or Pam (989-225-8259) for more information or to be put on our volunteer list.

SPECIAL OFFERING: Westminster will continue to take a special offering that will help support a gift to a farming community. This gift includes livestock, tools, and training to support a larger farm that can serve an entire community. The gift may include families of chickens, multiple goats, piglets and cows, a pair of oxen with a plow, and a collection of equipment — enough to help communities raise both healthy food and their standard of living. Each gift will ultimately reflect local needs to provide the greatest impact. An anonymous donor will match what is given by the congregation. You may indicate on your envelope whose silo — Pastor Jamie's, Pastor Linda's, or Brandi's — you want your contribution to go into. Remember, whoever gets the most donations in their silo, gets to kiss a cow!

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 9:00 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.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD: If you are looking for grief support groups, health clinics, or volunteer opportunities that take place within our community, please check out the community bulletin board located in Fellowship Hall.

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK: Westminster Presbyterian Church - Bay City

This Week at Westminster

Today, Sunday, November 14

- 9:00 a.m. First Light (Sunday School)
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 11:30 a.m. New Member Class
- 5:00 p.m. Ignite (Youth Group)

Tuesday, November 16

- 9:00 a.m. Bay ISD
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Hands Knitting
- 1:00 p.m. The Wired Word via Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 150
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, November 17

- 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom

Thursday, November 18

- 8:30 a.m. TOPS
- 9:00 a.m. Bay ISD
- 5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah
- 5:00 p.m. Combustion Council
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Next Sunday, November 21

- 9:00 a.m. First Light (Sunday School)
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 11:30 a.m. Hanging of the Greens
- 11:30 a.m. New Member Class
- 5:00 p.m. Ignite (Youth Group)

DEBORAH CIRCLE: Ladies, you are invited! The Deborah Circle will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. Contact Karen Schoeppach at 989-684-1322 or kaysue@chartermi.net for Zoom information.

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

