

Westminster At Worship

A Celebration of Worship
11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 8, 2021

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

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Is not this the fast that God chooses: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

PEOPLE: Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own skin.

LEADER: Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will spring up quickly; your liberator shall go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be all around you.

PEOPLE: Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and God will say, here I am.

OPENING HYMN

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"
see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, whose love and justice condemn us, whose mercy and kindness feed us, we confess our sins and pray for your forgiveness. What terrible suffering we have unleashed. We have used other persons without regard for their dignity; we have abused the earth without care for its beauty or concern for future life; we have sought to bargain with you to smooth our way to heaven.

God, change us. Put the Spirit of Christ within us and cause us to grown into mature, faithful disciples of the one who came from you to save us from our sin. Free us from captivity to our selfishness, bind us to the whole body of Christ, and let us bear witness to the truth that your love holds everything together in perfect unity. We pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

— *Silent Prayer* —

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the gospel; in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

†RESPONSE

GREATOREX

“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 our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Hebrew Lesson 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

²⁶When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. ²⁷When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, **12** and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had very many flocks and herds; ³but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." ⁵Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; ⁶he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." ⁷Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; ⁸I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. ⁹Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. ¹¹Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. ¹²For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all

Israel, and before the sun.” ¹³David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.”

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 51

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

⁵Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. ⁶You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

¹¹Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Hebrew Lesson

2 Samuel 12:13b-18a

Nathan said to David, “Now the Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die. ¹⁴Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child that is born to you shall die.”

¹⁵Then Nathan went to his house. The Lord struck the child that Uriah’s wife bore to David, and it became very ill.

¹⁶David therefore pleaded with God for the child; David fasted, and went in and lay all night on the ground.

¹⁷The elders of his house stood beside him, urging him to rise from the ground; but he would not, nor did he eat food with them.

¹⁸On the seventh day the child died.

SERMON

“Powerful Abuse”

Rev. Jamie Milton

HYMN

SARADAY

“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”
see insert

†PROFESSION OF FAITH

adapted from Ephesians 4

By conducting ourselves with humility, gentleness, and patience; by making every effort to preserve our unity, accepting one another with love, and by celebrating our various gifts, that we may grow in every way into Christ.

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

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.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

MUSICAL REFLECTION

†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OLD 100TH

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O Trinity, your love creates us, your passion saves us from sin, your power transfigures us into glory for you. Thank you for giving us a place in your good creation, for giving us the bread of heaven to free us from slavery to sin and death and for filling us with the holy light of the gospel for the building up of Christ's body in love.

We present offerings to praise you and to help in the service of the church. Accept them as outward signs of our joyful discipleship in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

NEUMARK

"If You Will Trust in God to Guide You"
see insert

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 8, 2021

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PARENT

MEETING: Parents of pre-K through 12th grade youth: Join Brandi on Thursday, August 12 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for an informational meeting regarding the exciting new programs being offered this upcoming program year.

GREAT LAKE LOONS BASEBALL:

Join your church friends for an evening of fun and fellowship at a ball game Thursday, August 19! Westminster has a limited number of tickets. To reserve your seat,

please pay the church office before August 12. Tickets are \$12.50 each. The game begins at 7:05 p.m.

SWEATY SHEEP/WESTMINSTER WELLNESS WALKING GROUP:

Want to join your church friends for some exercise and fellowship? Each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. we will meet at a different park in Bay City. Contact Sandy at sandra.graves@gmail.com or Tami tami.sivy@gmail.com with questions, or to be added to our Facebook group.

BRUNCH & BIBLE STUDY: AKA Chew... Chat...Consider... We will wrap up our “Civility” gatherings — “Chew, Chat, Consider” — on Sunday, August 15 following the worship service. So often when we think about having “civil conversations” we think about “what or how we will say what we want to or need to say.” What we have focused on, though, is that civil conversations have more to do with being a good listener than a good talker. In our last gathering we will explore “what kinds of commitments, behaviors, and practices civility actually require.” Come join us over a light brunch and great conversation as we listen and learn together; as we practice having “civil dialogue” even in the face of differences of opinions. Any questions, please call the church office, Pastor Jamie, or Rev. Linda.

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK: Westminster Presbyterian Church - Bay City.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY will meet the first and third Thursdays of August at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. We are exploring the book, *First and Second Samuel* by David C. Hester.

Any questions regarding the class or for Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 989-686-1360 or email at parishassoc@wpcbc.org. The next meeting date is August 5.

THE WIRED WORD ADULT FAITH FORMATION: During the summer months, join us on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. Enjoy lively conversations about current events in the news and the Bible passages that relate to those events. Any questions regarding the class or for Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 989-686-1360 or email at parishassoc@wpcbc.org.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION: Join us on the first and third Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom for a time of fellowship. All are invited! For Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 989-686-1360 or email at parishassoc@wpcbc.org.

SUMMER MOVIE SERIES: Join us on August 26 as we view *Just Mercy*. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m., and a time for discussion will follow the movie.

Join us for the Installation of
The Reverend Jamie Milton

TODAY
3:00 p.m.

The Pastor Nominating Committee of Westminster Presbyterian Church is pleased to invite you to the Installation Service for our new pastor, The Reverend Jamie Milton.

We rejoice that the Lord has led Pastor Jamie to lead our congregation, and we look forward to celebrating this occasion as the family of God.

A time for fellowship and food will follow the service.

This Week at Westminster

Today, Sunday, August 8, 2021

- 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service
- 3:00 p.m. Installation Service for The Rev. Jamie Milton

Monday, August 9

- 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, August 10

- 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Hands Knitting
- 1:00 p.m. Bay City Lions Club
- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 150
- 6:30 p.m. Spiritual Growth

Wednesday, August 11

- 1:00 p.m. The Wired Word via Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Sweaty Sheep / Walking Wellness Group
- 8:00 p.m. Worship Committee

Thursday, August 12

- 8:30 p.m. TOPS
- 5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran
- 6:30 p.m. Christian Education Parent Meeting

Next Sunday, August 15

- 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Bible and Breakfast / Chew...Chat...Consider

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Summer Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Closed Friday

