

Westminster At Worship

A Celebration of Worship

All Saints' Remembrance

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Serving Others: Leading by Example

November 1, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Westminster! We are glad you are here! Take some time to review the announcements to see "What's Up At Westminster!" If you have any questions, our greeters and ushers are happy to help.

- **TWO BOUQUETS OF FLOWERS GRACE THE SANCTUARY** for today's service. One was provided by Deb Pryce in loving memory of Jason Bleshenski and Larry Pryce. The other is dedicated by Faith Sneller to the church and all of its members, past and present, for all of their love, support, patience, kindness and prayers over the years.
- **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:** Please note the closest emergency exit to your seat. There are exits at all four corners of the sanctuary that will lead you safely out of the building.

For Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers:

Children of all ages are always welcome in worship! However, if you or your child need a little extra care, we offer several options for you:

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 certified in infant/child CPR.

WORSHIP BAGS are located by the back entrance to the sanctuary. These bags for children are filled with quiet activities to keep children engaged while seated in the pew with their families.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (K-5th Grade) All elementary-aged students are welcome to join us for a time of Bible stories and fun activities just for them. Following the "Sharing God's Peace" in today's service, children are invited to meet their teachers at the back of the sanctuary where they will be led to their classroom. Teachers will bring children back to the sanctuary at the close of the service.

VISIT OUR PRAYGROUND located at the back of the sanctuary. This dedicated space contains activities for parents and children who need a little extra space to move but would still like to be a part of the worship service.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

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.*



PRELUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MOMENT

GATHERING PRAYER

†CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so:

God's steadfast love endures forever!

†HYMN

"The Church of Christ in Every Age"

*No. 623

*The church of Christ in every age,
beset by change but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.*

*Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.*

*Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.*

*We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread Christ's liberating word.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God, only you are holy.
Yet we imagine that we are righteous,
excusing our own faults while pointing out those of others.
We are quick to lay burdens upon our neighbors
but slow to help with their own.
We take credit and give blame.
In spite of the grace you have shown to us,
we are slow to show mercy.
Forgive us, O God, and wash us clean,
that we may serve you with joy and thanksgiving...**

— A time of Silent Confession —

KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Believe this good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
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.
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 before the end of the service.*

THE COMMUNITY LISTENS TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 107:1-7, 33-43

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 23:1-12

SERMON

“Leading By Example”
Rev. Jamie Milton

†HYMN

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

*No. 350

*“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”*

*“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”*

*“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”*

*“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”*

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO THE CALL OF GOD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose.

**We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Look for the yellow “Sharing My Gifts” card in your pew. Reflect on how you shared your time, talent, or treasure this week, then place it in the offering plate as a symbol of that gift. Have a financial gift to share? Feel free to place that in the plate as well.

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

WPC CHANCEL CHOIR

“You Are Not Alone”

By Molly Ijames; lyrics by Eileen Berry

†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

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.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

You who are grieving and feeling hopeless,

this table is set for you.

You who are humble and kind,

this table is set for you.

You who are starving for justice,

this table is set for you.

You who are yearning for peace,

this table is set for you.

You who are burdened and downtrodden,

this table is set for you.

You who are sinners and saints,

this table is set for you.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanks and praise to you, O God ...

... who forever sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ ...

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Prayer continues ...

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING IN COMMUNION TOGETHER

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

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. A GLUTEN FREE option is available on the table

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one
with Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful—
those who hunger and thirst no more
and worship night and day in your temple.
Lead us in the paths of righteousness
and guide us to the springs of the water of life,
until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing:**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALL SAINTS' REMEMBRANCE

2025

*Sheila H. Collver
Marilyn J. Lapham*

2026

*William W. Auger
Leota L. Clark
Gena Gates
JeAnne H. Hebner
Lois J. MacPhail
Larry A. Pryce
Beverly L. Rector*

*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.*

THE COMMUNITY GOES TO SERVE GOD

†HYMN

"For All the Saints"

*No. 529

*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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THIS WEEK

- **ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** We will be using *The Wired Word* bible study curriculum that connects current events and weekly news stories with Scripture. Our **Sunday morning class meets Sundays at 9 a.m.**, and our **Thursday evening online Zoom study meets online at 7 p.m.** Any questions, please see Rev. Linda or the church office.
- **FALL BOOK GROUP:** We will be reading and discussing Allen Levi's book, *Theo of Golden* on **Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the Lounge**. For more information, speak to Rev. Linda or call the church office. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, November 3**.
- **CHOIR REHEARSALS:** If you would like to add your voice, please contact Dawn Auger or Seth Cunningham. **Bell choir** rehearses Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. **Chancel Choir** rehearses Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. **Contemporary Choir** rehearses at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesdays. **Cantata rehearsals** have begun and continue this week at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesdays.

