

Westminster At Worship

A Celebration of Worship

Work for Liberation While Challenging Oppression

Pentecost Celebration / Confirmation / Baptism

Sacrament of Communion

June 5, 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

PRELUDE

Wendy Tally

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

†CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Lord, we gather —

PEOPLE: as infants in our parents' arms, as children with our snacks and crayons, as youth whispering with our friends — we're just learning what it means to worship.

LEADER: Lord, we gather —

PEOPLE: as young adults trying to find our place within the church, as parents caring for our children, as mid-life people with mid-life questions, as older adults wondering why the questions haven't stopped — we're just learning what it means to worship.

LEADER: Lord, we gather —

PEOPLE: as people with lives too busy or not busy enough, bursting with energy or already looking forward to that afternoon nap, content, discontent, or somewhere in

between — we're just learning what it means to worship.

LEADER: We come before you today with our unique personalities and experiences, ready and not yet ready for this time together.

PEOPLE: Draw us by your Spirit into your embrace. Turn our thoughts and voices to thankfulness and praise. Amen.

†OPENING HYMN

#134

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Come into our presence, Holy Spirit. Speak truth to our troubled hearts. Discomfort us in our complacency. Stir up a yearning within us for justice and love. Guide us away from paths of sin and sorrow onto paths of truth and righteousness. Come into our hearts, Holy Spirit, with your power and your love. Cleanse us and make us new. In your mercy and grace, we pray.

— A Time of Silent Confession —

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

First Scripture Lesson

Romans 8:14-17

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Second Scripture Lesson

Acts 2

SERMON

"Work for Liberation While Challenging Oppression"

Rev. Jamie Milton

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT FOR THOSE MAKING A PUBLIC PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM AND AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

LITANY OF CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMANDS: Jesus Christ has called us to be His disciples. He has chosen us, and in baptism has joined us to Himself. We are thankful for God's call and for the hope we have in Jesus.

CHURCH: We, the Body of Christ, promised at baptism to share the Good News of the Gospel, to teach all that Christ

commands, and to nurture young people in their faith journey.

CONFIRMANDS: My parents and my church, Christ's community, have been faithful to nurture me and bring me up in the faith. I am grateful for this gift.

PASTOR: In Confirmation Class, these youth studied God's Word, learned the belief and practice of the church, and experienced faith under the leaders of this church.

CONFIRMANDS: My time in Confirmation has encouraged me to choose to live in a relationship with God that will endure and grow. I am thankful for this time of study and growth and the opportunity I had to learn more about my Christian Faith.

CHURCH: We rejoice that you are now prepared to be a member of this faith community, and we pray that you will choose to join as a full and responsible member.

CONFIRMANDS: I understand what commitment to Christ and membership in this church means, and am thankful that God has brought me to this day.

PASTOR: We celebrate this moment in your life, and we challenge you to continue to grow in your faith through education, prayer, worship, and service. May the Spirit of God rest upon you.

ALL: To God be the Glory! Amen.

†PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the

right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

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

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

LEADER: You, O God, are the voice above the waters...

BAPTISM AND ANOINTING

WELCOME

ELDER: ... May the Spirit continue to strengthen and sustain you in the worship and mission of the church. Amen.

CHURCH: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

PASTOR: The peace of Christ be with you all.

CHURCH: And also with you.

PASTOR: Let us welcome these youth and one another with signs of peace.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY

"Lord, Listen to Your Children"
Chancel Choir

ARR. SCHRADER

†DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of mercy, we give you thanks for all that your bounty creates. The gifts we bring today acknowledge our debt to you and our intent to relieve others of their burdens. Bless what we offer and bless those who will be shown deeds of power through them; in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Spirit of God.

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

The prayer continues...

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

†HYMN

#574

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

I'M GONNA LIVE

I'm gonna live so God can use me anytime and anywhere. I'm gonna live so God can use me anytime and anywhere.

I'm gonna work so God can use me anytime and anywhere. I'm gonna work so God can use me anytime and anywhere.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anytime and anywhere. I'm gonna pray so God can use me anytime and anywhere.

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anytime and anywhere. I'm gonna sing so God can use me anytime and anywhere.

