

# Westminster At Worship

*A Celebration of Worship  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

May 3, 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**

Come to Christ, our cornerstone.

**Christ has called us here.**

Trust in God, our firm foundation.

**God is with us here.**

Rest in the Spirit, our peace beyond peace.

**May the Spirit guide our way.**

We come like living stones,

**ready to be built into a spiritual house,**

**a welcoming home for all who seek the Holy One.**

**†HYMN**

*“Sing Praise to God Who Reign Above”*

\*No. 56

*Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation.*

*With healing balm my soul is filled,  
and every faithless murmur stilled:  
to God all praise and glory!*

*What God’s almighty power has made  
God's gracious mercy keepeth;  
by morning glow or evening shade  
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.  
Within the kingdom of God's might,  
lo! all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory!*

*Thus all my toilsome way along  
I sing aloud thy praises,  
that all may hear the grateful song  
my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;  
both soul and body, take your part:  
to God all praise and glory!*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Living God, in times of spiritual homelessness,  
we long to hear Jesus’s assurance  
that he has prepared a place for us;  
we yearn to be formed by the Master Builder  
into spiritual houses, like living stones.**

**Grant us the confidence of Peter,  
as we strive to be a holy priesthood.  
Be our strong foundation,  
so that we may grow up as your household,  
your family, and your people of justice, love, and mercy.  
In hope and gratitude, we pray.**

*— A time of Silent Confession —*

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

This is the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**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**

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

### **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

*At this time, children (5<sup>th</sup> 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 31:1-5, 15-16**

**SECOND TESTAMENT READING**

**1 Peter 2:2-10**

**SERMON**

*"Building on the Cornerstone"*

**Rev. Jamie Milton**

**†HYMN**

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

\*No. 411

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*

*"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."*

## †AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## DISCIPLES RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*Today's loose offering will be used to support the ministry of the Westminster Deacons.*

### MUSICAL OFFERING

WPC CHANCEL CHOIR

*"Trisagion"*

*Words and Music by Fernando Ortega based on an ancient prayer and incorporating "Holy, Holy, Holy," Arranged by James Barnard*

## †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

**God of overflowing abundance,  
you feed our spirits and nurture our souls.  
You are our fortress and our rock  
when the snares of this world  
threatened to overwhelm us.  
In gratitude for your mercy and your many blessings,  
we offer you our gifts and our ministries,  
that a wounded world might know your grace.  
Build our church, build us, and build your world  
into a household of love and justice—  
the household you've envisioned since the beginning of time.  
In faith and trust, we pray. Amen.**

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to praise you ...

... who forever praise your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**  
*The prayer continues...*

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*...for great is the mystery of faith.*  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**  
*The prayer continues ...*

## **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.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

## **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*You are invited to come forward to receive communion. Using either station at the front of the church, you will receive a piece of bread and a cup of juice. Please take communion before returning to your seat. If you wish to remain seated, someone will bring communion to your seat. The bread on the trays is gluten free. If you are coming forward and need a gluten free option, one is available on the table.*

## UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, we give you thanks that you have claimed us as your own and nourished us in this meal as members of Christ's body.  
By the work of your Spirit within us give us the grace to glorify you as one living body in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

†HYMN

*"God of Our Life"*

\*No. 409

*God of our life, through all the circling years,  
we trust in thee.  
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears,  
thy hand we see.  
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,  
we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.*

*God of the past, our times are in thy hand.  
With us abide.  
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land.  
Be thou our guide.  
With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,  
and faith's fair vision changes into sight.*

*God of the coming years, through paths unknown  
we follow thee.  
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone.  
Our refuge be.  
Be thou for us in life our daily bread,  
our heart's true home when all our years have sped.*

## †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 3, 2026

- The **FLOWERS** for today's service are provided by Faith Sneller in celebration of her 24th 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.
- **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! Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7. 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.
- **MOTHER'S DAY BABY SHOWER:** Presbyterian Women will be hosting its annual Mother's Day Bay Shower through **Sunday, May 10** after worship. We will be collecting donations of baby items on the table in the hallway at church. On Mother's Day, we will distribute them to organizations that help young mothers in need. Recommend donations include: larger size diapers, onesies, blankets, baby wipes, pacifiers, baby wash / shampoo and diaper creams.
- **MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS:** On Mother's Day, Presbyterian Women will be offering the remaining 83 tea cups — filled with candy — for anyone who would like them. Please take as many as you would like to give as gifts to honor the special women in your life.
- **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](mailto: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.
- **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.
- **PER CAPITA for 2026 is \$35.00.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 3, 2026**

• 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](mailto: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](http://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 April 26,	
	2026	Year to Date
Pledges & Other Giving	\$ 45,371	\$ 237,436
One-time Gifts	\$ -	\$ -
Other Cash Received	\$ 486	\$ 3,180
Total Income	\$ 45,857	\$ 240,616
Expenses	\$ 26,524	\$ 134,356
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 19,333	\$ 106,260

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 3, 2026

- **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!
- **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 in the slideshow, 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). In our previous gathering, we explored the sacrament of Baptism and its role in our faith community.

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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**

**March Statistics:** We served 560 people from 198 households with 6,855 pounds of food. These families included 157 children and youth, 291 adults, and 112 seniors. 44 families were first-time guests. We see the working poor, single mothers, lots of young adults, intergenerational families, and many seniors—some raising grandchildren. Thank you for partnering with us to provide for people who are food insecure!

**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.

