

# Westminster At Worship

## *A Celebration of Worship*

October 31, 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

### GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEIGHBORS

As you are waiting for the service to start, talk with someone around you about one of the following:

- A food you or your family has on special occasions;
- Your favorite meal.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WESTMINSTER AT WORK

Dawn Auger

### PRELUDE

Wendy Tally

### INTROIT

*"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*  
Junior Bells

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: How very good and pleasant it is,

**PEOPLE: When we live in unity.**

LEADER: We gather here together with our hearts and voices  
raised to God,

**PEOPLE: Who is the center of our unity and praise!**

### OPENING HYMN

*"He Has Made Me Glad"*  
Chancel Choir Recording

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, you know what kind of people we are. We judge others harshly and fail to see our own sin. We look with suspicion and fear, and neglect to show hospitality to strangers. We treasure things that are worthless and squander your precious gifts. We withhold the grace and love that you give us so freely. Forgive us. Pour out your grace upon us to save us from our sin.**

**— Silent Prayer —**

**Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**This is the good news for us all: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God.**

### **†SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

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

### **FANNING THE FLAME**

Brandi Higgins

*Following this special time for our young disciples at the front of the church,  
they will return to their seats for the remainder of the service.  
The nursery is available for children 4 and under.*

## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

**First Reading  
Mark 10:13-16**

**Second Reading  
Luke 14:15-24**

## MEDITATION AND REFLECTIONS

*“Challenge Othering and a Welcome Table”*

Rev. Jamie Milton

### THE LONGEST TABLE

What would a “longest table” look like in this community?

Whom would you invite?

Who would come?

What would you do?

What would you talk about?

How would the people at the longest table feel?

### †AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, God chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

## **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**

### **OFFERTORY**

ARR. LINN

*"One Big Hallelujah"*

Junior Choir & Chancel Choir Recording

## **†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**God who gathers more, and still more, people to your table — a table that is not contained by our one church, but extends across varied worship spaces, across diverse cultures and communities — bless the gifts that each of us brings today. May they strengthen bodies and nourish spirits, and be used for your glory. Amen.**

## **BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD**

### **HYMN OF DEDICATION**

PORT JERVIS

*"We Are the Church"*

Chancel Choir Recording

## **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

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Rev. Jamie Milton  
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Elaine Edwards  
Dawn Auger  
Peggy Hanson  
Wendy Tally  
Heather Heidtman  
Harold Miller  
Judy Harrelson

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 31, 2021**

**ALL SAINTS' DAY REMEMBRANCE:** The Book of Common Worship introduces the celebration of All Saints' Day by reminding us that "All Saints' Day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, remembered and forgotten, known and unknown." Throughout the past two years, the Westminster family has lost many of our own saints. We have been unable to celebrate and honor their lives in the ways that we have been used to. During our Sunday service on November 7, we will take a few moments to celebrate these saints and remember their lives with us. For each member we have lost in 2020 or 2021, their name

will be read, a photo shown, and a candle will be lit in their memory. If a family member is able to be present, they will have the opportunity to light the candle for their loved one. Following the reading of Westminster member names, others in attendance will have the opportunity to come forward and light a candle in memory of any other loved ones they may have lost. We pray this part of our November 7 worship service will provide our church family with the chance to remember and celebrate some of the many friends we have lost over the last two years.

**TREE PLANTING IN HONOR OF LOIS MACPHAIL AND IN MEMORY OF GORDON MACPHAIL:**

The Mission Partnerships Committee arranged to have a tree planted in honor of Lois MacPhail and in memory of Gordon MacPhail for their many years of dedicated service to the Food of Faith program at Westminster. The tree has been planted in Vet's Park across the street from the Bay County Community Center. We would like to invite everyone to the dedication of the tree on Sunday, November 7 at 12:30 p.m. outside the community center. In case of inclement weather, we have a room reserved inside. There will be cider and donuts, and a time to visit with Lois and her family. Please plan on attending this ceremony, if you are able. The Bay County Community Center is located at 800 John F. Kennedy Drive, Bay City, 48706.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT & MUSICAL SERVICE:**