†CHARGE & BENEDICTION

INVITATION TO PENTECOST CELEBRATION

POSTLUDE

Wendy Tally



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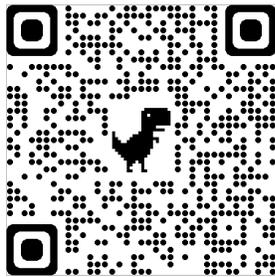
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JUNE 5, 2022

FLOWERS today are given by Richard Talbot in honor of his and Elizabeth Talbot's anniversary.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will take place Monday, June 13 – Friday, June 17 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Please register here:



A MEMORIAL SERVICE for Roy Dale Grigg will take place at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Saturday, June 11 at 11:00 a.m. Family will greet friends at the church beginning at 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service.

PENTECOST CELEBRATION: TODAY is Pentecost Sunday. Please join us following the worship service for a time of music, puppets, crafts, games, and of course, food!

BRUNCH & BIBLE: As the church considers Jesus' call to "Love your neighbor as yourself," we naturally come first to the question of "Who is my neighbor?" Often, especially in the context of the Parable of the Good Samaritan, we take this as a reminder that all people, regardless of who they are or where they live, should be considered our neighbor according to Jesus. Sometimes this can be too broad a focus, leaving us to forget or neglect those who are our physical neighbors, those right outside our doors.

On three Sundays — June 12, July 10, and August 21 following the worship service — we will read and discuss the book, *The Art of Neighboring: Building Genuine Relationships Right Outside Your Door*, by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon. This book invites us to consider what it would take to get to know our neighbors, those who live near our homes, and our church. Full of practical information and suggestions for getting to know our neighbors, this book will serve as a springboard for us to think about what it means to be a neighborhood church in 2022. We will also connect this discussion with the Matthew 25 goal of "Building Congregational Vitality" as we share Christ's love and friendship with the world around us.

Please let us know if you plan on attending so that we can properly prepare food. Books are already available in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jamie or Rev. Linda.

THE WIRED WORD, "Where current events and faith intersect," takes place on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. 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.

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK: Westminster Presbyterian Church - Bay City

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

NURSERY CARE is available for infants and toddlers during the worship service. Our nursery is equipped with a paging system, and quality childcare is provided by Elaine Edwards who is infant and child CPR trained.

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.

Congratulations to Westminster's Confirmands:

Jaden and Michaela Call, children of Mike and Megan Call
and grandchildren of Ric and Karen Russell

Lillian and Lauren Graves, children of Brian and Sandra Graves

Alix and Reagan Weatherwax, children of Rich and Amy Weatherwax

Blake Woodward, son of Marc and Melissa Woodward

Congratulations to Blake Woodward, who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

Prayer List

June 5, 2022

*"I raise my eyes toward the mountains. Where will my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth."*

Psalm 121:1

Mission Co-Workers

Ross
Dianne
Mary Lou
Sandy
Randy
Sue

Tom
Bev
Lori
Todd
Jim & Family

Nikelle Johnson - Union Presbyterian Seminary
Lucy Dergarabedian - Lebanon
Cathy Chang & Juan Lopez - Philippines
Austin, serving in the U.S. military
Derek, serving in the U.S. military

People of Ukraine



This Week at Westminster

Today, Sunday, June 5, 2022

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (small conference room)
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Pentecost Celebration

Monday, June 6

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Titus Theatre
- 7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

Tuesday, June 7

- 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Hands Knitting
- 10:00 a.m. The Wired Word via Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Titus Theatre
- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 150
- 6:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Committee Meetings

Wednesday, June 8

- 5:30 p.m. Titus Theatre
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom

Thursday, June 9

- 8:30 a.m. TOPS
- 5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran
- 5:30 p.m. Titus Theatre

Saturday, June 11

- 8:30 a.m. Titus Theatre
- 11:00 a.m. Roy Dale Grigg Memorial Service
(visitation begins at 10:00 a.m.)

Next Sunday, June 12

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (small conference room)
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 11:45 a.m. Book & Brunch

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Monday – Thursday
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Friday
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Online Giving

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