

Westminster At Worship

A Celebration of Worship

All My Days: Presence

“Our Abba, who art in heaven”

July 12, 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

RACHEL WEBB

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THRESHOLD

*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.*

We arrive fully into this moment, Holy One.

We open to sense your presence among us.

We hear you say,

“I am present with you.”

We need you, Jesus, to help us.

We come to you as your first disciples did.

We hear you say,

“I am present with you.”

Spirit of Divine Love,
come to us with your healing waters.
We hear you say,
“I am present with you.”

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

†HYMN

“Surely the Presence”

*No. 131

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels’ wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, your creatures cry—
creation groans—but we turn away;
we surround ourselves with noise.
We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility:
we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy.
It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference.
Life-giving God, wash us clean.
Restore our imaginations and our hearts.
Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins
until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing,
for the creation waits with eager longing
for the revealing of the children of God.**

— A time of Silent Confession —

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

†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

FIRST READING

Romans 8:15-17

GOSPEL READING

Mark 14:35-36

SERMON

“Our Abba, who art in heaven”

Rev. Jamie Milton

THE "WHERE"
(WE RESPOND)

PRAYER SONG *"All My Days" (legato version)*

*You know my words before they're said.
You know my need and I am fed.
You give me life. You know my ways,
my strength, my path, for all my days.
my strength, my path, for all my days.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Blessed are you, eternal Presence, who, with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, lead us to life everlasting. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF PRESENCE

Bead 1: Creator (we are also creative) *Gen 1:1*
Bead 2: Logos ("the Word" scripted on our hearts) *John 1:1*
Bead 3: Mother ("as a hen gathers her chicks") *Matt 23:37*
Bead 4: Alpha & Omega (always with us) *Rev 1:8*
Bead 5: Great Light (shining into our darkest places) *Isa 9:2*
Bead 6: Refuge (shelter in times of trouble) *Ps 9:9*
Bead 7: Gracious & Merciful (always loving us) *Jonah 4:2*
End Bead (Large bead): Abba (intimate and fully known)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 in to temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone,
to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve,
whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust.
Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable,
incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;
one in substance and yet distinct in three persons,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth,
visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their
being, and to be ruled and guided by [God's] inscrutable
providence for such end as [God's] eternal wisdom, goodness,
and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of [God's]
own glory.**

†HYMN

“Abide with Me”

*No. 521

*Abide with me: fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not, abide with me.*

*I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.*

*Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

JAN WITUCKI

*"Just As I Am" by William Bradbury; "Take My Life, and Let It
Be" by H.A. Cesar Malan; "In the Meadow" and Anne Crosby
Gaudet*

†DOXOLOGY

TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Like strands of beads, we offer gifts,
that one by one, your love will lift.
Alleluia, alleluia!
That all may have just what they need,
by this we're bless'd and truly freed.
Hear our prayers, God. Be our guide, Lord.
Holy Spirit, come and fill us. Alleluia!**

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of mystery and grace, you have met us and blessed us with
such abundant promise.
In gratitude we offer what we carry in our hearts
and our pockets.
As we bring to you these offerings,
we pray that you would use us,
for we come in the name of Jesus
and by the movement of your Spirit in this place. Amen.**

THE “WHY”
(WE GO FORTH)

†HYMN

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!”

*No. 426

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.*

(Refrain)

*This is my story; this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story; this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)*

*Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)*

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†POSTLUDE

RACHEL WEBB



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 12, 2026

- **THE FLOWERS** for today's service are provided in loving memory of Jerry Bechtel by Marilyn and Susan Bechtel and Pamela, Steve, Ian and Scott Czerkis.
- **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.
- **PER CAPITA for 2026 is \$35.00.**
- **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.
- **OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH:** The Out-to-Lunch Bunch's delicious destination for July is: **Castaways**, 3940 Boy Scout Road, Bay City, MI 48706 We will gather for lunch at **1 p.m. Wednesday, July 15.** Please RSVP with Dave Crook at 847-624-5798 or crookds@earthlink.net by July 13.

- **LOONS GAME:** Join us for a fun-filled evening at Dow Diamond on **Friday, July 17th** as we cheer on the Great Lakes Loons!



This isn't just any baseball game—it's **The Great Lakes Grand Carnival** night, when the ballpark transforms into a full-scale carnival experience. For tickets go to [https://](https://www.gofevo.com/event/Westminsterpresbyterian26)

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- **GATHERING AND GAMES:** **Sunday, July 19** after worship. Want to learn a new game? We'll teach you one! Want to share your favorite? You can teach us! Want to just eat and chat? There's space for that too. Bring a friend along and discover why this has become such a favorite gathering!

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• WEEKDAY AND WEEKNIGHT

PARKING: Please remember that we are only allowed to use the parking lot across Dewitt Street (at Lake Effect Chiropractic) when the business is closed. This includes Sunday mornings, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings after 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings after 7:00 p.m. Our payment and rental agreement does not allow us to park in their new parking lot off Vermont Street. Thank you for helping us to be good neighbors! Westminster owns and maintains the small lot directly behind the church across Vermont Street, and the large lot across Wenona Street from the church.

