

Westminster At Worship

A Celebration of Worship **What Disciples *BELIEVE* DO:** ***Disciples Take Their Faith Public***

November 9, 2025

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



DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

†CALL TO WORSHIP

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth.

Thus says our God, the Holy One.

Be glad and rejoice in this new creation.

Celebrate all that is coming to you.

For your weeping shall be met with rejoicing.

And your suffering will be overtaken by new life.

You shall build homes and live in them;

plant gardens and eat from them.

Whenever you call, I will answer.

When you cry out, I will come.

Heaven and earth will be filled with my peace.

Everything will become a new creation.

†HYMN

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

*No. 405

*My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

Refrain:

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)*

*His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)*

*When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we want to be strong, but are often not.
We wish we could be unaffected by the world
and give all our anxiety away.**

And yet, we hold onto our worries and fears,
as if they could bring us comfort, the way you do.
We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights.
We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension.
We confess we have ignored your command to not be afraid.
Forgive us, O God.
When the world falls apart around us;
when we don't know where to start to heal it;
when we turn to things that never satisfy,
help us place our trust in you.
Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs,
and renew in us the ability to find our comfort in you
for you are just waiting to bring new life.

— *A time of silent confession* —

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

This is good news indeed!
Thanks be to God!

†RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

*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.

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 by the final hymn.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

WPC BELL CHOIR

"Be Thou My Vision"
Arranged by Lloyd Larson

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 65:8-14

SECOND READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

SERMON

"Disciples Take Their Faith Public"
Rev. Jamie Milton

†HYMN *"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"*

KINGSFOLD

*Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.*

*God made the world and at its birth
ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth,
responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud;
we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud
that threatens all of life.*

*Pray justice may come rolling down
as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town
to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for
a harmony of peace.*

*May we in service to our God
act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.*

DISCIPLES RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

WPC BELL CHOIR

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Arranged by Kevin McChesney

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

†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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of the wolf and the lamb, the lion and the ox, we give thanks for these gifts and pray they might be agents of your peace. May they serve your creation as we seek your new heaven and new earth.

Help us take these gifts out into a world filled with distress and calm it. Help us take these gifts out into a world filled with pain and heal it. Help us take these gifts out into a world filled with silence and speak up;

In Jesus' name. Amen.

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

†HYMN

"Together We Serve"

SAN ANSELMO

*Together we serve,
united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray
through sorrow and joy,
extending God's love to the last and the least.*

*We seek to become
a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year,
to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.*

*We welcome the scarred,
the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home
to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.*

*Together, by grace,
we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve
in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.*

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 9, 2025

- **THE FLOWERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE** are provided in honor and in gratitude to our veterans whose bravery has kept us free.

- **Children are always welcome** in the sanctuary. **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 after worship today as we enjoy some fun and fellowship during our latest Gathering and Games. We'll have a few games to pick from, so we could play one of your favorites or introduce you to a new game!

- **THE SPECIAL OFFERING RECEIVED ON CHILDREN'S SABBATH** will be going to support Foster Families Navigation and

Resource Center, a local organization that equips and supports foster families. You can find more information at <https://www.fosterfamiliesnrc.org/>. You can make a donation by indicating "Children's Sabbath" on your envelope. Donations will be received through November 9.

- **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.

- **FALL BIBLE STUDY: Our Fall series – Feasting on the Word** – is an opportunity to remember: “we were made for this”— for play, for change, for adapting and flourishing in the hands of our Creator. We will meet weekly on **Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.** in the Conference Room or **by Zoom on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m.** Please call the church office or Rev. Linda with any questions.

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- **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.

- **FALL BOOK GROUP:** Our Book Group will continue its thought-provoking journey into Kate Bowler's acclaimed memoir, *Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved*. Bowler's candid and compelling writing invites readers to reflect deeply on the meaning of faith, suffering, and the stories we tell ourselves during life's most challenging moments. Meetings will take place every Tuesday in November at 1:30 p.m., providing a welcoming space for members to share perspectives, ask questions, and connect over shared experiences. Whether you're a long-time member or joining us for the first time, all are encouraged to participate in the discussions.

- **CARING CONNECTIONS:** Come join us on the first Thursday of every month. Our Caring Connections Group will also be open to the Bay City community. Any questions, please see Mary Nicholson or

Rev. Linda. Caring Connections will meet again on Thursday, December 4 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Lounge.

