

Westminster At Worship

A Celebration of Worship

All My Days: Purpose

*“Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on Earth as it is in heaven”*

July 26, 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.*



THE “WHEN” (We Gather)

PRELUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THRESHOLD

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” No. 469

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.**

We arrive fully into this moment, Holy One.
We open to sense your presence among us.
We hear you say,
 “Love is the purpose.”

We need you, Jesus, to help us.
We come to you as your first disciples did.

We hear you say,
“Love is the purpose.”

Spirit of Divine Love,
come to us with your healing waters.
We hear you say,
“Love is the purpose.”

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.**

†HYMN

“Here in This Place (Gather Us In)”

*No. 649

*Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young; our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we come before you today
knowing that we often fall short of your call
to love one another well.**

**We allow ourselves to be blinded by wealth and power.
We ignore those around us who suffer injustice, poverty, and
rejection. We tune out the cries of the poor
and those on the edges of our communities.**

**Help us to see your great generosity, hear your word of mercy,
and feel your great love for all who need your redemptive grace.
Strengthen us to reach out in service to those who are in need.
Make us aware of those outside our own communities,
that we may see them as your precious children
and serve them in humility and joy.**

**May we continue to grow in grace as we learn how to serve you
in the name of our Servant Christ we offer our prayers...**

— A time of Silent Confession —

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ, we 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

THE “WHAT”
(WE PROCLAIM)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

James 2:2-5

GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:20-21

SERMON

*“Purpose: Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven”*

Rev. Jamie Milton

THE “WHERE”
(WE RESPOND)

PRAYER SONG

“All My Days” (legato version)

You know my words before they’re said.

You know my need and I am fed.

*You give me life. You know my ways,
my strength, my path, for all my days.
my strength, my path, for all my days.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray to the God of mercy, through our savior,
Jesus Christ, saying,
Your will be done.

On earth as it is in heaven.

PRAYER OF PURPOSE

Bead 1: For those who are alone.

Bead 2: For those who need food and clothing.

Bead 3: For those who need shelter.

Bead 4: For this struggling planet.

Bead 5: For those who are afraid because they are deemed “less than.”

Bead 6: For those who are in harm’s way.

Bead 7: For those who are excluded.

End Bead: Let heaven on earth be my purpose today.

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 in to temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

PRAYER SONG

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You know my words before they’re said.
You know my need and I am fed.
You give me life. You know my ways,
my strength, my path, for all my days.
my strength, my path, for all my days.*

†HYMN

“Seek Ye First”

*No. 349

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!*

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!*

*You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia!*

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The reconciliation of [humanity] through Jesus Christ makes it plain that: **enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God's good creation.**

Because Jesus identified himself with the needy and exploited: **the cause of the world's poor is the cause of his disciples.**

The church cannot condone poverty and calls its members **to use our abilities, possessions, and the fruits of technology as gifts entrusted to us by God for the maintenance of family and the advancement of common welfare.**

The church encourages those forces in human society that **raise humanity's hopes for better conditions and provide them with opportunity for a decent living.**

A church that is indifferent to poverty,
or evades responsibility in economic affairs,
or is open to one social class only,
or expects gratitude for its beneficence
**makes a mockery of reconciliation
and offers no acceptable worship to God.**

And so we pray:
**God's kingdom come, God's will be done,
on earth, as it is in heaven.**

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

DON CLOUGH

"Amazing Love, You Are My King"
Words and Music by Billy James Foote

†DOXOLOGY

TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Like strands of beads, we offer gifts,
that one by one, your love will lift.
Alleluia, alleluia!
That all may have just what they need,
by this we're bless'd and truly freed.
Hear our prayers, God.
Be our guide, Lord.
Holy Spirit, come and fill us.
Alleluia!

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Receive our thanks, O God,
for your gifts of life, means, and time.
We treasure your offerings and,
small as our return giving may be,
welcome it for the sake of those in need
and for the furtherance of your witness in this world.
Make us daily more grateful for all we have been given,
in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE "WHY"

(WE GO FORTH)

†HYMN

"Jesu, Jesu"

*No. 273

Refrain:

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

*Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)*

*Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race;
neighbors are near us and far away. (Refrain)*

*These are the ones we should serve;
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)*

*Loving puts us on our knees,
willing to wash others' feet;
this is the way we should live like you. (Refrain)*

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 26, 2026

- The **FLOWERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE** are provided by John and Marilyn Len in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary on July 18.