MONTHLY

- **CARING CONNECTIONS:** 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, November 12.**
- **LYDIA CIRCLE:** Lydia Circle uses the Presbyterian Women Bible Study curriculum, *Horizons*. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. **Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19.** If you are interested in joining, please contact group leaders Elaine Edwards at 989-397-5642 or Barb Tolles at 989-963-9369.
- **DEBORAH CIRCLE:** We will be continuing our study of the television series "The Chosen" at **4 p.m. Thursday, November 19**, location TBD. If you are interested in joining Deborah Circle, please contact Karen Schoepach or call the church office.

ONGOING

- **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.
- **FLOWERS FOR SERVICE:** If you would like to provide flowers for an upcoming service, please sign up on the sign-up sheet across the hall from the Sanctuary or call the church office. The church secretary will order the flowers from Keit's Flowers for you and make sure they are delivered the Thursday before the service.

LOOKING AHEAD

- **HANGING OF THE GREENS:** **Sunday, November 22**, help us decorate the church during and after worship.
- **PACK THANKSGIVING BASKETS:** **Sunday, November 22**, volunteers are needed to help pack Thanksgiving Baskets for our community members after worship. More details to follow. **We will be accepting donations of food items or money on Sundays, November 1, November 8 and November 15. The cost to buy a feather to "Dress The Bird" this year is \$15.**

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

- **SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP GATHERINGS:** Join us for Fellowship Time! Before worship (9:30 to 10:15 a.m.), 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. Sign up on the volunteer board near the Wenona Street entrance or contact Joyce Hegenauer. Everything you need will be ready in the kitchen.
- **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, November 10.** If you have any questions, please contact Darlene Kusterer at 989-385-4062 or call the church office.
- **WESTMINSTER COMMUNITY PANTRY:** There are a number of ways that you can support our weekly food pantry. Volunteers help assist our clients in choosing food items, work together to unload shipments of food and help to organize donations received from the congregation and community. If you would like to volunteer, contact volunteer coordinator Karen Brown-Fackler. You may also support the pantry's efforts with a monetary donation, either by writing "food pantry" in the memo area of your check made payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church, or online through the donations page on the church website, wpcbc.org. Contact pantry chair Janet Smylie with questions.
- **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** will be collecting coats, hats, socks, gloves and other **warm clothing for guests that come to the food pantry**. You may leave any donated items on the cart outside the pantry door.
- **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. A pilot team of Meal Preparers is serving 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.
- **FOOD OF FAITH:** Help provide a free warm meal for our neighbors in need! Our next opportunity to serve is **Thursday, December 10**. 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. 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. Those with questions may contact Pam Johnston at 989-392-1958.

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! REMINDER: There's still time to pay your 2026 per Capita through December 31, which is \$35.00 per member.

GENERAL FUND	Oct 29, 2026	Year to Date
Pledges	19,660	328,463
General Gifts/Donations	2,292	51,646
Interest		2,889
Loose Collection	246	1,442
One-time Gifts	0	0
Other Cash Received	49	3,578
Total Income	22,247	388,018
Expenses	40,200	367,633
Excess(Loss)	-17,953	20,385

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

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Westminster is putting together a volunteer group to work at the FBEM's Hunger Solution Center in Flint on **Saturday, November 21, from 9-12**. We'll meet at the church at 7:45 am and carpool together, returning by 1:30 pm. Sign up on the volunteer board in the Wenona Street Welcome Area, or by contacting Pastor Jamie. Anyone aged 8+ is invited to come. Let's make this a family event!

