

# Westminster At Worship

## *A Celebration of Worship*

### *The Good News is ... so good it catches us by surprise* *Ordination and Installation of Officers*

February 22, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Please silence your cell phones prior to entering the sanctuary.

*†Those who feel comfortable standing may do so.*



## DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**PRELUDE**

**SETH CUNNINGHAM**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE LENTEN CANDLES**

Let us pray:

**Good and gracious God, we confess that we often expect too little of you and too much of ourselves. Surprise us with your joy. Open us to the goodness that still flows, even in uncertain times. Amen.**

**†CALL TO WORSHIP**

The good news of the gospel is:

**manna in the desert,  
water turned into wine,  
love after loss,  
forgiveness after pain.**

The good news of the gospel is:

**release for the captive,  
hope for the hopeless,  
mourning turned to dancing,  
and strangers turned to friends.**

So come on in. There's no time to waste!

This surprising good news is here for you.

**Let us worship this good-news God.**

**†HYMN**

*“The Glory of These Forty Days”*

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*The glory of these forty days  
we celebrate with songs of praise;  
for Christ, by whom all things were made,  
himself has fasted and has prayed.*

*Alone and fasting Moses saw  
the loving God who gave the law;  
and to Elijah, fasting, came  
the steeds and chariots of flame.*

*So Daniel trained his mystic sight,  
delivered from the lions' might;  
and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became  
the herald of Messiah's name.*

*Then grant that we like them be true,  
consumed in fast and prayer with you;  
our spirits strengthen with your grace,  
and give us joy to see your face.*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Loving God, somewhere along the way we picked up the message  
that in order to be faithful, we have to be serious.**

**We have to pray on our knees without ceasing.**

**We have to be somber in worship and quiet in our studies.**

**We have to check our wiggles and our questions at the door.**

**But then you say the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed—  
unruly and untamed.**

**You turn water into wine—surprising and extravagant.**

**And all of a sudden, we wonder:**

**Can we be like that mustard seed?  
Can we be faithful and unruly?  
Can we be playful and curious?  
Can we be messy and still be yours?  
We know the answer already.  
The Spirit whispers:  
*of course,*  
*of course,*  
*of course.*  
Forgive our doubt.  
Pull us closer into your embrace.  
With faith like a mustard seed, we pray...**

— *Continue in Silent Confession* —

## **KYRIE**

\*No. 576

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

So if you ask, “Holy One, am I forgiven?”  
the answer is and always will be:  
***of course, of course, of course.***  
This is the good news of the gospel.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **RESPONSE TO GOD’S GRACE**

\*No. 447

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

## **†SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

*At this time, children (5<sup>th</sup> 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 before the offertory.*

## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST READING**

**Matthew 13:31-32**

### **GOSPEL READING**

**John 2:1-11**

### **SERMON**

*"The Good News is so good it catches us by surprise"*

**Rev. Jamie Milton**

### **†HYMN**

*"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"*

\*No. 56

*Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled,  
and every faithless murmur stilled:  
to God all praise and glory!*

*What God's almighty power has made  
God's gracious mercy keepeth;  
by morning glow or evening shade  
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.  
Within the kingdom of God's might,  
lo! all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory!*

*The Lord is never far away,  
but, through all grief distressing,  
an ever-present help and stay,  
our peace and joy and blessing,  
as with a mother's tender hand  
God gently leads the chosen band:  
to God all praise and glory!*

*Thus all my toilsome way along  
I sing aloud thy praises,  
that all may hear the grateful song  
my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;  
both soul and body, take your part:  
to God all praise and glory!*

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD WITH THANKSGIVING**

### **ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

#### **A LITANY OF GIFTS**

As in one body we have many parts and each part has its own function, so all of us together with Christ are one body, and we all belong to each other.

**We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.**

If your gift is to hear God's Word,  
**speak it out in faith.**

If your gift is service,  
**live to serve others.**

If your gift is the heart of a teacher,  
**teach what is true.**

Let preachers preach with conviction,  
and givers give freely;

**let leaders work diligently for the people, and let those who serve  
the poor, serve gladly.**

Let us not lack for enthusiasm,  
but be ardent in spirit,

**serving the Lord,  
rejoicing in hope,  
patient in suffering,  
constant in prayer,  
supporting one another,  
and welcoming all.**

## **STATEMENT ON ORDINATION**

### **†PROFESSION OF FAITH**

With the whole church, let us rise and confess our faith.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**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.

Do you believe in the Holy Ghost?

**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.**

## **CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS**

### **PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

### **DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

### **WELCOME AND INVITATION**

Jesus calls, "Come, get out of the boat.

Take that step of faith."

**Thank you, Jesus, for the invitation!**

Jesus calls, "Come, be my disciples."

**Thank you, Jesus, for the invitation!**

Jesus calls, "Even if you think you're not good enough: come be my disciples."

