

Westminster At Worship

A Celebration of Worship Celebration of the Lord's Supper Remembrance of All Saints' Day

November 7, 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

WESTMINSTER AT WORK

PRELUDE

Dawn Auger

INTROIT

"Jesus Loves Me"
Little Ringers

†CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: God is our hiding place, our helper in trouble.

PEOPLE: Our Savior surrounds us in times of distress.

LEADER: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous!

PEOPLE: Shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

OPENING HYMN

NEW BRITAIN

"Amazing Grace"
Chancel Choir Recording

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of
Life: hear our prayer. There are chasms in our lives, deep**

valleys that separate us from one another and from you. We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out.

You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with you. Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray.

— Silent Prayer —

Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

Chancel Choir Recording

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.**

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 32:1-7

Hebrew Lesson

Nehemiah 1:5-11

SERMON

“Confession”

Rev. Jamie Milton

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Let us pray together:

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.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY HYMN

ALTHOUSE

"As We Break the Bread"
Chancel Choir Recording

DOXOLOGY

Dawn Auger

†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Heaven and earth are yours, O Lord, and of your own we give you. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Sanctus

Leader: ...who forever sing your praise:

People: 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 Words of Institution

Leader: ...great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Prayers of the people and 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.

SHARING IN COMMUNION TOGETHER

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful — those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

LEADER: As we have gathered at God's welcome table...Be gracious to us; deliver your people.

PEOPLE: Hear us, O God.

LEADER: You loved us before the world was made. You rescued the people of your promise. You spoke through your prophets. You gave your only Son for the life of the world.

PEOPLE: Hear us, O God.

LEADER: For the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the one holy catholic and apostolic church. For the great cloud of witnesses into which we are baptized.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

LEADER: For all holy men and women, our mothers and fathers in faith. For the noble band of the prophets. For the

glorious company of the apostles. For the white-robed
army of martyrs. For the cherubim and seraphim,
Michael and the holy angels.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

LEADER: Be gracious to us; deliver your people.

PEOPLE: Hear us, O God.

LEADER: Give new life to your servants by the grace of baptism.
Strengthen all who bear the sign of the cross. Clothe us
in compassion and love. Bring us with all your saints to
the river of life.

PEOPLE: Hear us, O God.

*The names of those who have died in the past year will be read,
and a candle will be lit in memory of each person.*

2020

James E. Belknap
Charlotte J. Blumenstein
Gloria M. Bublitz
Carol M. Castrodale
Paul M. Dannesberger
Conrad J. Drescher
Frances A. Ferdinand
Terrelene A. Hovis
Joyce M. Hunt
Marian L. Larive
Beverly J. Martin

2021

Rev. Dr. David B. Castrodale
JoAnne I. Deuscher
Edith E. Elliot
Candice K. Green
Robert J. Hanson
Gregory M. Kish
Donald N. Stokes
Joyce E. Wachowiak

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

SINE NOMINE

"Give Thanks for Life"
Chancel Choir Recording

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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PARISH ASSOCIATE
LITURGIST
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY
NURSERY SUPERVISOR
CHOIR DIRECTOR
HANDBELL DIRECTOR
ORGANIST
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CUSTODIAN

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Rev. Jamie Milton
Rev. Linda Williams
Judy Randall
Brandi Higgins
Elaine Edwards
Dawn Auger
Peggy Hanson
Wendy Tally
Heather Heidtman
Harold Miller

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2021

FLOWERS today are in honor and gratitude to our veterans, whose service has kept us free.

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. Today 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 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.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Please join us in our Advent Celebration on Sunday, November 21. We will decorate the church for Advent season immediately following the worship service.

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 today 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 or Tami 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, November 7, 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 - 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)

S E C R E T A R Y
Judy Harrelson
C C L I L i c e n s e
#2328090

Monday, November 8

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

Tuesday, November 9

9:00 a.m. Bay ISD
10:00 a.m. Hearts & Hands
1:00 p.m. Bay City Lions Club
1:00 p.m. The Wired Word via Zoom
6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 150
6:00 p.m. Wellness Walking Group
6:30 p.m. Spiritual Growth
6:30 p.m. Worship Committee

Wednesday, November 10

7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom

Thursday, November 11

8:30 a.m. TOPS
1:00 p.m. Lydia Circle
5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah
5:00 p.m. Combustion Council
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Next Sunday, November 14

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. Fellowship Time
11:30 a.m. New Member Class
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.