• MATTHEW 25 CAFÉ at The Salvation Army (322 Adams Street). Our next date to assist is **Tuesday, July 14**. The Matthew 25 Café 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. For the past three years, Westminster has supported this outreach. 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.

• 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 three weeks in June, three weeks in July and four weeks in August. You need not attend all weeks, just come as you are able

to enjoy and be inspired by *Tending the Wild Garden*. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, July 22 at 1:30 p.m.**

• BAY SHORE CAMP'S ON THE ROAD DAY CAMP is returning to Westminster **August 3 through August 6**. Camp is open to those entering Kindergarten through 5th grade. Registration is LIVE through the camp's website: <https://bayshorecamp.campbrainregistration.com/> or scan the QR code to register.



Spots are filling up quickly and only 24 remain, so register your child soon!

• PRESCHOOL VBS: Rainforest Falls! Your little explorers will discover God's love through fun Bible stories, music, crafts, games, and hands-on activities in a vibrant rainforest setting. **VBS runs from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, August 3**



through Thursday, August 6 and is open to 3 and 4 year olds.

Registration is available by following the link below or by scanning the QR code. <https://form.jotform.com/261673710836057>. We can't wait to explore with you!

• "SUMMER DICE AND SMILES" Bunco group: Join us on **July 28 and August 18**. Bring a bag lunch at **noon, and Bunco will begin at 12:30 p.m.** Refreshments served.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

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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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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 June 30, 2026	Year to Date
Pledges & Other Giving	\$ 26,208	\$ 313,655
One-time Gifts	\$ -	\$ -
Other Cash Received	\$ 46	\$ 6,325
Total Income	\$ 26,254	\$ 319,980
Expenses	\$ 34,626	\$ 211,733
Excess(Loss)	\$ (8,372)	\$ 108,247
Budgeted expense total for 2026 is \$467,000.		



Westminster

COMMUNITY PANTRY

- **In June, we served 580 people** from 210 households with 6,773 pounds of food. We had three weeks with more than 55 guests each, a huge jump from just a few months ago. With the help of so many faithful volunteers, we continue the good work of feeding our hungry neighbors!
- **The July "Item of the Month"** is peanut butter (prefer smaller 16 oz size jars).
- **Ongoing:** We continue to collect kitchen items for our Christmas tree, books for our Free Little Library, and any produce you are willing to donate. Since the pantry is open on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning, it is best to leave fresh produce on the cart by Wednesday morning. We appreciate all your donations!

This is a staple that every guest receives, and we want to make sure we are well stocked. Please leave your donations on the cart outside the pantry door. Thank you!

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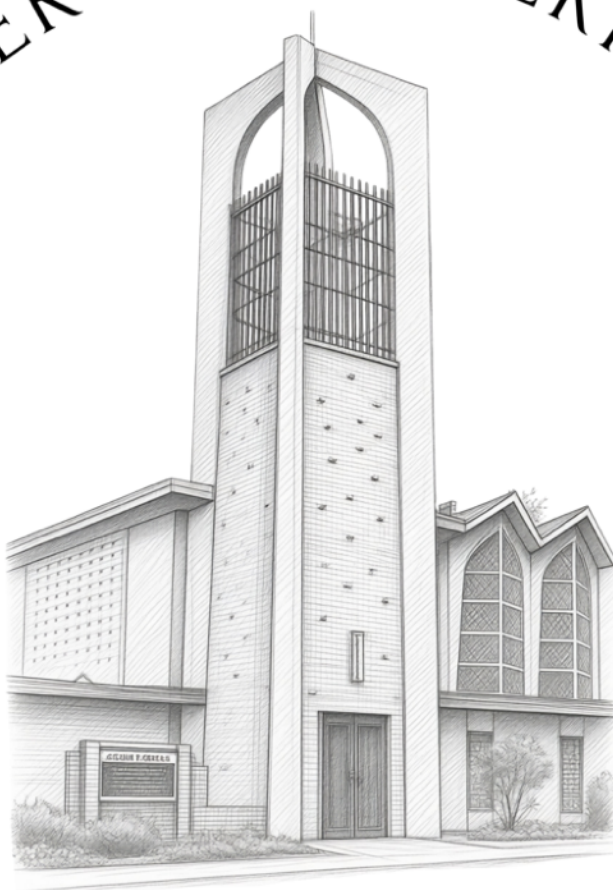
- **SUMMER MOVIE SERIES:** Join us this summer for a special movie series featuring films connected to authors from this past year's book group. **Movies will be shown on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.** As always, we have soda, popcorn, and candy, so come enjoy a good film and good company with us this summer. Any questions, please call the church office. Remaining films in this year's series include: *The Secret Life of Bees* (**July 21**); and *Yentl* (**August 25**). A family-friendly movie also will be shown on **August 11**.
- **ONLINE DIRECTORY:** A number of people have reported that they were unable to access the online directory

after an update to their phone. If you are having trouble connecting to the directory, please contact the church office to receive your "unique identifier" code that will allow you to access the directory.

- **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! **Please note that our next meeting is planned for Thursday, August 13, because VBS is taking place the first week of August.**



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