- **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.

- **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 will meet 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. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, July 29 at 1:30 p.m.**

- **"SUMMER DICE AND SMILES" Bunco group:** Join us on **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.**

- **THE OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH** will gather at North Peak Brewing Company, 1100 N. Water St. at 1 p.m. on **Wednesday, August 19**. If you would like

to attend, please RSVP with Dave Crook at 847-624-5798 or crookds@earthlink.net.

- **LOONS GAME (SECOND ATTEMPT!):** Westminster's scheduled trip to the Loons game (initially on July 17th) was cancelled due to the poor air quality that week! But that means, we get another chance! We'll be going on GRIT night, **Friday, August 14th**, game time 7:05PM. For folks that already purchased tickets, your tickets have already been switched to the new date. If you purchased tickets and cannot attend that night but want to attend another game, let Pastor Jamie know. Those interested in the new date, can let Pastor Jamie or the office know, and they'll get you signed up! That night will also be a Foodie Friday, so there will be \$2 hot dogs, \$1 snacks and lots of specialty food available for purchase! Wear your WPC "GRIT and Grace" shirt, one of your new WPC shirts, or your favorite Detroit Lions gear!

- **WPC SHIRTS:** If you ordered a WPC t-shirt or Polo, please see Jeff Rogers before or after worship to pick up and/or pay for your shirts.



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• **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.



Spots are filling up quickly and only 16 remain, so register your child soon!

• **PRESCHOOL VBS: Rainforest Falls!** Your little explorers will discover God's love through fun Bible stories, music, crafts, games, and hands-on activities in a vibrant rainforest setting. **VBS runs from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, August 3**



through Thursday, August 6 and is open to 3 and 4 year olds. Registration is available by following the link below or by scanning the QR code. <https://form.jotform.com/261673710836057>. We can't wait to explore with you!

• **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! **Please note that we will not be meeting in August because of scheduling issues. Our next meeting is planned for Thursday, September 10 because the 3rd is Memorial Day weekend.**

• **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:** Westminster will be participating in Bay City's National Night Out event on **Tuesday, August 4th from 5 to 8 p.m.** Come find us among the

sea of tents at Wenona Park as we share with our community the good things God is doing in our midst!

• **GATHERING AND GAMES:** Food. Laughter. Friendly Competition. Conversation. If you haven't joined us for one of our monthly gatherings, that's what you're missing! Join us on August 16th following worship for the next one.

• **SAVE THE DATE! Fall Kickoff and Neighboring Sunday, September 13** Mark your calendars for this year's fall kickoff Sunday! Many of our programming and rehearsals start back after being on break for the summer and we'll have a talented Brass Ensemble present to help lead us in worship. This is an excellent opportunity to bring a friend or invite a neighbor to join us for the day! Following worship, we'll have an extended time of fellowship with plenty of food and fun. Football fans should have plenty of time to grab some food and still make it home before the NFL season kicks off (we'll even put on the Lions pregame show for you!) Wear your team colors, your GRIT & Grace shirt, or other WPC shirt and help us kick off a season of learning, serving, and growing together in faith and friendship.

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noon to 1 p.m. for lunch each day.

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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	Current	
	Period July	Year to Date
	21, 2026	
Pledges & Other Giving	\$ 14,035	\$ 291,495
One-time Gifts		\$ -
Other Cash Received	\$ 40	\$ 6,365
Total Income	\$ 14,075	\$ 297,861
Expenses	\$ 11,682	\$ 226,096
Excess(Loss)	\$ 2,393	\$ 71,764

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



Westminster **COMMUNITY PANTRY**

- **In June, we served 580 people** from 210 households with 6,773 pounds of food. We had three weeks with more than 55 guests each, a huge jump from just a few months ago. With the help of so many faithful volunteers, we continue the good work of feeding our hungry neighbors!
- **The July "Item of the Month"** is peanut butter (prefer smaller 16 oz size jars).
- **Ongoing:** We continue to collect kitchen items for our Christmas tree, books for our Free Little Library, and any produce you are willing to donate. Since the pantry is open on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning, it is best to leave fresh produce on the cart by Wednesday morning. We appreciate all your donations!