

Westminster At Worship

All Saints Remembrance

*What Disciples **BELIEVE DO:***

Disciples Give Ultimate Allegiance to Christ

Reign of Christ

November 16, 2025

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

By the tender mercy of God, dawn is breaking, light has come.

Blessed be the Lord.

By the gracious care of our Shepherd, the scattered are gathered,
the lost are found.

Holy is our God.

By the loving reign of the Prince of Peace, the weak are
strengthened, the destroyer flees.

Gentle is our King.

†HYMN

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

DARWALL'S 148TH

*Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us
through the ages long!*

*Refrain:
In bold accord,
come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!*

*Long years have come and gone,
and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision,
dream the dream! (Refrain)*

*Let courage be our friend;
let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify
the Crucified! (Refrain)*

*Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er
the ages long! (Refrain)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus
the king and model for our lives.**

**We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of
Christ yet slow to do the same.**

**We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and
forgiveness**

**yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and
compassion.**

Forgive us, O God.

**Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christ-like
in word, in deed, and in spirit.**

— A time of silent confession —

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†RESPONSE TO GOD’S GRACE

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world
without end, amen.*

†SHARING GOD’S PEACE

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

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

*At this time, children (5th 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 by the final hymn.*

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:68-79

EPISTLE LESSON

Colossians 1:10-20

SERMON

"Disciples Give Ultimate Allegiance to Christ"
Rev. Jamie Milton

†HYMN

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

*No. 422

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.*

DISCIPLES RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From Colossians 1:15-20:

**We believe that the Son is the image of the invisible God,
the one who is first over all creation.**

**All things were created by him:
both in the heavens and on the earth,
the things that are visible and the things that are invisible.**

**Whether they are thrones or powers,
or rulers or authorities,
all things were created through him and for him.**

**We believe Christ existed before all things,
and all things are held together in him.**

Christ is the head of the body, the church.

**Christ is the beginning,
the one who is firstborn from among the dead
so that he might occupy the first place in everything.**

**All the fullness of God lives in him,
and he reconciled all things to himself through him—
whether things on earth or in the heavens.**

Christ has brought us peace through the blood of his cross.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

CHANCEL CHOIR

“10,000 Reasons/Bless the Lord”

*Words and Music by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman;
Choral Setting by Lloyd Larson*

~ Please record your presence on the “Friendship Pad” ~

†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

**Holy God, you knit us together,
threading our lives to the generations before us
and the generations after us.
May these gifts be used to continue the work our ancestors
began and to build on what we are doing now.
Into your hands, we entrust these gifts
so that our unfinished work will one day be complete. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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; lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

2024

George Estabrook Jr.
Hazel E. Kish

2025

Pamela Elaine Barnes
Ross William Brown
Ross Wayne Brown
Mary Rose Jessup
Carol K. Lange
Betty Jean Lunger
Thomas Robert Majchrzak
Patricia M. Quantz

After the names of our Westminster members is read, anyone who wishes may come forward and light a candle in memory of a lost loved one.

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

†HYMN

"For All the Saints"

*No. 529 (Vs. 1, 2, 3, 6)

*For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2025

- **Children are always welcome** in the sanctuary. **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.
- **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.
- **FALL BIBLE STUDY:** Our Fall series – **Feasting on the Word** – is an opportunity to remember: “we were made for this”— for play, for change, for adapting and flourishing in the hands of our Creator. We will meet weekly on **Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.** in the Conference Room or **by Zoom on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m.** Please call the church office or Rev. Linda with any questions.
- **THE OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH** will gather for our next meal together **Wednesday, November 19 at Mandy’s Diner**, 819 Saginaw St. in Bay City. Mandy’s closes at 2 p.m., so we will be meeting at 12:30 p.m. instead of the normal time. Since Mandy’s also has a fairly small staff, **please RSVP with Dave Crook** at 847-624-5798 no later than **TOMORROW** so we can provide an accurate headcount for our party.
- **HANGING OF THE GREENS** Join us on **Sunday, November 23**, for our **annual Hanging of the Greens service**. After the service, everyone is invited to stay and help finish decorating the rest of the building or join in packing the Thanksgiving bags! There will be plenty of good company and light refreshments provided by our Fellowship Ministry.

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 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 November	
	11	Year to Date
Pledges & Other Giving	\$ 24,038	\$ 386,269
One-time Gifts	\$ -	\$ 31,000
Other Cash Received	\$ 190	\$ 31,884
Total Income	\$ 24,228	\$ 449,153
Expenses	\$ 68	\$ 368,313
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 24,160	\$ 80,840

Budgeted expense total for the year is \$474,000.



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2025

- **The Pantry is seeing the rise in food insecurity in our community.** Last week alone we served 203 people from 77 families, half of whom were new to our pantry. This was a one-week record. We are so grateful for your food donations and monetary contributions. Please keep them coming! Along with donations from community partners, we have been able to keep our doors open. Thank you for serving alongside us as we feed our hungry neighbors.

- **Meijer Simply Give program continues at the Wilder Road store:** Through December 27, all donations made at the Wilder Road store will go to our pantry. Just pick up a Simply Give card in the checkout lanes or at the church and ask the cashier to scan it. Each scan adds \$10 to your grocery bill (2 scans adds \$20, etc.). And remember that on Saturday, December 13, Meijer will double match donations. They will add \$20 to your \$10 donation, turning it into \$30 for our pantry (\$20 turns into \$60, \$100 turns into \$300, etc.). At the end of the program, Meijer will send us gift cards for the total amount raised that we can then use to purchase food for the pantry. Please share the news with your family and friends!