Attention all singers! Hello, all piano or trumpet or saxophone players! Attention, all harpists and family singers! This year our Christmas Concert is going to be part of the Sunday, December 19 morning service (recorded in advance for the safety of all). The theme for the day is "Proclaim Hope!" Let's join together in lots of fun, musical ways to proclaim the hope and joy of the Christmas Season. Please contact Dawn at 989-894-0426 or Wendy at 989-284-8161.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** Have you been participating in the life and worship of Westminster and want to know more about what it means to become a member of the church? You are invited to attend our new member inquiry classes! We will hold two one and a half hour classes following worship on Sunday, November 14 and November 21. Participants will learn about our PC(USA) denomination and what it means to be an active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church. There is no obligation to join the church after taking the class, but the classes are required for those seeking to become members. Please let Pastor Jamie or the church office know if you are interested in attending or know of someone who may be.

**LYDIA CIRCLE** will resume monthly meetings on Thursday, November 11. We will meet in-person on the second Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Session room. We will use the *Horizons Bible Study, What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*.

**DEBORAH CIRCLE:** Ladies, you are invited! The Deborah Circle will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. Contact Karen Schoeppach at 989-684-1322 or kaysue@chartermi.net for Zoom information.

**SPECIAL OFFERING:** Westminster will continue to take a special offering that will help support a gift to a farming community. This gift includes livestock, tools, and training to support a larger farm that can serve an entire community. The gift may include families of chickens, multiple goats, piglets and cows, a pair of oxen with a plow, and a collection of equipment — enough to help communities raise both healthy food and their standard of living. Each gift will ultimately reflect local needs to provide the greatest impact. An anonymous donor will match what is given by the congregation. You may indicate on your envelope whose silo — Pastor Jamie’s, Pastor Linda’s, or Brandi’s — you want your contribution to go into. Remember, whoever gets the most donations in their silo, gets to kiss a cow!

**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 9:00 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.

**THE WIRED WORD,** “where current events and faith intersect,” will resume on Tuesday, October 5 at 1:00 via Zoom. News is inevitable — whether good or bad, but what better way to extract hope from this input than to juxtapose scriptures as tools to persevere and navigate our daily walk in Christian faith. Our weekly Wired Word gatherings allow us to reflect on the week’s happenings with others who may not share exactly our same thoughts and opinions, but are equally dedicated to thinking about and talking about how current events intersect with our faith questions and convictions. Any questions, or to receive study material and Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 686-1360 or parishassoc@wpcbc.org.

**SWEATY SHEEP/WESTMINSTER WELLNESS WALKING GROUP:** Want to join your church friends for some exercise and fellowship? Each Tuesday at 6:00 p.m., we will meet at a different park in Bay City. For more information, contact Sandy at [sandra.graves@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.graves@gmail.com) or Tami [tami.sivy@gmail.com](mailto:tami.sivy@gmail.com) with questions, or to be added to our Facebook group.

**COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD:** If you are looking for grief support groups, health clinics, or volunteer opportunities that take place within our community, please check out the community bulletin board located in Fellowship Hall.

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

## *This Week at Westminster*

### **Today, Sunday, October 31, 2021**

- 9:00 a.m. First Light (Sunday School)
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Harvest Party

### **Monday, November 1**

- 7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

### **Tuesday, November 2**

- 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Hands
- 1:00 p.m. The Wired Word via Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 150
- 6:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Wellness Walking Group

### **Wednesday, November 3**

- 6:00 p.m. Property Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Partnerships

### **Thursday, November 4**

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

### **Next Sunday, November 7**

- 9:00 a.m. First Light (Sunday School)
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
(All Saints' Day Remembrance)
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 12:30 p.m. Tree Planting in Honor of Lois  
MacPhail & in memory of  
Gordon MacPhail
- 5:00 p.m. Ignite (Youth Group)

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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.



**For lunch, enjoy a chili cook-off contest  
and grilled cheese sandwiches.**

**Mummy Bowling  
Apple Toss  
Pumpkin Ring Toss  
Pumpkin Painting  
and More!**