ADVENT DINNER: Mark your calendars for the Advent Dinner and Craft Workshop! We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, November 29 at 5:00 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 an opportunity to make your own nativity, a countdown to Christmas, your own ornament, and more! Join us for this chance to create, laugh, and get into the holiday spirit.

WREATH RAFFLE - SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY PANTRY!: Looking to add a festive touch to your home this holiday season? Want to support Westminster's Community Pantry while you're at it? Here's your chance! We're raffling off two Christmas wreaths just waiting to be hung on your door!

Raffle tickets may be purchased:

Before or after worship on November 22 and November 29, or

By calling the church office during regular business hours.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. All proceeds support the vital work of our Community Pantry. Thank you for helping us share hope and hospitality this season! We'll draw the winning ticket at the Advent Dinner on November 29!

Item of the

Month: We are pausing our requests for Item of the Month until January 2027 so

you can support other church mission projects like the Thanksgiving food baskets and the Angel Tree Christmas gifts. If you'd still like to donate to the pantry, any food items are welcomed. Please know how much we appreciate your food donations.

Meijer Simply Give Program Continues through the Holiday Season! Through December 26, all Simply Give donations made at the Wilder Road store will be collected for our pantry. Simply Give donation cards are available at the church and in the checkout lines at the store. Just hand your Simply Give donation card to the



cashier and tell them how much you want to give (in \$10 increments). They will scan your card and your

donation will be added to your grocery total. **And mark your calendars for Saturday, December 12**, when Meijer will double-match all donations! At the end of the program, all donations will be given to our pantry in the form of gift cards that we can use to purchase food. Please share the news with all your family and friends! Questions? Talk to Janet Smylie or email pantry@wbcpc.org.

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!

Youth Group News

• **YOUTH GROUP:** Our youth group is open to students in 5th through 12th grade. We meet on Sunday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. November Youth Group dates are **November 8 and November 22**. If you have any questions, contact Leah Sneller, Director of Youth Ministry at youthdirector@wbcpc.org or 989-686-1360, ext. 206.

• **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. 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.



Dress the Bird, Gift a Family

Dear Westminster Family:

The Session has approved providing a Thanksgiving Basket for community members. **We will be collecting grocery items during the month of November on Sundays November 1, November 8 and November 15.**

We will be packing the assembled baskets on Sunday, November 22, so please plan to stay and help us if you are able! They will be picked up the following week by those selected to receive them.

Here is a list of items we pack in the turkey baskets:

- Canned corn
- Canned 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

We will also be “Dressing the Bird” again this year. Your \$15.00 donation will be used to purchase a voucher for families to buy a turkey, and your name will be displayed on our turkey display board. Feathers to dress the turkey can be purchased on Sundays before and after worship services, or you can write a check to WPC and write “turkey” in the memo.

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

Thank You!

THANK YOU to everyone who baked items for our bake sale or made chili for last Sunday's Harvest Party! Deb Pryce was chosen as the winner of the "traditional" chili cook-off, while Martha Tapley

Our Presbyterian Women came through with hundreds of cookies, and people bought and bought so we did the best we've ever done at a bake sale. The bake sale raised quite a bit for the food pantry. It was such an abundance and variety like you wouldn't believe.

All proceeds from the bake sale and chili cook-off will be used to support our Westminster Community Pantry.

The Angel Tree will soon be here!

Mission Partnership Committee once again invites you to help make Christmas a little brighter for families in our community. Working with our partners at **The Salvation Army**, we will receive 75 Angel Tags listing toys, gift cards, clothing items and bedding for kids ranging in ages 0 – 17-year-olds.

Angel Tree tags will be available starting Sunday, November 29 until Sunday, December 13. Participants are encouraged to take an angel tag from the tree located in the Wenona Lobby. Write your name and contact number on the bottom portion of the tag and leave that section with representatives or gift box at the Angel Tree table.

Purchase the gifts and return them in a gift bag (no tissue paper) to the church by Noon on Sunday, December 13. We suggest a spending limit of \$25-\$30 per item - one toy/"fun" and one clothing/textile. Don't forget to attach the angel tag to your gift!

If you prefer, you may choose to donate, and we'll do the shopping for you!

For questions or help, contact Darlene Kusterer at 989-385-4062.