

Westminster At Worship

A Celebration of Worship

All My Days: Protection

“Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil”

August 16, 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.**

We arrive fully into this moment, Holy One.
We open to sense your presence among us.
We hear you say,
“I will keep your life.”

We need you, Jesus, to help us.
We come to you as your first disciples did.
We hear you say,
“I will keep your life.”

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

**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

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

*No. 500

*Precious Lord, take my hand;
lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light;
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near;
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace,
For our failure to love others as you have loved us,
forgive us.

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods,
forgive us.

For losing heart and abandoning hope,
forgive us.

For all the ways we turn from you,
forgive us

— A time of Silent Confession —

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

SONG OF PREPARATION

WESTMINSTER UKER-TERIANS

*“Amazing Grace”
Written by John Newton*

THE “WHAT”
(WE PROCLAIM)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 121

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:6-9

SERMON

Protection: Deliver us from Evil

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

PRAYER OF PROTECTION

Cross (or pendant): I lift my eyes up to the hills.

Invitatory bead (first Large): My help comes from the Lord,

Resurrection bead (first Medium): who made heaven and earth.

Cruciform bead (next Large): Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Bead 1: So much is wrong.

Bead 2: This is what is grieving me today: _____

Bead 3: I am tempted to hide or to conspire. Lead me another way.

Bead 4: Jesus, hosanna, save me!

Bead 5: Let me join the justice parade in the face of evil.

Bead 6: Give me the courage to raise my lament as long as needed.

Bead 7: Save me from my own apathy.

End Bead: Help me be part of the solution, in your name.

Resurrection bead (Medium): God who does not slumber,

Invitatory bead (first Large): keep me from all evil, guard my life.

Cross (or pendant): Hosanna in the highest heaven!

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

The Heidelberg Catechism reminds us that we do not stand in our own strength, but:

“By ourselves we are too weak to hold our own even for a moment...our enemies...never stop attacking us.”

We believe that the Lord upholds us and makes us strong with the strength of the Holy Spirit. (Heidelberg Catechism, Question 127)

With the Barmen Declaration we proclaim the role of the Christian Church in “speaking the truth in love.” And so:

“As the Church of pardoned sinners, [we must] testify in the midst of a sinful world,” with faith and obedience, that we belong to Christ, that we live for Christ, and follow his direction as we await the coming kingdom. (Barmen Declaration, 8.17)

So we do not fear evil, nor face temptation alone, but affirm:

**In life and in death we belong to God.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. (A Brief Statement of Faith)**

†HYMN

“When Peace Like a River”

*No. 428

*When peace like a river
attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Refrain:
It is well with my soul;
it is well; it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded
my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)

He lives: O the bliss
of this glorious thought.
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)

Lord, hasten the day
when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

WESTMINSTER UKER-TERIANS

“Deep and Wide” and “He’s Got the Whole World”

†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

Eternal God, may these gifts be signs of your grace, and may our lives show forth the coming kingdom, that when Christ comes again he will find faith on earth. Amen.

THE “WHY”
(WE GO FORTH)

†HYMN

“There is a Place of Quiet Rest”

MCAFEE

*There is a place of quiet rest,
near to the heart of God,
a place where sin cannot molest,
near to the heart of God.*

Refrain:

*O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us, who wait before thee,
near to the heart of God.*

*There is a place of comfort sweet,
near to the heart of God,
a place where we our Savior meet,
near to the heart of God. (Refrain)*

*There is a place of full release,
near to the heart of God,
a place where all is joy and peace,
near to the heart of God. (Refrain)*

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 16, 2026

- **The FLOWERS for today's service** are provided in memory of Virg Brown by her daughter, Karen.

- **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.

- **GATHERING AND GAMES:** Join us **TODAY** after worship for fun and games in the Fellowship Hall!

- **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 next meeting is **Wednesday, August 19 at 2 p.m.**

- **"SUMMER DICE AND SMILES" Bunco group:** Join us on **August 18**. Bring a bag lunch at **noon**, and **Bunco will begin at 12:30 p.m.** Light refreshments served. Prizes will be awarded for **Most Bunco, Most Mini Buncos, Most Wins, and Most Losses.**

- **THE OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH** will gather at North Peak Brewing Company, 1100 N. Water St. at 1 p.m. on **Wednesday, August 26**. If you would like to attend, please RSVP with Dave Crook at 847-624-5798 or crookds@earthlink.net.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 16, 2026

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 July	Year to Date
	21, 2026	
Pledges & Other Giving	\$ 14,035	\$ 291,495
One-time Gifts		\$ -
Other Cash Received	\$ 40	\$ 6,365
Total Income	\$ 14,075	\$ 297,861
Expenses	\$ 11,682	\$ 226,096
Excess(Loss)	\$ 2,393	\$ 71,764

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 1508 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 August Item of the Month is Cereal. Our guests are thrilled when we have a good selection of cereal to choose from. Help us refill our shelves! All donations

may be left on the cart outside the pantry door. Thank you!

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).

Our Free Little Library book cart has been a big hit, but that means the shelves are now pretty empty. We appreciate all book donations!

It's the time of year that we are getting donations of fresh produce from Hidden Harvest, parishioners and community members. Keep them coming!

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- **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 we will not be meeting in August because of scheduling issues. 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. 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. Your time makes a meaningful difference in our community. **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.

- **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.

- **OUTDOOR WORSHIP:** An outdoor worship service is planned for August 30. We will gather for worship on the lawn at 10:30 a.m.

- **BELL CHOIR:** Bell Choir members are asked to help with a folder clean-out and music organization on Sunday, August 30 before worship at 9:30 a.m. Bell Choir practices will begin on Sunday, September 13 at 8:45 a.m. If you are interested in joining the Bell Choir, contact Bell Choir director Seth Cunningham.

- **CHOIR REHEARSALS** will begin Wednesday, September 9 with Contemporary at 5:15 p.m. and Chancel at 6:30 p.m. If you have a talent for singing and would like to lend a voice to our music program, please contact choir director Dawn Auger.

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