

Westminster At Worship

*A Celebration of Worship
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Building Blocks: Sharing Our Faith*

May 10, 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

TOLLING OF THE BELL

OPENING PRAYER

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to celebrate the God of wonder and majesty!

Awesome God, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

We gather to celebrate Jesus Christ, who was dead and buried, and now risen indeed!

Jesus, renew our hope in your great power and love.

We gather to celebrate the Holy Spirit, our promised comforter and guide!

Come Holy Spirit! Fill us with your presence and peace.

We gather to celebrate the ancient hope of Christians:

God is with us and will never let us go

†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

**Fulfiller of our lives, we yearn to embody
your way of love
and pursue what we know is right.
We long to ease the plight of others,
even as we seek our own comfort.
Nurture our hope this day,
as we fulfill your commandment of love,
that we may live as your children
and abide in your Spirit.**

— *A time of Silent Confession* —

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen

†RESPONSE TO GOD’S GRACE TUNE OF NO. 22 (ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY)

*Easter people, raise your voices,
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven’s choices;
heavenly music let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.*

†SHARING GOD’S PEACE

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

WPC WOMEN’S CHOIR

*“Praise Your Holy Name”
Words and Music by Sandy Wilkinson, Arranged by Mary McDonald*

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

At this time, children (5th grade and younger) are invited to a worship experience just for them. The leaders will meet them at the back of the church following the “Sharing of God’s Peace” and will bring them back before Communion.

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER READING

Psalm 66:8-20

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Acts 17:22-31

SERMON

“Building Blocks of Faith: Sharing Our Story”

Rev. Linda Williams

†HYMN

“I Love to Tell the Story”

*No. 560

*I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else could do.*

Refrain:

*I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.*

*I love to tell the story;
'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy Word. (Refrain)*

*I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long. (Refrain)*

†PROFESSION OF FAITH

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 resurrections of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

OFFERTORY

SETH CUNNINGHAM

†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

O Lord our maker, defender, redeemer and friend, accept and multiply the gifts we give today to be for your glory and for the good of your people. Amen.

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

†HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

*No. 426

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his spirit, washed in his blood.*

(Refrain)

*This is my story; this is my song,
Praising my savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

*Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his good ness, lost in his love. (Refrain)*

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Once we searched and groped for God in darkness.

Now we reside with Christ in glorious light.

Once we lived as if God was far from us.

Now we rejoice each day in God's presence.

Once we strove for God's acceptance.

Now we rest secure in God's love.

*The Prayer Ministry Team will be meeting at the front of the church/
lectern side for an additional brief time of prayer for our world, our
nation, and any special concerns you have for others or yourself.*

†POSTLUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 10, 2026

- The **FLOWERS** for today's service are provided by Seth Cunningham and Drew Lucio in celebration of their sixth anniversary and Seth's 30th birthday.

- **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.

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** This Tuesday, May 12, is Westminster's turn to help out at the **Salvation Army's Matthew 25 Café**. At least two volunteers are needed for the 9 to 11 a.m. prep shift, and at least one more volunteer is needed for the 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. serving shift. The Matthew 25 Café serves a free cafeteria-style lunch Monday through Saturday each week, feeding anywhere from 100 to 200 people each day. If you are able to help,

please sign up on the board outside the sanctuary, contact Dar Kusterer or the church office.

- **THE OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH** will next gather at **1 p.m. Wednesday, May 20 at H2O's Waterside Grill, 966 E. Midland St.** If you would like to join us, please contact Dave Crook at crookds@earthlink.net or 847-624-5798 to RSVP by Monday, May 18, so we can give them an accurate head count for our group.

- **MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS:** TODAY on Mother's Day, Presbyterian Women will be offering the remaining 83 tea cups — filled with candy — for anyone who would like them. We are giving away the rest of the teacups, so please take as many as you would like to give as gifts to honor the special women in your life.

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• 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!

• **PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We would like to Expand our Volunteer Team!** Did you know we need 6 volunteers for every pantry shift? A few

hours when you are able will help us immensely. You can help when the pantry is open by escorting guests through the pantry or volunteer to take their bags to their cars. Each shift is led by one of the co-chairs. Orientation/training is given before your first shift. Time commitment is Wednesdays from 3:45-6:15 p.m. or Thursdays from 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Besides serving our community, we have a lot of fun and form strong friendships with the other volunteers! You may also consider asking a non-member friend to join you. Want more information? Talk to co-chairs Janet Smylie or Janet Beattie or Volunteer Coordinator Karen Brown-Fackler, stop by when we are open to see our operation, or send an email to pantry@wpcbc.org. We'd love to have you join our team!

