

Westminster At Worship

A Celebration of Worship

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Building Blocks: The Cost of Following Jesus

May 17, 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

OPENING PRAYER

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ says, "Follow me."

We're almost ready.

Christ says, "Bear fruit of the Spirit."

We're waiting for the harvest.

Christ says, "Pick up my mantle and proclaim my name."

We're a little tongue-tied.

Trust the one who calls you. You are ready.

We will not leave you, Lord. Lead on.

†HYMN

"We All Are One in Mission"

*No. 552

*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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You invite us to be your body, the Church,
but we beg you to give the mantle of discipleship to someone else.

You ask us to be hospitable to all we meet,
but we urge you to rain disaster on those we call our enemies.

You ask us to be your beloved family and friends,
but we want to know who we'll be stuck with at parties and picnics.

Forgive us, God, for being such poor company.
Forgive us for treating your call as a do-it-yourself project.

Challenging God, we are lost without your grace —
**a grace that enables us to answer your call and to serve
lovingly in your kingdom.**

— *A time of Silent Confession* —

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In his love, we are truly free! Blessed by God's forgiveness and
grace, we walk with the Spirit in newness of life.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

+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

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

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 during the offertory.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

WPC HANDBELL CHOIR

"Come Christians, Join to Sing"
*Traditional Spanish Melody, Organ Arrangement by Mark Thallander,
Handbell Arrangement by Kevin McChesney*

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW READING

Isaiah 35:1-6

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 8:18-22

SERMON

“Building Blocks of Faith: The Cost of Following Jesus”

Rev. Isaac Chung

†HYMN

“Take My Life”

*NO. 466

*Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.*

*Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.*

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.*

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Adapted from the Confession of Belhar)*

**We share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and mind;
We have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit,
are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one
cup, confess one Name, are obedient to one Lord,
work for one cause, and share one hope.**

**Together we come to know the height and the breadth and the
depth of the love of Christ, to the new humanity;
know and bear one another's burdens,
thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and
upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another;
that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness.
Together we pray; together we serve God in this world.**

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

WPC BELL CHOIR

*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”
Arranged by Douglas E. Wagner, based on a tune by
Charles C. Converse*

†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

**You always give us the freedom to turn back,
O Lord, to take an easier road.
But when we have the strength to carry on
and ask for your Spirit to accompany us,
we find blessing upon blessing.
May these gifts reflect our gratitude for your many gifts,
especially the fruit of your Spirit.
May these gifts lift up others in their need,
that they may see their own freedom to turn and choose life.
Amen.**

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

†HYMN

“The Summons”

*No. 350

*“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”*

*“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”*

*“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”*

*“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”*

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*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 17, 2026

Thank you, Volunteers!

Please join us **after worship TODAY** for our annual **Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon**, a special “Thank You” from the Staff and Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church to our awesome volunteers. Thank you for all you do to make our community a better and brighter place!

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Leah Sneller
Elaine Edwards
Dawn Auger
Seth Cunningham
Judy Harrelson
Seth Cunningham
Martha Tapley
Bill Petzold
Pat Foster
Harold Miller

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- **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.

- 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!

- **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.

- **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 19 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.

- **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!

- **NEW WEBSITE:** The Outreach and Hospitality Ministry has been working with a local web designer to revamp our church website! Go to wpcbc.org and check it out. **WESTMINSTER IS NOW ON INSTAGRAM!** In addition to getting all your favorite content and information on Facebook, you can now follow Westminster on Instagram. Check us out and follow us @ Westminster_baycity!

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- **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 **THIS EVENING, 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.
- **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 information.

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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.



**Scan the QR
to visit the
Pantry
Facebook
page!**

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• **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our **Mother's Day Baby Shower** a success this year! Thanks to your generous donations and the efforts of our dedicated volunteers, we were able to distribute baby items to the Bay Area Women's Center, the Salvation Army, Good Samaritan Rescue Mission and McLaren Bay City. These necessities will no doubt be a blessing to young mothers in need to care for and comfort their children. THANK YOU!

• **BUNCO IN BLOOM:** Join us on **Tuesday, May 26 at noon** for lunch (bring your own brown bag; beverages and sweet treat provided) and then let the fun begin at 12:30 p.m. when we will play Bunco! No skill necessary; it is truly a game of luck. And laughter. Any questions, please call the church office.

• **PRAYER IN THE PEW MINISTRY** - a quiet movement of intercession, right where you sit. You are invited to take a few quiet moments before or after worship and use the PRAYER IN THE PEW booklet that can be found in the hymnbook rack in your pew. You may want to use the included prayers or just sit in silent prayer and join this gentle ministry of intercession. You are also invited to join the Prayer Team at the front of the church / lectern side following worship who will gather briefly for silent or communal prayer.

• **WPC AND ME:** Interested in becoming a member or learning more about Westminster? Pastor Jamie is working to schedule the next "WPC and Me" class sometime in May. Please let the church office know if you'd like to participate or email Pastor Jamie at pastor@wpcbc.org.

Giving to Westminster

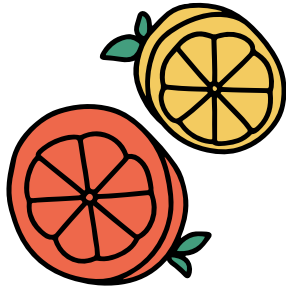
There are many ways to share your gifts with Westminster.

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 10,	
	2026	Year to Date
Pledges & Other Giving	\$ 17,318	\$ 254,855
One-time Gifts	\$ -	\$ -
Other Cash Received	\$ 8	\$ 6,089
Total Income	\$ 17,326	\$ 260,944
Expenses	\$ 83	\$ 156,632
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 17,243	\$ 104,312

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





Join us for our **END-OF-SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY**



**FREE
FOOD!**



SUNDAY, JUNE 7
1:00-3:00



**Bounce House, Face Painting
Hot dogs, popcorn, and more**

Westminster Presbyterian
103 E. Midland St.
(Across from Sage Library)
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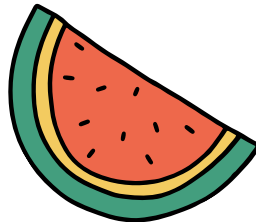
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• **END-OF-SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY: Volunteers** are needed to help with our fourth annual End-Of-School Block Party on **June 7**. Sign up on the volunteer board outside the sanctuary, visit <https://tinyurl.com/WPCBlockParty> or scan the QR code.

