

Westminster At Worship

*A Celebration of Worship
Baptism of the Lord
Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant*

January 9, 2022

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

PRAYER

PRELUDE

Wendy Tally

†CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We have been claimed by the God who calls us children.

PEOPLE: We, the redeemed, have been called by name.

LEADER: As with the Israelites, God promises to pass with us through the water.

PEOPLE: We will not fear, for God is with us!

LEADER: The rivers shall not overwhelm us for God is our guide and our protector.

PEOPLE: Through God's saving grace, the waters that tested us are now the waters that wash us and nourish us.

LEADER: Great is the Fount of Every Blessing,

PEOPLE: Ever flowing, ever redeeming, ever claiming us as God's children.

LEADER: Come, let us worship the God who washes us in grace.

OPENING HYMN

BUNESSAN

“Baptized in Water”
Chancel Choir

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice, in baptism you anointed us to live boldly in the reality of your coming kingdom. We confess that we have not fulfilled our calling. We have not used your power to serve our neighbors. We have walked away from oppression and injustice. We have turned our backs on your beloved children who hunger and thirst in a world of plenty.

Forgive us, Lord. Make us courageous servants of your justice, peace, and wholeness, in Jesus’ name.

— *A Time of Silent Confession* —

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Siblings in Christ, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

†SHARING GOD’S PEACE

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

And also with you.

FANNING THE FLAME

Following this time up front with Ms. Brandi, children are invited to follow her to the Campfire Meeting. Parents can pick up their children following worship in the Children’s Church room at the end of the Christian Education hallway.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Hebrew Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:1-11

SERMON

"Remember Your Baptism"

Rev. Jamie Milton

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

LEADER: Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

PEOPLE: For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

RENUNCIATIONS

LEADER: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

PEOPLE: I do.

LEADER: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

PEOPLE: I do.

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

PEOPLE: I will, with God's help.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

LEADER: Water, water everywhere, even some to drink.

PEOPLE: Water, water everywhere, in every tub and sink.

LEADER: Water for all life on earth,

PEOPLE: Water as witness to every new birth.

LEADER: Water, longed for in deserts so bare.

PEOPLE: Water, a gift so precious to share.

LEADER: Water in bottles, in cups, in glasses,

PEOPLE: Water washes our hands and our lashes.

LEADER: Water carries God's promise forever,

PEOPLE: That nothing can us, from God's love, sever.

LEADER: Water, in baptism, carries the hope.

PEOPLE: Water, in baptism, gets us cleaner than soap.

LEADER: Water — tears, rain, ocean, river, or puddle,

PEOPLE: Water makes us a family with whom no one can muddle.

LEADER: Water, for this gift, O God, we have much gratitude.

PEOPLE: Water, wash us again, bring us into right attitude.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"You Are My All in All / Fairest Lord Jesus"
Chancel Choir

†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, at his baptism, you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved Son, and through him you opened to us a way to become your children by grace. May these gifts we return to you be a sign of our dedication to live as your faithful daughters and sons, born in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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.

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

WATERLIFE

"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"
Chancel Choir

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 9, 2022

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will begin soon. Students in eighth grade and above who have not yet completed the confirmation process are invited to be a part of this important journey of faith. We will discuss many different aspects of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ, an active member of this congregation, and a part of the larger Christian Church. Our classes will take place on Sunday evenings from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. An informational meeting will take place today following worship for interested students and parents.

2022 FLOWER CHART: The 2022 Flower Chart has been posted on the easel next to the Wenona Street entrance. This is an opportunity for you to honor or memorialize an occasion of a special loved one. Please print your name on the Sunday date you would like. Marie Capp will get in touch with you for floral arrangements and what you wish to have printed in the bulletin.

PER CAPITA: Per capita for 2022 is \$29.00.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: 2022 envelopes are available for pickup in the hallway outside the Chapel.

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 are 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,*" takes place on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom (note the time change). 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 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.

LYDIA CIRCLE will meet in-person on the third Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Session room. The next meeting is January 20. We are using the *Horizons Bible Study, What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus.*

OUR STEPHEN MINISTRY PROGRAM is venturing into volunteering with Hospice. We would like to invite anyone in the congregation to join us. Your time commitment is up to you. The Hospice co-ordinator is great to work with, and will assign you with the job that best suits your interests and time. There will be a training session coming soon for us all to do together. Please call Jan (989-686-1557) or Pam (989-225-8259) for more information or to be put on our volunteer list.

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.

NURSERY CARE is available for infants and toddlers during the worship service. Our nursery is equipped with a paging

This Week at Westminster

Today, Sunday, January 9, 2022

9:00 a.m.	First Light (Sunday School)
9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
9:15 a.m.	Adult Handbell Practice
9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
11:45 a.m.	Confirmation Informational Meeting
4:30 p.m.	Junior Bell Practice
5:00 p.m.	Ignite (Youth Group)

Monday, January 10

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

Tuesday, January 11

9:00 a.m.	Bay ISD
10:00 a.m.	Hearts & Hands Knitting
10:00 a.m.	The Wired Word via Zoom
1:00 p.m.	Bay City Lions Club
6:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 150
6:30 p.m.	Joint Committee Meetings

Wednesday, January 12

7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
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Thursday, January 13

8:30 a.m.	TOPS
9:00 a.m.	Bay ISD
5:00 p.m.	Food of Faith at Messiah
5:00 p.m.	Combustion Council
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir

Next Sunday, January 16

9:00 a.m.	First Light (Sunday School)
9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
9:15 a.m.	Adult Handbell Practice
9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
4:30 p.m.	Junior Bell Practice
5:00 p.m.	Ignite (Youth Group)

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

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