

# Westminster At Worship

## *A Celebration of Worship* **Annual Congregational Meeting** **Sacrament of Communion**

February 1, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Please silence your cell phones prior to entering the sanctuary.  
†*Those who feel comfortable standing may do so.*



### **DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**PRELUDE**

**SETH CUNNINGHAM**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONSTITUTING PRAYER**

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

**ADOPTION OF DOCKET**

**INTROIT**

WPC YOUTH BELLS

*“Footsteps in Faith”*  
*by Jason Krug*

### **†CALL TO WORSHIP**

What does the Lord require of us?

**To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.**

With what shall we come before the Lord?

**With speech that is gentle, and words that build up.**

How shall we live our faith?

**With actions that bring peace, and works that lift up the lowly.**

Come and worship God in spirit and in truth.

**<sup>+</sup>HYMN**

*"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

\*No. 123

*Fairest Lord Jesus,  
Ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God to earth come down,  
thee will I cherish,  
thee will I honor,  
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Fair are the meadows,  
fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring.  
Jesus is fairer;  
Jesus is purer,  
who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine,  
fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling, starry host.  
Jesus shines brighter;  
Jesus shines purer,  
than all the angels heaven can boast.*

*Beautiful Savior,  
Ruler of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**When we feel beaten down by the world, Merciful One, free us from sorrow and grief. When we are wounded by careless words, help us refrain from lashing out in our suffering and hurting the ones we love. Fill us with a hunger and a thirst for righteousness, that we may walk humbly in your ways and be a blessing to everyone we meet.**

— *Continue in Silent Confession* —

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

We rejoice in this good news:

**We are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

## **<sup>†</sup>SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

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

**And also with you.**

## **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

*At this time, children (5<sup>th</sup> 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 before communion.*

## **WAYS WE SHARE GOD'S LOVE AND PEACE**

### **FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY**

### **OUTREACH AND HOSPITALITY MINISTRY**

### **BOARD OF DEACONS**

## DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

**Micah 6:6-8**

### MUSICAL REFLECTION

WPC YOUTH BELLS

*"Be Thou My Vision"*  
Arranged by Bill Ingram

### SCRIPTURE READING

**Matthew 5:1-12**

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Who does the will of the Lord?

**Those who bring justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with their God.**

To whom does the kingdom of heaven belong?

**Those who are lowly and poor in spirit.**

Who shall inherit the earth?

**Those who are meek and walk blamelessly before the Lord.**

Who will be filled with good things?

**Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.**

Who shall see God?

**Those who are pure in heart.**

Who shall be called children of God?

**Those who bring peace to our world.**

Truly, these are blessed by the Lord, our God!

## **WAYS WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

### **SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND FAITH FORMATION**

#### **WORSHIP**

#### **DISCIPLES RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD**

#### **WAYS WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GIFTS**

#### **PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

#### **STEWARSHIP MINISTRY**

#### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

*Today's loose offering will be used to support the ministry of the Westminster Deacons.*

#### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

WPC CHANCEL CHOIR  
WITH VIOLINIST KATIE LINDAHL

*"Lord Have Mercy"*

*Words and Music by Steve Merkel; Arranged by Lloyd Larson*

*~ Please record your presence on the "Friendship Pad"*

#### **<sup>†</sup>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.*

#### **<sup>†</sup>PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Source of justice and mercy, work through this offering  
to bring your gifts to the world:  
righteousness and peace, love and kindness, hope and joy.  
May our gifts truly express our gratitude for your many  
blessings for our church and for your children everywhere.  
Amen.**

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God is with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us open our hearts.

**We open them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the God of Light.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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; 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

*You are invited to come forward to receive communion. Using either station at the front of the church, you will receive a piece of bread and a cup of juice. Please take communion before returning to your seat. If you wish to remain seated, someone will bring communion to your seat. The bread on the trays is gluten free. If you are coming forward and need a gluten free option, one is available on the table.*

### 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.**

## **WAYS WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL**

### **MISSION PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE**

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - FAITH SNELLER**

### **REMEMBERING THE SAINTS**

Thomas Majchrzak

Patricia Quantz

Carol K. Lange

Ross W. Brown

Ross Wayne Brown

Mary Rose Jessup

Pamela E. Barnes

Betty Lunger

Sheila H. Colver

Marilyn J. Lapham

*The livestream of this morning's service will end following the next hymn. For those folks here in the sanctuary, we will continue with our business before adjourning for our soup lunch.*

**<sup>†</sup>HYMN**

*"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"*

\*No. 348

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me.*

*See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.*

*Refrain:*

*"Come home, come home!  
You who are weary, come home."  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, "O sinner, come home!"*

*Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?*

*Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me? (Refrain)*

*O for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!*

*Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me. (Refrain)*

## **PRESENTATION OF THE 2026 BUDGET - FINANCE COMMITTEE**

*(If you would like a line item budget, please contact the church office or Financial Administrator Pat Foster)*

## **APPROVAL OF 2026 TERMS OF CALL FOR REV. JAMIE MILTON**

## **OTHER BUSINESS OR CONCERNS**

## **CLOSING PRAYER/ADJOURNMENT OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

## **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION**

### **DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD**

#### **†BENEDICTION**

Seek justice and discover God's blessings.

