

Westminster At Worship

A Celebration of Worship *Annual Congregational Meeting* *Sacrament of Communion*

February 2, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Please silence your cell phones prior to entering the sanctuary.

†Those who feel comfortable standing may do so.



GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONSTITUTING PRAYER

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE CALL

The Session has called for the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held during worship on Sunday, February 5, 2025. The Call has been read at least two successive Sundays, as well as outlined in the Log and bulletin.

ADOPTION OF DOCKET

MOTION TO REFER MINUTES OF THIS MEETING TO SESSION FOR THEIR APPROVAL

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Please rise, in body or in spirit, however you are most comfortable, and join in the call to worship.

From the very beginning, God calls us.

God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.

We come up with excuses to avoid our calls, for we are afraid.

**But God reassures us in many and various ways through
the course of our days.**

Even if we are brought to the edge of a cliff,

God is with us and sustains us.

†**HYMN** “We All Are One in Mission” ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

*We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.*

*We all are called for service
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different;
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
by God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.*

*Now let us be united
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trust in the One who made us and redeemed us. Let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray:

God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love.

We have lost patience and been rude.

We have been irritable and insisted on our own way.

We have even let love end.

Forgive us and heal us, dear God,

through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate.

— A Time of Silent Confession —

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Though we know only in part, we are fully known to God.

**By the grace of Christ, God forgives us in love,
and calls us to abide in faith, in hope, and in love.**

+SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Let us speak with words of love and with gestures of peace, as we share the peace of Christ with one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

WAYS WE SHARE GOD'S LOVE AND PEACE

Fellowship and Outreach

Deacons

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of life, God of love, open our hearts and enter in, that hearing your word of love, we may become your love for others. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

The Lord's word came to me:

"Before I created you in the womb I knew you;
before you were born I set you apart;
I made you a prophet to the nations."

"Ah, Lord God," I said, "I don't know how to speak
because I'm only a child."

The Lord responded,

"Don't say, 'I'm only a child.'

Where I send you, you must go;
what I tell you, you must say.

Don't be afraid of them,

because I'm with you to rescue you,"
declares the Lord.

Then the Lord stretched out his hand,
touched my mouth, and said to me,
"I'm putting my words in your mouth.

This very day I appoint you over nations and empires,
to dig up and pull down, to destroy and demolish,
to build and plant."

WAYS WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Spiritual Growth and Faith Formation
Worship

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-8, 13

If I speak in tongues of human beings and of angels but I don't have love, I'm a clanging gong or a clashing cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and I know all the mysteries and everything else, and if I have such complete faith that I can move mountains but I don't have love, I'm nothing. If I give away everything that I have and hand over my own body to feel good about what I've done but I don't have love, I receive no benefit whatsoever.

Love is patient, love is kind, it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant, it isn't rude, it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable, it doesn't keep a record of complaints, it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. As for prophecies, they will be brought to an end. As for tongues, they will stop. As for knowledge, it will be brought to an end.

Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things—and the greatest of these is love.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GIFTS

WAYS WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GIFTS

Property Committee
Stewardship Committee

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Friends, let us love not only in our words but also in our deeds through the tithes and offerings that we give today.

MUSICAL OFFERING

CHANCEL CHOIR

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

~ Please record your presence on the “Friendship Pad”

†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.*

†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Please join with me in the prayer of dedication:

O God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors, that they may bring closer to fulfillment your reign of peace and love; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WAYS WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

**Mission Partnerchips Committee
Nominating Committee Report**

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

The livestream of this morning service will end following the next hymn. For those folks here in the sanctuary, we will continue with our business before adjourning for our soup lunch.

†HYMN

“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

*For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

PRESENTATION OF THE 2025 BUDGET – FINANCE COMMITTEE

(If you would like a line item budget, please contact the church office, or the Financial Administrator, Pat Foster)

APPROVAL OF 2025 TERMS OF CALL FOR REV. JAMIE MILTON

OTHER BUSINESS OR CONCERNS

CLOSING PRAYER/ADJOURNMENT OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION - JULIE KELLY,
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORDS

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2025

- **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.
- **RIDES TO CHURCH NEEDED:** we have a few church members that need rides to church. If you are able to help, please call the church office. Thank you!
- **ADULT BIBLE STUDY** classes are offered at two different times to accommodate various schedules. Join us **Sundays at 9:00 a.m.** in the Session Room or **Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.** via Zoom. The same study materials will be

used at both gatherings. Please visit our Adult Bible Study page on our website at www.wpcbc.org or see Rev. Linda or Pastor Jamie with any questions.

- Have any old **HATS, MITTENS OR COATS** laying around that you haven't worn in a while? We have noticed that some of our **food pantry clients are in need of warm winter clothing**, and are now collecting donations of warm clothing items that can be given away to those who visit the Westminster Community Pantry. Donations may be left on the cart outside the pantry or in the church office.

• **WAYS TO SUPPORT THE WESTMINSTER COMMUNITY PANTRY:**

If you would like to sign up to work our **Westminster Community Pantry**, Wednesday evenings, 4 to 6 p.m. or Thursday mornings, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., please see the sign up sheets on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.

The **FEBRUARY ITEM OF THE MONTH** is **CHUNKY SOUP**. This is one of the pantry's most popular items, AND it can especially be enjoyed during these cold months. However, it is also an item that we cannot get from the Food Bank. If you would like to leave a donation of chunky soup when the pantry isn't opened, please just leave it by the door. We know how much this will be appreciated.

• **PER CAPITA FOR 2025** is \$30.69. This is per active, confirmed member.

• **TV AND SOUNDBOARD:** We're looking for individuals who can run the soundboard and help in the TV room on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in helping, please call the church office. Thank you!

• **BULLETIN BOARDS:** Check out the Church bulletin board just outside the sanctuary for upcoming church events and happenings, **plus sign-up sheets for volunteer opportunities for:**

- **Westminster Community Pantry**
- **Food of Faith**
- **Matthew 25 Cafe**
- **Fellowship Time Host**

In addition, the Community bulletin board in Fellowship Hall has information on health

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 below.

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!



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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

screenings, grief groups and other events in the area.

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

• **YOUTH GROUP DINNERS:** Our Youth Group meets from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday nights. This time includes a meal together.

If you are able to prepare and serve a meal (foods that young people like, such as Mac and cheese, chicken tenders, make-your-own sandwiches, etc.)



or donate money towards dinner, please scan the QR code to sign up. Or call the church office.

• Karen Mitchell will be out of town until February 13, 2025. If you have anyone that you would like to be added to the **WINGS OF PRAYER LIST**, please contact Patti Wesenick at 989-737-6844.

• Join us, Sunday, February 16th as we celebrate **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**. Westminster's Session Members will be hosting a Celebration luncheon after

worship. Please plan to attend and celebrate all that we're able to do together!

• **CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!** If you had your picture taken for the directory last year, you can pick up your copy after worship or in the church office during the week.

• The **FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE WESTMINSTER LOG** has been printed and mailed and should be arriving at your home shortly! You may view a PDF version online at the Westminster website, wpcbc.org.

• **THANK YOU** to the ladies who were kind enough to donate their time to folding, sealing and placing the address labels on the 200 copies of the February issue of the Westminster Log this week. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely, Bill Petzold, secretary

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