

Westminster At Worship

An Outdoor Celebration of Worship *All My Days*

August 30, 2026

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.



THE "WHEN" (We Gather)

PRELUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THRESHOLD

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" No. 469

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

Come to worship the God of our salvation.

God's goodness has called us here.

Seek, and you will find.

With joy, we sing of Christ's steadfast love.

Knock, and the door will be opened for you.

Here, steadfast love and faithfulness meet.

Ask, and it shall be given to you.

Here, righteousness and peace kiss.

Come to worship the God of our salvation.

God's goodness has called us here.

[sung]

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

†HYMN

“Kum ba Yah”

*No. 487

*Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!*

*Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!*

*Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!*

*Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One, although we come to church on Sundays,
we too often live the rest of the week as though you don't exist.**

**We act as though we created ourselves,
with no connection to you, with no hope of transcendence.
Open us to your constant presence, Holy One.
Teach us to pray, and restore our sight,
that we may commune with you each day
in the light of eternity.**

— A time of Silent Confession —

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Amen. The one who gives us our daily bread each day,
blesses us with what we need each and every day of our lives.
The one who forgives our sins answers our prayers and offers us
fullness of life.

Thanks be to God.

†RESPONSE TO GOD’S GRACE

GLORIA PATRI

*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, amen.*

†SHARING GOD’S PEACE

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

THE “WHAT”
(WE PROCLAIM)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:5-13

INTERACTIVE PRAYER STATIONS

During this time, you are invited to make your way around to the various stations that are set up to help you think about and experience the Lord's Prayer in a new way. If you would like to remain seated, materials from the stations can be brought to you.

†HYMN

"When You Are Praying"

TUNE: AMAZING GRACE

*Our Father in the heavenly realm,
Our Abba, ever near —
Your name is holy, set apart;
O bring your kingdom here!*

*God, give us all we daily need
And we will be content;
Forgive our sins as we forgive
The wrongs that we resent.
God, give us grace to follow you;
Protect us on your Way.
When evil tempts us from your path,
Deliver us, we pray.*

*O Lord, we turn in trust to you;
You know the things we need —
And like a parent, you so love:
The ones who ask, receive.*

THE "WHERE"
(WE RESPOND)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LITANY ON JESUS' PRAYER

Our Abba in heaven, hallowed be your name—the prayer that is always worshipful, the prayer that is always reverent.

As we pray this prayer, not once do we say “I.”

Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven—the prayer that is always assuring, the prayer that is always trusted.

In praying the Lord's prayer, never do we say “my.”

Give us this day our daily bread—the prayer that is always sufficient to our needs, the prayer that is always faithful.

And when we ask for daily bread, we must include our sisters and brothers.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors—the prayer that is always compassionate, the prayer that is always grace filled.

When we pray the Lord's prayer, we pray for one another.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil—the prayer that is always liberating, the prayer that is always all-encompassing.

For others are included in each and every plea.

From the beginning to the end, it does not once say “me.”

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever—the prayer that is always new, the prayer that is always steadfast, the prayer that is always constant.

Amen and Amen!

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

SETH CUNNINGHAM

*“What a Wonderful World / This is My Father’s World”
arranged by John Miller*

†DOXOLOGY

TUNE: OLD HUNDREDTH

*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

Lord, you are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings we pray, that through them we may do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our Sovereign and our God.

THE “WHY”

(WE GO FORTH)

†HYMN

“In My Life (Be Glorified)”

*No. 465

*In my life, Lord,
be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord,
be glorified today.*

*In our song, Lord,
be glorified; be glorified.
In our song, Lord,
be glorified today.*

*In your church, Lord,
be glorified; be glorified.
In your church, Lord,
be glorified today.*

*In your world, Lord,
be glorified; be glorified.
In your world, Lord,
be glorified today.*

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Let the people say, **Amen!**

†POSTLUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 30, 2026

- **The FLOWERS for today's service** are given by Faith Sneller in honor of Christian Thrushman's 24th birthday which was August 28.
- **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.
- **BOOK/BIBLE STUDY SERIES:** This summer we invite you to join our book/Bible study series on ***Tending the Wild Garden: Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit*** by Eugenia Gamble. We will meet four weeks in August. You need not attend all weeks, just come as you are able to enjoy and be inspired. Our final meeting is **Wednesday, September 2 at 1:30 p.m.**
- **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.
- **CHOIR REHEARSALS:** If you would like to add your voice to one of our choirs, please contact Dawn Auger or Seth Cunningham. **Bell choir** rehearses Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. beginning September 13. **Chancel Choir** rehearses Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning September 9. **Contemporary Choir** rehearses at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning September 16.
- **SAVE THE DATE! Fall Kickoff and Neighboring Sunday, September 13**
Mark your calendars for this year's fall kickoff Sunday! Many of our programming

and rehearsals start back after being on break for the summer and we'll have a talented Brass Ensemble present to help lead us in worship. This is an excellent opportunity to bring a friend or invite a neighbor to join us for the day! Following worship, we'll have an extended time of fellowship with plenty of food and fun. Football fans should have plenty of time to grab some food and still make it home before the NFL season kicks off (we'll even put on the Lions pregame show for you!) Wear your team colors, your GRIT & Grace shirt, or other WPC shirt and help us kick off a season of learning, serving, and growing together in faith and friendship.

- **LYDIA CIRCLE** Lydia Circle will hold its first Bible Study on **Thursday, September 17 at 1 p.m.** in the conference room. Lydia Circle uses the Presbyterian Women Bible Study curriculum, *New Horizons*. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. If you are interested in joining, please contact group leaders Elaine Edwards at 989-397-5642 or Barb Tolles at 989-963-9369.

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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.

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• **CARING MEAL PROGRAM RETURNS**

TO WESTMINSTER: We're excited to share that a beloved ministry is returning to Westminster — the Caring Meal Program. Sponsored by the Board of Deacons, this ministry provides short-term meals to individuals and families experiencing a recent life event or temporary hardship. Through nourishing food and compassionate care, we hope to reflect Christ's love and support our church family during challenging times. A pilot team of Meal Preparers is serving during August and September as we fine-tune the process. Once the pilot wraps up, we'll invite the congregation to join us in making this meaningful ministry flourish.

• **CARING CONNECTIONS:** Come join us on the first Thursday of every month. Our Caring Connections Group is open to the Bay City community, so if you have a friend or neighbor who is dealing with grief, they are welcome to join! **Our next meeting is planned for Thursday, September 10 because the 3rd is Memorial Day weekend.**

• **MATTHEW 25 CAFÉ** at The Salvation Army (322 Adams Street) serves free meals six days a week to the Bay City community, feeding about 100 people daily. They need help with food prep and service. On the **second Tuesday of each month, 5–7 volunteers help cook and serve.** Summer months bring fewer volunteers, so extra help is needed. If you can spare two hours a month—either preparing food (9 to 11 a.m.) or serving and cleaning up (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.)—please sign up on the Wenona Lobby board or call the church office with your

name, date, and time. **Westminster's next opportunity to serve is Tuesday, September 8.** If you have any questions, please contact Darlene Kusterer at 989-385-4062 or call the church office.

• **DEBORAH CIRCLE** will hold its first meeting on the new program year at **4 p.m. Thursday, September 17**, at the home of Darlene Kusterer, 5571 Hickory Lane, Bay City 48706. We will be continuing our study of the television series "The Chosen" with Season 5, Episode 2. If you are interested in joining the Deborah Circle for this new year, please contact Karen Schoeppach or call the church office.

• **FALL BOOK GROUP:** We will be reading and discussing Bob Goff's book, *Love Does*, beginning on **Tuesday, September 15.** Copies of the book are \$8 and can be purchased in the church office or through Rev. Linda. For more information, speak to Rev. Linda or call the church office.

• **MEMORIAL SERVICE:** Family and friends will gather at Westminster to celebrate and remember **Lois MacPhail on Saturday, September 12.** The family will receive visitors from 10 to 11 a.m. The service begins at 11 a.m. with a lunch to follow.

• **GATHERING AND GAMES:** Join us for a time of games, food, and fellowship following worship on **Sunday, September 20!**

• **50-YEAR MEMBERS CELEBRATION:** Join us on **Sunday, September 27** as we honor some of our Westminster friends who have been members for fifty years or longer. The Deacons will host a lunch to help us celebrate following worship.

