

Westminster At Worship

A Celebration of Worship *Ordination and Installation of Officers*

February 27, 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: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely,

PEOPLE: And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

LEADER: Sing to the Lord a new song;

PEOPLE: Let all the faithful praise the Lord.

†HYMN

#502

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art — thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word, I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart, high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what ever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.

In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

— A Time of Silent Confession —

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

†SHARING GOD'S PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

FANNING THE FLAME

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Hebrew Lesson

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

34 Then Moses hiked up from the Moabite plains to Mount Nebo, the peak of the Pisgah slope, which faces Jericho. The Lord showed him the whole land: the Gilead region as far as Dan's territory; **2** all the parts belonging to Naphtali along with the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, as well as the entirety of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea; **3** also the arid southern plain, and the plain—including the Jericho Valley, Palm City—as far as Zoar. **4** Then the Lord said to Moses: "This is the land that I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when I promised: 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have shown it to you with your own eyes; however, you will not cross over into it." **5** Then Moses, the Lord's servant, died—right there in the land of Moab, according to the Lord's command. **6** The Lord buried him in a valley in Moabite country across from Beth-peor. Even now, no one knows where Moses' grave is. **7** Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eyesight wasn't impaired, and his vigor hadn't diminished a bit. **8** Back down in the Moabite plains, the Israelites mourned Moses' death for thirty days. At that point, the time for weeping and for mourning Moses was over. **9** Joshua, Nun's son, was filled with wisdom because Moses had placed his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to Joshua, and they did exactly what the Lord commanded Moses. **10** No prophet like Moses has yet emerged in Israel; Moses knew the Lord face-to-face! **11** That's not even to mention all those signs and wonders that the Lord sent Moses to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh, to all his servants, and to his entire land — **12** as well as all the extraordinary power that Moses displayed before Israel's own eyes!

Epistle Lesson

Acts 15:36-41

36 Some time later, Paul said to Barnabas, "Let's go back and visit all the brothers and sisters in every city where we preached the Lord's word. Let's see how they are doing." **37** Barnabas wanted to take John Mark with them. **38** Paul insisted that they shouldn't take him along, since he had deserted them in Pamphylia and hadn't continued with them in their work. **39** Their argument became so intense that they went their separate ways. Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus. **40** Paul chose Silas and left, entrusted by the brothers and sisters to the Lord's grace. **41** He traveled through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

Gospel Lesson

John 14:15-31

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. **16** I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion, who will be with you forever. **17** This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can't receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you. **18** "I won't leave you as orphans. I will come to you. **19** Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too. **20** On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you. **21** Whoever has my commandments and keeps them loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." **22** Judas (not Judas Iscariot) asked, "Lord, why are you about to reveal yourself to us and not to the world?" **23** Jesus answered, "Whoever loves me will keep my word. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. **24** Whoever doesn't love me doesn't keep my words. The word that you hear isn't mine. It is the word of the Father who sent

me. **25** “I have spoken these things to you while I am with you. **26** The Companion, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I told you. **27** “Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives. Don’t be troubled or afraid. **28** You have heard me tell you, ‘I’m going away and returning to you.’ If you loved me, you would be happy that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than me. **29** I have told you before it happens so that when it happens you will believe. **30** I won’t say much more to you because this world’s ruler is coming. He has nothing on me. **31** Rather, he comes so that the world will know that I love the Father and do just as the Father has commanded me. Get up. We’re leaving this place.

SERMON

“Support Those Who Depart”

Rev. Jamie Milton

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

A LITANY OF GIFTS

LEADER: As in one body we have many parts and each part has its own function, so all of us together with Christ are one body, and we all belong to each other.

PEOPLE: We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.

LEADER: If your gift is to hear God’s Word,

PEOPLE: Speak it out in faith.

LEADER: If your gift is service,

PEOPLE: Live to serve others.

LEADER: If your gift is the heart of a teacher,

PEOPLE: Teach what is true.

LEADER: Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;

PEOPLE: Let leaders work diligently for the people, and let those who serve the poor, serve gladly.

LEADER: Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit,

PEOPLE: Serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering, constant in prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all.

STATEMENT OF ORDINATION

†PROFESSION OF FAITH

LEADER: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

PEOPLE: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

LEADER: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

PEOPLE: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, he sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

LEADER: Do you believe in the Holy Ghost?

**PEOPLE: 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.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

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.

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

WELCOME

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED AND/OR INSTALLED

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

†HYMN

#393

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

DENNIS

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the
fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

*Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers; our
fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our
cares.*

*We share our mutual woes, each other’s burdens bear; and
often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.*

*From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and
perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.*

†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 - Pat Duggan at the Lectern

Please rise, in body or in spirit, as you feel comfortable, and let us pray together:

O loving God, we give you thanks that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to keep your commands. Bless these gifts and use them to reveal to all tribes, nations, and peoples your love in Jesus Christ. 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

#51

"How Great Thou Art"

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art."

Refrain: *Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!*

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Wendy Tally



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All the People

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2022

PRAYERS are extended to the family and friends of George Sivertson. George passed away on February 18, 2022. A funeral service took place at the Auburn Chapel of the Cunningham-Taylor Funeral Home on Thursday, February 24, 2022 with Rev. Jamie Milton officiating.

