

# Westminster At Worship

## *A Celebration of Worship Epiphany of the Lord*

January 2, 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

Wendy Tally

#### †CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of God's goodness and grace has risen upon you.

**PEOPLE: We come like the Magi, following the star of the Christ child.**

LEADER: Arise, shine, for your moment has come, and the glory of God's love and mercy flows through you into the world.

**PEOPLE: We come like Paul, to share the good news that Christ lives among us.**

LEADER: Arise, shine, for you are called to be God's people, and to bring good news and great joy to a world that yearns for wholeness and peace.

**PEOPLE: Let us worship the God who calls us.**

## OPENING HYMN

DIX

*"As With Gladness"*

Dawn Auger, Brandi Higgins, Ken Wright

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: Holy Protector of all who are in need, the words you place within our hearts shine like a guiding star, calling us to show the world your goodness and your grace.

**PEOPLE: Heal us with your steadfast love when we close our minds and shutter our hearts, refusing to let your brightness shine through us.**

LEADER: You call us to protect widows and orphans, and to care for all who have no helper.

**PEOPLE: Restore us in your mercy when we put our own comfort before the needs of others, and when we are unwilling to stop the oppression and violence done in your name.**

LEADER: You promised to reveal your glory through us, and proclaimed that we will shine like the sun when the world is plunged into shadows.

**PEOPLE: Renew us in the power of your Spirit when we refuse to follow the star you have place before us.**

— *A Time of Silent Confession* —

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Christ you are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## †SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

**Hebrew Lesson**

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

**Gospel Lesson**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

**SERMON**

*"Star Light, Star Bright"*

Rev. Jamie Milton

**OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**RECEIVING OF STAR WORD GIFTS**

*During the choral offertory, you are invited to bring your gifts forward, and also receive a gift. If you wish to remain seated, please raise your hand, and an usher will come collect any offering you may have to give and give you your "star word."*

**OFFERTORY**

*"Were You There on that Christmas Night"*

Dawn Auger, Nikelle Johnson, Judy Harrelson

**UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Glorious God, you led magi of wisdom to seek Jesus, your Holy Child, born of Mary. Overjoyed in the presence of his radiant light, they knelt down at the infant's crib and offered him precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.**

**We, too, offer our gifts in gratitude, reverence, and thanksgiving for the birth of your child, whom you called to lead the world into fullness of life. Receive and bless this offering as a joyful**

sign of the boundless love and abundant life we are called to share in Christ. Amen.

**†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is a right, good and joyful thing...

### The Sanctus

Leader: ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### The Words of Institution

Leader: ... we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

### Prayers of the people and 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.**

### SHARING IN THE BREAD AND CUP

## UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves to others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

### HYMN OF DEDICATION

KINGS OF ORIENT

*"We Three Kings"*

Dawn Auger, Brandi Higgins, Ken Wright

### CHARGE & BLESSING

### POSTLUDE



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 2, 2022

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** will begin soon. Students in eighth grade and above who have not yet completed the confirmation process are invited to be a part of this important journey of faith. We will discuss many different aspects of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ, an active member of this congregation, and a part of the larger Christian Church. Our classes will take place on Sunday evenings from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. An informational meeting will be held for interested students and parents following worship on January 9.

**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.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Sunday and Wednesday Adult Bible Study classes will resume the week of January 9. Join us in the Session room on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. or on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Choose the time that is most convenient for you!

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** and Little Ringer practice will resume on Sunday, January 9 at 9:00 a.m.

**ADULT HANDBELL PRACTICE** will resume on Sunday, January 9 at 9:15 a.m.

**THE WIRED WORD**, *where current events and faith intersect*, will resume on Tuesday, January 11 at 10:00 a.m. (Note the time change.)

**2022 FLOWER CHART:** The 2022 Flower Chart has been posted on the easel next to the Wenona Street entrance. This is an opportunity for you to honor or memorialize an occasion of a special loved one. Please print your name on the Sunday date you would like. Marie Capp will get in touch with you for floral arrangements and what you wish to have printed in the bulletin.

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

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** 2022 envelopes are available for pickup in the hallway outside the Chapel.

**OUR STEPHEN MINISTRY PROGRAM** is venturing into volunteering with Hospice. We would like to invite anyone in the congregation to join us. Your time commitment is up to you. The Hospice co-ordinator is great to work with, and will assign you with the job that best suits your interests and time. There will be a training session after Christmas for us all to do together. Please call Jan (989-686-1557) or Pam (989-225-8259) for more information or to be put on our volunteer list.

**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.

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

## *This Week at Westminster*

### **Today, Sunday, January 2, 2022**

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

### **Monday, January 3**

Church Office Closed  
7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

### **Tuesday, January 4**

9:00 a.m. Bay ISD  
10:00 a.m. Hearts & Hands Knitting  
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 150  
6:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting

### **Wednesday, January 5**

6:00 p.m. Property Meeting

### **Thursday, January 6**

8:30 a.m. TOPS  
9:00 a.m. Bay ISD  
5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah  
5:00 p.m. Combustion Council  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

### **Next Sunday, January 9**

9:00 a.m. First Light (Sunday School)  
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
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  
11:45 a.m. Confirmation Informational Meeting  
5:00 p.m. Ignite (Youth Group)

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### **Office Hours**

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

Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.