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 May 3, 2026	Year to Date
Pledges & Other Giving	\$ 13,480	\$ 250,966
One-time Gifts	\$ -	\$ -
Other Cash Received	\$ -	\$ 6,081
Total Income	\$ 13,480	\$ 257,047
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 156,551
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 13,480	\$ 100,496

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



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- **UKELELE GROUP INTEREST:** Hey, Westminster!!! Have you ever wanted to play an instrument? Dawn and Seth are thinking about starting a beginner's ukulele group. Let one of us know if you are interested in joining! Call Dawn at 989-327-0412 or Seth at 810-288-7710
- **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! See Rev. Linda or Mary Nicholson for more information.
- **ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** **“Westminster in Worship – Building Blocks: Stories of the Early Church”** highlights foundational commitments of Christian faith during the Great Fifty Days between Easter and Pentecost. Join us for **Sunday morning Bible study at 9:00** or **Thursday evening Zoom study at 7 p.m.** We will follow these same scripture passages and themes each week, allowing participants in either group to journey together through this shared exploration of early church experiences and core practices of faith. **Thursday, May 14** will be the final day of Adult Bible Study for the summer.
- **OUR BOOK GROUP** In May we will begin reading and discussing *The Book of Longing* by Sue Monk Kidd. **Join us on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the Lounge.** Contact Rev. Linda with questions. Book group will meet for the last time on Tuesday, May 12 before taking a break for

the summer, but our Summer Movie Series begins in June! More details about the movie series will follow as we get closer to next month.

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- **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.
- **LYDIA CIRCLE** will hold its next meeting on Thursday, May 21 before taking a break for the summer months.
- **DEBORAH CIRCLE** will meet at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 28.
- **PER CAPITA for 2026 is \$35.00.**
- **GATHERING AND GAMES:** What better way to spend a holiday weekend than playing games with your church friends! If you've got some time after worship on **Sunday, May 24th**, stick around and join our time of Gathering and Games! We usually have a couple of different table games going, and there's always space for those who just want to chat. Whether you're eager to join in the friendly competition or simply want to enjoy good conversation and refreshments, we'd love to have you stay and be part of the fun!

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- **MAY 17 ACTIVITIES:** There will be lots going on next Sunday when Rev. Isaac Chung returns to Westminster - 9 a.m. Mission Presentation; 10:30 a.m. Worship with Rev. Isaac Chung; 11:45 a.m. Volunteer Appreciation Taco Bar lunch; 1 to 2:30 p.m. Youth and Young Adult gathering with Rev. Isaac Chung.
- **GRADUATES:** If you know someone who is graduating from high school, college, or university, please call the church office and let us know! We will honor graduates on **June 7th** during the worship service. We're looking for a picture, where they are graduating from and any future plans. If you would like your favorite grad included, please get your information in by May 26.
- **BEING PRESBYTERIAN:** Join us on **Sunday, May 17th at 5:30 p.m.** for the final session of our Being Presbyterian class before summer, where we'll focus on the Eucharist (Lord's Supper).
- **LITTLE FREE LIBRARY:** As a service of our Westminster Community Pantry, we are announcing the Little Free Library! We purchased a rolling book cart and will start to fill it with inspirational books this week. If you have devotionals, inspirational books, poetry or cookbooks that you would like to give to this cause, we will be happy to take them.

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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.

Westminster **COMMUNITY PANTRY**

April Stats: We served 786 people from 274 families with 9,042 pounds of food. That's a lot of visits in 10 days! We had weeks where we served 62 and 63 families. As more guests come and more food goes out the door, your continued support is very appreciated!

The May "Item of the Month" is Mayonnaise and Miracle Whip. We cannot get these from the Food Bank or Hidden Harvest, so they will be a great addition to our pantry. Smaller jars are most appreciated. All donations may be left on the cart outside the pantry door. Thank you!

It's almost time to plant your garden! Consider planting a little extra to donate to the pantry! Fresh produce is a wonderful addition to our summer pantry options. All donations are welcomed.



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Facebook
page!**

*Happy
Mother's
Day!*