

Westminster At Worship

A Celebration of Worship
16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Who is calling us?

PEOPLE: Come and see.

LEADER: What might happen?

PEOPLE: Come and see.

LEADER: Jesus calls to us, "Follow me."

PEOPLE: We follow the one who calls us.

OPENING HYMN

HOLY MANNA

"We Have Come to Join in Worship"
vocal recording

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

— *Silent Prayer* —

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved.

Thanks be to God.

†SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

FANNING THE FLAME (CHILDREN'S CHURCH)

- Children may be taken to the Campfire Meeting (Children's Church) -

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Gospel Lesson

John 1:35-51

SERMON

"Accept Jesus' Invitation"

Rev. Jamie Milton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

HYMN

DARWALL'S 148TH

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"
vocal recording

DOXOLOGY

Wendy Tally

†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give you thanks, O loving God, that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to do your will. Use these gifts to proclaim good news to every nation and restore all people to Christ. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF DISCIPLESHIP

LEADER: Will you be Christ's faithful disciples, obeying his word and showing his love?

PEOPLE: I will, with God's help.

TEACHERS

Elaine Edwards

Little Embers (Nursery)

Sandy Graves, Leah Sneller, Kylee Woodward

Sparks (3-year-olds – 1st grade)

Priscilla Cramer, Melissa Woodward

Torches (2nd – 4th grade)

Tami Sivy, Amy Weatherwax

Blazers (5th – 7th grade)

Rev. Jamie Milton

Beacons (8th grade)

Brandi Higgins

Infernos (9th – 12th grade)

Rev. Linda Williams

Adults

LEADER: Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?

PEOPLE: I do.

LEADER: Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

PEOPLE: I will, with God's help.

LEADER: And now, members and friends of Westminster Presbyterian Church, do you, confirm the call of God to these teachers who have said yes to following Jesus and to teaching our children, youth, and adults?

PEOPLE: We do.

LEADER: Will you support them and encourage them in this ministry?

PEOPLE: **We will.**

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

†HYMN OF DEDICATION

KELVINGROVE

"Will You Come and Follow Me"
vocal recording

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Join Us Today!

4:00 p.m. at the Wenonah Park Pavilion in Bay City

We have the exciting opportunity to hold a special worship service at Wenonah Park Pavilion (103 Center Ave) overlooking the Saginaw River on Sunday, September 12 at 4:00 p.m. This special service will be filled with music, stories from Scripture, prayers for our community, and a chance for us to share with Bay City what Westminster is all about! Some seating will be available, but you are invited to bring a lawn chair with you if you like.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION are extended to the family and friends of Candice Green. Candy passed away on Friday, September 3, 2021. A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date.

FLOWERS today are given by Rick and Joy Hebner in glory to God for 45 years of marriage.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: In celebration of Sunday School Kickoff, please join us for an Ice Cream Social following the worship service TODAY!

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 9:15 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.

CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE will resume on Thursday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. All choir members will wear a mask, and all singing will take place socially distanced in the sanctuary. All music will be pre-recorded and played during

Sunday's worship services. If you wish to join us, contact Dawn at 989-894-0426.

SWEATY SHEEP/WESTMINSTER WELLNESS WALKING GROUP: Want to join your church friends for some exercise and fellowship? Each Wednesday we will meet at a different park in Bay City. For more information, contact Sandy at sandra.graves@gmail.com or Tami tami.sivy@gmail.com with questions, or to be added to our Facebook group.

LUNCH & LEARN: In a quest to be life-long learners, Lunch & Learn will discuss topics that help us generate new ideas, banish boredom, and improve our brain health. We will meet most months on the last Tuesday of the month at noon in Fellowship Hall. Bring a brown-bag lunch if you desire; we will supply the beverage. On, September 28, we will learn about Pastor Jamie's year of ministry in Peru.

COLLECTING MAGAZINES: Westminster is collecting magazines to help support McLaren Bay Region's Partial Hospitalization Psychiatric program. If you have magazines around your house that you wish to give away, please drop them off at the church office through the month of September. Thank you!

DEBORAH CIRCLE: Ladies, you are invited! The Deborah Circle will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m. Contact Karen Schoeppach at 989-684-1322 or kaysue@chartermi.net for Zoom information.

SPECIAL REQUEST: This program year, children and youth opportunities will take place on Sunday and Thursday evenings. There will be a time for fellowship and food for the youth, so food and snack volunteers are needed for those two evenings.

On Sundays, if you would like to bring dinner for youth and volunteers, please review the dinner schedule by following the link below. Dinner will take place from 5:00 until 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, or outside, weather permitting. (We should know approximately how many children are attending each week after the first couple of sessions.) Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0849afaf2ca0ff2-ignite>

On Thursdays, if you would like to bring in a snack, please review the snack schedule by following the link below. Groups of students will snack from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, or outside, weather permitting. Volunteers may drop off Thursday's snacks anytime during the day. (We should know approximately how many children are attending each week after the first couple of sessions.) Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0849afaf2ca0ff2-combustion>

Any questions, please contact Sandy Graves at sandra.graves@gmail.com or phone/text at 989-225-7488. Thank you for your time and generosity!

50-YEAR MEMBER RECOGNITION: Our 50-year member celebration will take place on Sunday, September 26, 2021 during the worship service. Following the service, the Deacons will serve a buffet-style luncheon catered by Krysiak's. Weather permitting, we will eat outside under the tent on the north lawn.

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK: Westminster Presbyterian Church - Bay City.

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Our church family has great love for each other and wants to continue doing God's work in our community and beyond.

Please begin to consider how you will support Westminster and our work within our walls, and what support you will give to Westminster "without walls".

This Week at Westminster

Today, Sunday, September 12, 2021

- 9:00 a.m. First Light Meeting (Sunday School)
9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study (meet in the Session Room)
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Ice Cream Social
4:00 p.m. Westminster Without Walls
Outdoor Worship Service at Wenonah Park Pavilion
5:00 p.m. Ignite (Youth Group)

Monday, September 13

- 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting
7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, September 14

- 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Hands Knitting
1:00 a.m. Lions Club
6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 150
6:30 p.m. Spiritual Growth

Wednesday, September 15

- 6:00 p.m. Sweaty Sheep / Walking Wellness Group
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom

Thursday, September 16

- 8:30 p.m. TOPS
5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah
5:00 p.m. Combustion Council (Youth Group)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Next Sunday, September 19

- 9:00 a.m. First Light Meeting (Sunday School)
9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study (meet in the Session Room)
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Ignite (Youth Group)

Sunday School Kickoff is TODAY at 9:00 a.m. Below is the typical schedule for the program year:

Sundays

- 9:00 a.m. First Light (3-year-olds through 4th grade Sunday School) includes Little Ringer practice for 3-year-olds through 1st grade.
9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study (meet in the Session Room)
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Campfire Meetings (Children's Church) will take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month following the Children's Moment
5:00 p.m. Ignite (Youth Group 5th through 12th grades)

Wednesdays (beginning September 15)

- 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study (If you are unable to join us in person on Sundays, meet with us via Zoom on Wednesdays. We will cover the same topic and use the same material from Sunday's class.)

Thursdays (beginning September 16)

- 5:00 p.m. Combustion Counsel (various youth activities and instruction begin at this time, and conclude at 7:00 p.m.)
5:00 p.m. Junior Bells (5th - 9th grade)
5:30 p.m. Chime Choir (1st - 4th grade)
6:30 p.m. Junior Choir (3rd - 8th grade)
7:00 p.m. Adult Chancel Choir

Please see Brandi with questions!

