

Westminster At Worship

A Celebration of Worship Sacrament of Baptism

February 20, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Please silence your cell phones prior to entering the sanctuary.
†Those who are able to stand may do so.



GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WESTMINSTER AT WORK

PRAYER

PRELUDE

ARR. DOUGLAS WAGNER

"They'll Know We Are Christians"
Handbell Choir

†CALL TO WORSHIP

PEOPLE: That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly
with God.

LEADER: We gather this morning to remind each other about
that,

PEOPLE: To remember that now is always the right time to do
these things.

INTROIT

"The B-I-B-L-E"
Little Ringers

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Please join me in the Prayer of Confession. Let us pray:

Sometimes, O God, we forget people, or we toss them aside — the difficult ones, the needy ones, the ones that are hard to spend time with, the ones who confront us. And sometimes when we do things like that, it's not really about the other people, but about us. We are uncomfortable, or we feel guilty, or we follow brighter, shinier people, or we worry about what will make us look good.

We are in such desperate need of your forgiveness. We need to be forgiven for our sin, for our mistakes, for mistaking what the world values with what you value. Help us to be better, and to see more clearly, and to care more thoroughly. In Christ we pray.

— *A Time of Silent Confession* —

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN

ST. COLUMBIA

"Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands"

Chancel Choir Recording

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Claire by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of this church?

We do.

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

LEADER: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

PEOPLE: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

LEADER: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

PEOPLE: I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, he sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

LEADER: Do you believe in the Holy Ghost?

**PEOPLE: 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.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE BAPTISM

THE WELCOME

Claire has been received in the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

†SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

**Hebrew Lesson
Numbers 27:1-11**

**Epistle Lesson
Acts 6:1-7**

**Gospel Lesson
Luke 17:11-19**

SERMON

"Uplift Those in Need"
Rev. Jamie Milton

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

ARR. DOUGLAS WAGNER

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"
Handbell Choir

†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Like the shepherds in Bethlehem's field, like the leper healed who returned to Jesus, like the Jews and Gentiles of the early church, we praise and glorify your name, O God. You have given us more than we could have imagined! For tidings of joy, for wholeness received, for the gift of belonging, we thank you.

Make of us, as well as these gifts, offerings of good news to the poor, hope to the hopeless, and signs of your power to reconcile and redeem. We ask all things in the name of Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PEOPLE: 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.

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

BEECHER

"Called As Partners in Christ's Service"
Chancel Choir Recording

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

ADAPTED FROM PHILIPPIANS 4:8-9

POSTLUDE

ARR. DOULAS WAGNER

"They'll Know We Are Christians"
Handbell Choir



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Elaine Edwards
Dawn Auger
Brandi Higgins
Wendy Tally
Heather Heidtman
Harold Miller
Judy Harrelson

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 20, 2022

PRAYERS are extended to the family and friends of Arthur Oettmeier. Arthur passed away on Monday, February 14, 2022. A private funeral service has taken place.

FLOWERS today are given by Kristi and Kevin Weaver in celebration of Mary Lou Higgins' 90th birthday.

CONGRATULATIONS to Claire Bonds, parents of Catherine and Zachary Bonds, who received the sacrament of Baptism this morning.

HOCKEY FOR THE HOMELESS: Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan is partnering with the Saginaw Spirit on Saturday, March 12 to raise much needed funds for the Samaritan Youth Shelter during the annual "Hockey for the Homeless." Westminster is a Spirit of Hope Sponsor, and therefore, we have 15 upper deck Spirit hockey game tickets to give away. The tickets are free, but they will be distributed first come, first serve. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 989-686-1360.

TUESDAY MOVIE GATHERING: Join us in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, February 22 at 1:00 p.m. for a movie gathering. We will view “I Am MLK Jr.,” a feature-length documentary “*telling the story of American icon Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. while celebrating his life from an engaging contemporary perspective structured around seminal events in the Civil Rights Movement.*” Popcorn will be served!

A NOTE FROM IGNITE YOUTH GROUP: Thank you to everyone who donated their time, talent, or treasures to the Soup Luncheon and Bake Sale last Sunday, February 13. We raised \$389.00 for the soup luncheon and \$345.85 for the bake sale! These funds will go toward the youth attending Triennium this summer. Thank you for your generosity!

DEBORAH CIRCLE: Ladies, you are invited! The Deborah Circle will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. Contact Karen Schoeppach at 989-684-1322 or kaysue@chartermi.net for Zoom information.

LYDIA CIRCLE will meet in-person on the third Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Session room. The next meeting is March 17. We are using the *Horizons Bible Study, What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew’s Genealogy of Jesus.*

THE WIRED WORD, “*Where current events and faith intersect,*” takes place on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. News is inevitable — whether good or bad, but what better way to extract hope from this input than to juxtapose scriptures as tools to persevere and navigate our daily walk in Christian faith. Our weekly Wired Word gatherings allow us to reflect on the week’s happenings with others who may not share our same thoughts and opinions, but are equally dedicated to thinking about and talking about how current events intersect with our faith questions and convictions. Any questions, or to receive study material and Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 686-1360 or parishassoc@wpcbc.org.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: When we respond to Jesus’ summons to “Follow me” and we choose to follow, we are committing to a lifelong apprenticeship journey — one in which we will continually be formed, reformed, and transformed. Discipleship is not a skill; it’s a way of life. Bible Study classes are offered at two different times to accommodate various schedules. Join us on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room or Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The same study materials will be used at both gatherings, and are available for pick-up in the church office. See Rev. Linda or Pastor Jamie with any questions.

This Week at Westminster

Today, Sunday, February 20, 2022

- 9:00 a.m. First Light (Sunday School)
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (in conference room)
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Handbell Practice
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 4:30 p.m. Junior Bell Practice
- 5:00 p.m. Ignite (Youth Group)

Tuesday, February 22

- 9:00 a.m. Bay ISD
- 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Hands Knitting
- 10:00 a.m. The Wired Word via Zoom
- 1:00 p.m. Movie Gathering
- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 150
- 7:00 p.m. Deborah Circle via Zoom

Wednesday, February 23

- 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom

Thursday, February 24

- 8:30 a.m. TOPS
- 9:00 a.m. Bay ISD
- 5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran
- 5:00 p.m. Combustion Council
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Next Sunday, February 27

- 9:00 a.m. First Light (Sunday School)
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (in conference room)
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Handbell Practice
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
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COMMUNITY BULLETIN

BOARD: If you are looking for grief support groups, health clinics, or volunteer opportunities that take place within our community, please check out the community bulletin board located in Fellowship Hall.

NURSERY CARE is available for infants and toddlers during the worship service. Our nursery is equipped with a paging system, and quality childcare is provided by Elaine Edwards who is infant and child CPR trained.

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK:

Westminster Presbyterian Church - Bay City

PER CAPITA: Per capita for 2022 is \$29.00.

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