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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	Current Period	
	August 25, 2026	Year to Date
Pledges & Other Giving	\$ 37,054	\$ 338,559
One-time Gifts		\$ -
Other Cash Received	\$ 47	\$ 10,351
Total Income	\$ 37,101	\$ 348,909
Expenses	\$ 28,220	\$ 271,826
Fire System Upgrade	\$ -	\$ 29,175
Excess(Loss)	\$ 8,881	\$ 47,909
Budgeted expense total for 2026 is \$467,000.		



Westminster **COMMUNITY PANTRY**

July Statistics:

The Pantry served 633 people from 244 families with 7,542 pounds of

food. Our weekly averages included 126 people from 49 families with 1,508 pounds of food. We also noted that 18% of families were new, 48% came in the last month, 24% came 2-4 months ago, and a whopping 10% hadn't come in 5 months or more.

The September Item of the Month is canned ravioli, chili, beef stew, etc. These are highly popular items. Help us refill our shelves! All donations may be left on the cart outside the pantry door. Thank you!

Fresh Produce: It's that time of year when summer produce is ripening. If you have extra produce from your garden, we are happy to share it with our guests! For the

freshest choices, bring it on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning so we can distribute it on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning.

We thank Maillette Family Chiropractic for sponsoring another food drive for us during the month of August. This is the third food drive they have hosted, and we appreciate their generosity (and that of their patients)!

We added a Gluten Free section for our guests who cannot tolerate wheat, made possible by a generous grant from the Bay Area Community Foundation. We only average 10-12 of these guests per month, but it will be a huge help to them, especially since gluten free food is very expensive.

Our Free Little Library book cart has been a big hit, but that means the selections are running low. We welcome all book donations!

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• **FOOD OF FAITH:** Westminster will have three opportunities to serve a hot meal to our community this fall! Our turns to volunteer are Thursdays — **September 3, October 22 and December 10.** The meal begins at 5 p.m. Thursday evenings at Messiah Lutheran Church, 501 S. Catherine St. in Bay City at the western end of Veterans Memorial Bridge. We will need **two volunteers to help prepare the meal** from 2 to 4 p.m. and **four volunteers to help serve** from 4 to 6 p.m. Those with questions may contact Pam Johnston at 989-392-1958.

• **SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP GATHERINGS:** Join us for Fellowship Time! Before worship (9:30–10:15), stop by the Fellowship Hall for coffee and a sweet treat. After the service, we continue in the chapel with cookies, coffee, and lemonade — a relaxed chance to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. Whether you're new or a longtime member, we hope you'll join us! Interested in helping serve? Sign up on the volunteer board near the Wenona Street entrance or contact Joyce Hegenauer. Everything you need will be ready in the kitchen.

• **YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE:** This year, we will be following a slightly different schedule and meeting primarily every other Sunday evening. Our youth group is open to students in 5th through 12th grade. Please see the schedule below for the month of September: **September 13** – Kickoff Sunday (Fun Night); **September 27** – Youth Group. **We will meet from 5 to 7 p.m. each evening.** I look forward to a

fun and exciting year with everyone! If you have any questions, contact Leah Sneller, Director of Youth Ministry at youthdirector@wbcbc.org or 989-402-7576.

• **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 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. You will get a count a couple of days in advance. Please scan the QR code or see Leah Sneller to sign up.



• **ADULT BIBLE STUDY** Our Sunday morning class begins **Sunday, September 20, at 9:00 a.m.**, and our Thursday evening Zoom study begins **Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m.** Whether you prefer to meet in person on Sunday mornings or connect from home on Thursday evenings, we hope you will join us for thoughtful conversation and fellowship. This year we will be using ***The Wired Word***, an adult Bible study curriculum that connects current events and weekly news stories with Scripture.

• **BUNCO PARTY:** Our next gathering to enjoy fellowship and fun will begin at noon on Wednesday, September 9, with Bunco play beginning at 12:30 p.m. Bring a friend and play for a small prize! See Rev. Linda for details.



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