- **THE OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH** will gather for our next meal together **Wednesday, November 19 at Mandy's Diner**, 819 Saginaw St. in Bay City. Mandy's closes at 2 p.m., so we will be meeting at 12:30 p.m. instead of the normal time. Since Mandy's also has a fairly small staff, **please RSVP with Dave Crook** at 847-624-5798 no later than November 17 so we can provide an accurate headcount for our party.

- **BUILDING OUR FAMILY OF FAITH:** Join the *Bring a Friend Challenge*! Each time you bring a friend, neighbor, coworker, or family member to worship or a church event, you and your guest will be entered into a raffle for prizes (gift cards, a stainless-steel tabletop grill, and more!). Stop by the Wenona Street Welcome kiosk before or after worship for tickets and details. Let's grow our family of faith together!

- **WRITING GROUP:** Building upon the focus of the Fall Retreat, there will be an opportunity to journal, to write poetry, or maybe even write a proverb or two. The writing group will be facilitated by Judy Hudson and Rev. Linda. Please reach out to either of them with any questions. Our final meeting date is **November 12 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lounge.**

- **CHRISTMAS CANTATA:** Practices for the Christmas Cantata, "Sing We Noel" by Joel Raney, are planned for **every Wednesday at 7 p.m.** in the choir room.

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- **Pantry Statistics:** In October, we served 730 people from 266 families with 7,443 pounds of food. The last two weeks saw a huge increase in the number of guests as people were stocking up before SNAP benefits were paused on November 1. We continue to see lots of new families and many young adults and seniors. Your donations of money and food are much appreciated as we struggle to keep our shelves stocked for this many people.
- **Meijer Simply Give program continues at the Wilder Road store:** Through December 27, all donations made at the Wilder Road store will go to our pantry. Just pick up a Simply Give card in the checkout lanes or at the church and ask the cashier to scan it. Each scan adds \$10 to your grocery bill (2 scans adds



Westminster **COMMUNITY PANTRY**

- \$20, etc.). And remember that on Saturday, December 13, Meijer will double match donations. They will add \$20 to your \$10 donation, turning it into \$30 for our pantry (\$20 turns into \$60, \$100 turns into \$300, etc.!). At the end of the program, Meijer will send us gift cards for the total amount raised that we can then use to purchase food for the pantry. Please share the news with your family and friends!
- **We no longer need egg cartons.** Your past donations were much appreciated, but eggs now come by the dozen, not in bulk.
 - **TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION** to the Westminster Community Pantry, scan the QR code in the Giving to Westminster box on the next page to visit the Online Giving Portal.
 - **Scan the QR code at the right to visit the Westminster Community Pantry Facebook page!**



PER CAPITA FOR 2025

is \$30.69. This is per active, confirmed member.

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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	Month to Date	
	thru November 4	Year to Date
Pledges & Other Giving	\$ 16,672	\$ 379,199
One-time Gifts	\$ -	\$ 31,000
Other Cash Received	\$ 296	\$ 31,685
Total Income	\$ 16,968	\$ 441,884
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 368,245
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 16,968	\$ 73,639

Budgeted expense total for the year is \$474,000.



• **ALL SAINTS CELEBRATION:** Next Sunday, **November 16**, we will be celebrating the lives of the friends and family members who have passed before us with a special All Saints candle-lighting liturgy.

• **WHAT IS A PRESBYTERIAN?** Join us once a month for a series of classes on **Being Presbyterian**. We'll gather for dinner at **5:30 p.m. Sunday evenings November 16 and a December date to be determined**, and then we'll spend about an hour and a half looking at some Presbyterian beliefs and practices while exploring our individual faith together!

• **THANKSGIVING BASKETS:** The Session has approved gifting families a Thanksgiving basket. See the insert in today's bulletin for details. In the meantime, here is a list of items we pack in the turkey baskets:

- Canned corn
- Canned (cut) 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

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

• **HANGING OF THE GREENS** Join us on **Sunday, November 23**, for our **annual Hanging of the Greens service**—a joyful, hands-on time of worship as we prepare our sanctuary and our hearts for Advent and Christmas. After the service, everyone is invited to stay and help finish decorating the rest of the building or join in packing the Thanksgiving bags! There will be plenty of good company and light refreshments provided by our Fellowship Ministry. Come be part of this beautiful beginning to the Advent season!