FLOWERS today are given by Neil and Pat Everson in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary.

CONGRATULATIONS to the church officers being ordained and/or installed today! Being ordained and installed for the office of **Elder**: Sandy Graves. Being installed for the office of **Elder**: John Tapley and Christine Thurman. Being ordained and installed for the office of **Deacon**: Janelle Ballard and Len Petroff. Being installed for the office of **Deacon**: Irene Eskilsen, Nancy Berta, and Karen Mitchell.

CONGRATULATIONS to Faith Sneller who is Bay City's 2022 St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen!

WEEKLY SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER: This Lent we will practice "spiritual disciplines" that strengthen our walk with Jesus and with one another. To help cultivate our spiritual discipline of *prayer*, Pastor Jamie will hold a weekly service of morning prayer online during Lent. The first service will take place on March 2 (Ash Wednesday) at 9:00 a.m.

The service will be streamed on the church's Facebook and YouTube pages. This brief (8-12 minute) service will help us start our Wednesdays together in prayer for one another, for our communities, and for the world. Online participants will be able to share their prayer concerns utilizing the comment box on Facebook.

THE ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE will take place on March 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Each year on Ash Wednesday, we begin our Lenten journey together with worship. This service reminds us of our mortality and invites us to begin Lent with confession. During this year's service, we will also have the opportunity to begin exploring some spiritual disciplines and make a commitment to include practicing one (or more) of these disciplines throughout the season of Lent.

LENTEN WEEKDAY PRAYER & REFLECTION: During the week, the sanctuary will be open for prayer and reflection Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Written and visual prompts will be available to help you engage more deeply in the spiritual discipline from the previous Sunday. You are also welcome to simply come and sit in the stillness of the sanctuary.

PRAYER & PRACTICE STATIONS: To assist us in our exploration and practice of various spiritual disciplines during Lent, a series of prayer and practice stations will be set up in the chapel (outside the rear exit of the sanctuary). Each station will focus on a different discipline and provide a hands-on way to engage in that practice. There will be five to six stations available at a time and they will change throughout the season. These stations will be accessible during office hours (Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.), so feel free to come in whenever you have time. This will also provide space for folks who want to engage in these practices but are wary of being around a lot of people at one time. We also plan to have some “go-to” practices that will be available at the DeWitt Street entrance for you to pick up.

LENTEN PRAYER WALL: One of the most important ways that we care for one another is through prayer. Each week we publish a prayer list with the names of our friends and family. Our “Wings of Prayer” group keeps a list of around 20 names in prayer each month. We are given the opportunity to share names with one another on Sunday as they are lifted up in the “Prayers of the People.” Prayer is a spiritual discipline that many of us are comfortable with, and others may like to practice more. A prayer wall will be available outside of the sanctuary during Lent for our Westminster family to share our prayer concerns with one another. Once you have added your prayer request to the wall you are

encouraged to take a slip of paper from the wall that has someone else’s concern on it to pray for that week. The next week it can be returned to the wall and another request is chosen.

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 March 17. We are using 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, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. Contact Karen Schoepach at 989-684-1322 or kaysue@chartermi.net for Zoom information.

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

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 conference 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.

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 system, and quality childcare is provided by Elaine Edwards who is infant and child CPR trained.

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK: Westminster Presbyterian Church - Bay City

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

Prayer List

February 27, 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

Jennifer
Ross
Dick
JeAnne
Mary Lou
Dianne
Joy
George

Sandy
Randy
Carrie
Dominiq
Jim & Family
Family of Marilyn
Family of George
Family of Arthur

Mission Co-Workers
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



UPDATES TO THE CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Each week, you will find a separate insert in the bulletin with the names of those on our prayer list. We hope that this will encourage you to keep the list each week in a place where you can refer to it often and lift up our church family and friends in prayer.

During the worship service, Pastor Jamie or Pastor Linda will include names in the Prayer of the People that are received that morning and leave a few moments of silence for our individual silent prayers.

You will still be able to add names to the prayer list by contacting the office, Pastor Jamie, or Pastor Linda. To have someone added to the Wings of Prayer list, you can continue to contact Karen Mitchell (989-513-0843). Names will remain on the list for one month. If you wish for them to remain on the list, please contact Karen Mitchell with your request.

This Week at Westminster

Today, Sunday, February 27, 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
4:30 p.m.	Junior Bell Practice
5:00 p.m.	Ignite (Youth Group)

Tuesday, March 1

9:00 a.m.	Bay ISD
10:00 a.m.	Hearts & Hands Knitting
10:00 a.m.	The Wired Word via Zoom
11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 150
6:00 p.m.	Personnel Meeting

Wednesday, March 2

9:00 a.m.	Online Service of Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Thursday, March 3

8:30 a.m.	TOPS
9:00 a.m.	Bay ISD
5:00 p.m.	Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran
5:00 p.m.	Combustion Council
6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir

Next Sunday, March 6

9:00 a.m.	First Light (Sunday School)
9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
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