**We will walk humbly with our God.**

Practice kindness and touch Christ's presence.

**We will live in Christ's Way of peace.**

Share mercy and abide in the Holy Spirit.

**We will leave footprints of light and compassion with every step we take.**

## **POSTLUDE**

**SETH CUNNINGHAM**



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2026

- The **FLOWERS for today's service** are provided by Phil and Penny Reagh in celebration of their birthdays. Phil's birthday was Wednesday, January 28 and Penny's birthday is today, February 1.
- **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.
- **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING:** Today after our service and annual meeting, please join us for a soup luncheon and bake sale! We'll have a variety of soups and breads, plus desserts you can purchase. A free-will offering will be collected for the Soup luncheon, with the **collection going towards our Food Pantry. Donations of cans of chunky soup are also requested.** Proceeds from the Bake Sale will go to support our Youth Group.
- **CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES:** Heading to a warmer climate this winter? Have you moved recently? Do you have a new email address? Please call the church office to let us know of these changes so your statement and other church correspondence reaches you.
- **ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** We provide two opportunities for folks to participate – **Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.** in the Lounge or **Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. by Zoom.**
- **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.
- **PER CAPITA for 2026 is \$35.00**
- **THE SAGINAW SPIRIT** are hosting their annual **Faith Night on Sunday, February 22** at the Dow Event Center. A group outing is being planned to attend the game. The Spirit take on the Guelph Storm beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$14. Please let Leah Sneller know if you would like to attend by February 15. You may send your ticket money to Financial Administrator Pat Foster. Contact Leah or the church office with any questions.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2026

- **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.

- **CARING CONNECTIONS:** Caring Connections will meet again on **Thursday, February 5** from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Lounge. Come join us on the first Thursday of every month. Our Caring Connections Group is open to the Bay City community who are dealing with loss in their lives. Any questions, please see Mary Nicholson or Rev. Linda. Caring Connections will meet again on **Thursday, February 5** from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Lounge.

- **WINTER BOOK GROUP:** Our Book Group will continue discussing *The Measure of a Man* by Sidney Poitier, **every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.** in the lounge. Come join us! Books are available in the church office (suggested \$5 donation). For questions, please call the church office or Rev. Linda.

- **THE WESTMINSTER LOG:** The February issue has been mailed, emailed to email subscribers and is available right now online at the church website, [wpcbc.org](http://wpcbc.org). If

you do not receive the newsletter and would like a copy, please contact the church office.

- **THANK YOU** to the volunteers who helped fold The Westminster Log. We will be folding the March issue on Tuesday, February 24 at 10 a.m. in the conference room.

### *Westminster* **COMMUNITY PANTRY**

**The February “Item of the Month” is chunky-style soup.** This is a favorite of our guests, especially during the cold winter months. Donations may be left on the cart outside the pantry door. Thank you for your support!

**Thinking about spring? Planning your garden?** Consider planting a little extra to donate to the pantry! Fresh produce is a wonderful addition to our summer pantry options. All donations are appreciated.

**The results are in...and they are fantastic! Our pantry will be receiving \$12,530 in Meijer gift cards** from the recent Simply Give campaign. This is such a wonderful gift from Meijer and our community! We are very thankful!

— Janet Smylie and Janet Beattie

Scan the QR code to visit the Westminster Community Pantry Facebook page.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2026

• Join us, **Sunday, February 15th** as we celebrate **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**. During worship, we'll receive our 2026 Pledge cards and rededicate ourselves to the ministry God has called us to as a congregation. Following worship, we are hosting a **Celebration luncheon**. Please plan to attend and celebrate all that we are able to do together through your continued generosity to God's ministry here at Westminster!

• **LYDIA CIRCLE** will meet **Thursday, February 19 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Session room. We are using the Horizons Bible Study, "Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ." If you would like to join, contact Barb Tolles at 989-963-9369 or email her at [apple2school@yahoo.com](mailto:apple2school@yahoo.com).

• **DEBORAH CIRCLE** will meet **at 4 p.m. Thursday, February 26 at the home of Sally Calvo.** If anyone wants to join, please call Karen Schoeppach at 989-684-1322 or email her at [kaysue@chartermi.net](mailto:kaysue@chartermi.net).

• **FACEBOOK:** Stay up to date with all the latest events and watch live streams of worship services each Sunday on our Facebook page: [facebook.com/wpcbc](https://facebook.com/wpcbc)

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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.

## 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](http://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		Year to Date
	2026	thru January 18,	
Pledges & Other Giving	\$ 27,169	\$ 27,169	
One-time Gifts	\$ -	\$ -	
Other Cash Received	\$ 55	\$ 55	
Total Income	\$ 27,224	\$ 27,224	
Expenses	\$ 28,945	\$ 28,945	
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (1,721)	\$ (1,721)	

Budgeted expense total for 2026 is \$467,000.