Westminster

COMMUNITY PANTRY

- **Saturday, December 13 is Double Match Day at Meijer's!** Meijer will double match all Simply Give donations made at the Wilder Road store that day, so a \$10 donation turns into \$30, and \$100 turns into \$300! Please mark your calendars and plan to support our Pantry with a generous donation that day.

- **Extra Venison?** Did you know the pantry accepts venison if it was processed at a licensed facility? We are happy to take your extras off your hands!

- **TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION** to the Westminster Community Pantry, scan the QR code in the Giving to Westminster box on the previous page to visit the Online Giving Portal.

- **Scan the QR code at the right to visit the Westminster Community Pantry Facebook page!**



PER CAPITA FOR 2025

is \$30.69. This is per active, confirmed member.

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2025

- **YOUTH GROUP DINNERS:** Do you like to cook or bake meals? If yes, then we would love for you to **sign up to help with Youth Dinners for Sunday**

night youth group

meetings. If not, there is still a way you can help with dinner. You can choose to provide dinner



by providing pizza, chicken tenders, Mac & Cheese or something along those lines. We usually have dinner from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. You will get a count a couple of days in advance. Please scan the QR code, visit <https://tinyurl.com/bd7hv7u8> or see Leah Sneller to sign up.

- **FALL BOOK GROUP:** Our Book Group will continue its thought-provoking journey into Kate Bowler's acclaimed memoir, *Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved*. Bowler's candid and compelling writing invites readers to reflect deeply on the meaning of faith, suffering, and the stories we tell ourselves during life's most challenging moments. Meetings will take place every Tuesday in November at 1:30 p.m., providing a welcoming space for members to share perspectives, ask questions, and connect over shared experiences. Whether you're a long-time member or joining us for the first time, all are encouraged to participate in the discussions.

- **CARING CONNECTIONS:** Come join us on the first Thursday of every month. Our Caring Connections Group will also be open to the Bay City community. Any questions, please see Mary Nicholson or Rev. Linda. Caring Connections will meet

again on Thursday, December 4 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Lounge.

- **BUILDING OUR FAMILY OF FAITH:** Join the *Bring a Friend Challenge*! Each time you bring a friend, neighbor, coworker, or family member to worship or a church event, you and your guest will be entered into a raffle for prizes (gift cards, a stainless-steel tabletop grill, and more!). Stop by the Wenona Street Welcome kiosk before or after worship for tickets and details. Let's grow our family of faith together!

- **THANKSGIVING BASKETS:** The Session has approved gifting families a Thanksgiving basket. See the insert in today's bulletin for details. In the meantime, here is a list of items we pack in the turkey baskets:

- Canned corn
- Canned (cut) green beans
- Canned fruit
- Cranberry Sauce
- Stuffing Mix
- Jell-O (Large box)
- Instant Pudding (Large box)
- Turkey or Chicken Gravy Packets
- Macaroni and Cheese boxes
- Brownie Mix
- Reusable Grocery Bags

You can also **Dress the Turkey** — Your \$10 donation will be used to purchase a voucher for families to buy a turkey.

Buy Food Items — buy the items listed and bring them to the church.

Volunteer to shop

Volunteer to load baskets — we will be loading the Thanksgiving baskets on Sunday, November 23 after worship.

If you have any questions, please contact Patti Wesenick at 989-737-6844.

Advent Dinner & Craft Workshop – November 30

Mark your calendars for one of our favorite traditions—the **Advent Dinner and Craft Workshop**! We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, November 30 at 6:00 p.m.** for a festive evening of food, fellowship, and creativity. A main dish will be provided; please bring a **salad, side, or dessert** to share as we enjoy this time together. After dinner, there will be **holiday crafts for all ages**—a chance to create, laugh, and get into the holiday spirit.

We also need pint jars for the crafts. You can help out by bringing along clean pint jars.

Share Your Nativity Scenes!

As we prepare to welcome the Christ child once again, we invite you to share one of your family's traditions with the congregation. During our **Advent Dinner (November 30)**, we'll display **nativity scenes** from church members and friends around the building.

You may bring your nativity set to worship that morning or arrive early to the dinner so we can arrange it for display. Please remember that while we'll handle each piece with care, we can't guarantee complete protection—so if your nativity is especially delicate or valuable, consider sharing a **photo or a written story** about it instead.

We'd also love to include a brief note about the history or significance of your nativity. Each one tells a story of faith and hope—we look forward to sharing those stories together this Advent!

Poinsettia Orders Begin Today!

You will find the 2025 Poinsettia Plants Order Form inserted in your bulletin. **Each poinsettia is \$12**, and this cost includes a 6-inch pot with foil and a bow. Please attach a **check, payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church**, to the order form and return it to the church office by Sunday, November 30. Cash payments can also be dropped off in person at the office. The final order will be placed on Monday, December 1. Poinsettia color choices include red, pink, white and marble. Also, please list on the order form your dedication for the poinsettia, whether it is in honor, celebration or memory of a loved one or event.

No Adult Bible Study Next Week

There will be **no adult bible study** next Sunday, November 23, as the following Thursday, November 27, is Thanksgiving and the group will also not be meeting that day on Zoom.