**Thank you, Jesus, for the invitation!**

Jesus calls, "Come be my disciples."

**Here I am, Lord. Praise your holy name!**

## **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; and 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

### CHORAL OFFERING

WPC CHANCEL CHOIR

*“Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone”*

*Words by Thomas Shepherd, 1693, with additional words by Joseph M. Martin; Arranged by Joseph M. Martin.*

### †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

**At the wedding feast at Cana you gladdened the guests with divine generosity, filled to the brim and flowing over. We offer our gifts with grateful hearts. Bless them and our lives to your service, that they may reveal your glory, nurture faith, and manifest the common good. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

### †HYMN

*“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”*

\*No. 592

*Lord, you give the great commission:  
“Heal the sick and preach the word.”  
Lest the church neglect its mission,  
and the gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose  
with renewed integrity:  
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you call us to your service:  
"In my name baptize and teach."  
That the world may trust your promise,  
life abundant meant for each,  
give us all new fervor, draw us  
closer in community:  
with the Spirit's gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you make the common holy:  
"This, my body; this, my blood."  
Let us all, for earth's true glory,  
daily lift life heavenward,  
asking that the world around us  
share your children's liberty:  
with the Spirit's gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you show us love's true measure:  
"Father, what they do, forgive."  
Yet we hoard as private treasure  
all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us  
to a just society: with the Spirit's gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
"I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend,  
and, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity:  
with the Spirit's gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.*

# †CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## †POSTLUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2026

- The **FLOWERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE** are provided by Neil and Pat Everson in celebration of their 59th wedding anniversary.
- **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.
- **CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES:** Heading to a warmer climate this winter? Have you moved recently? Do you have a new email address? Please call the church office to let us know of these changes so your statement and other church correspondence reaches you.
- **ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** We provide two opportunities for folks to participate – **Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.** in the Lounge or **Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. by Zoom.**
- **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.
- **PER CAPITA for 2026 is \$35.00.** Per capita connects Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations and mid councils with the work of the wider church. Per capita is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of moving the church forward in the 21st century. The work of the PC(USA), and in particular the work of the General Assembly, is only possible because members of the church have said they are “all in” and committed to connection through per capita support. It is about joining together as a community and being one body, the body that is Christ's church in the world.
- **DEBORAH CIRCLE** will meet **at 4 p.m. Thursday, February 26 at the home of Sally**

**Calvo.** If anyone wants to join, please call Karen Schoeppach at 989-684-1322 or email her at [kaysue@chartermi.net](mailto:kaysue@chartermi.net).

- **CARING CONNECTIONS:** Come join us on the first Thursday of every month. Our Caring Connections Group is open to the Bay City community who are dealing with loss in their lives. Any questions, please see Mary Nicholson or Rev. Linda. Caring Connections will meet again on **Thursday, March 5** from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Lounge.

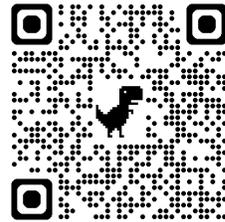
- **YOUTH GROUP DINNERS:** Do you like to cook or bake meals? If yes, then we would love for you to **sign up to help with Youth Dinners for Sunday night youth**

**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.

- **FACEBOOK:** Stay up to date with all the latest events and watch live streams of worship services each Sunday on our Facebook page: [facebook.com/wpcbc](https://facebook.com/wpcbc)

- **WINTER BOOK GROUP:** After wrapping up Sidney Poitier's inspiring autobiography, *Measure of a Man*, the group will celebrate by watching his classic film, *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*, on **March 3 at 1:30 p.m.** Beginning **March 10**, we embark on our next book, *First Phone Call from Heaven* by Mitch Albom.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2026

- **WONDERING WEDNESDAYS:**

Throughout the Wednesdays of Lent (February 18-April 1) the **sanctuary will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** for an intentional time for prayer and reflection. We'll have some quiet music playing and some images for reflection on the screens.

- **LUNCH AND LAUGH:** For our February Lunch and Laugh gathering, we are planning another **Bundle Up and Bunco!** We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for lunch at noon on **Tuesday, February 24** for lunch with games to follow. Bring a sack lunch and join us for fun and fellowship! Any questions? Call the church office or contact Rev. Linda.

- **BED BUILD:** Save the date! Westminster's 3rd annual sponsored bed build with Sleep in Heavenly Peace is scheduled for Saturday April 18. Details to follow. If you have any questions contact Len Petroff.

- **RUMMAGE SALE:** Westminster's Presbyterian Women committee is planning a Spring Rummage Sale for Wednesday, April 15 through Friday, April 17. We will begin collecting rummage sale items and setting up on Sunday, April 12. More details will follow as the date approaches.

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The office is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Monday through Thursday. Closed  
noon to 1 p.m. for lunch each day.

# Westminster COMMUNITY PANTRY

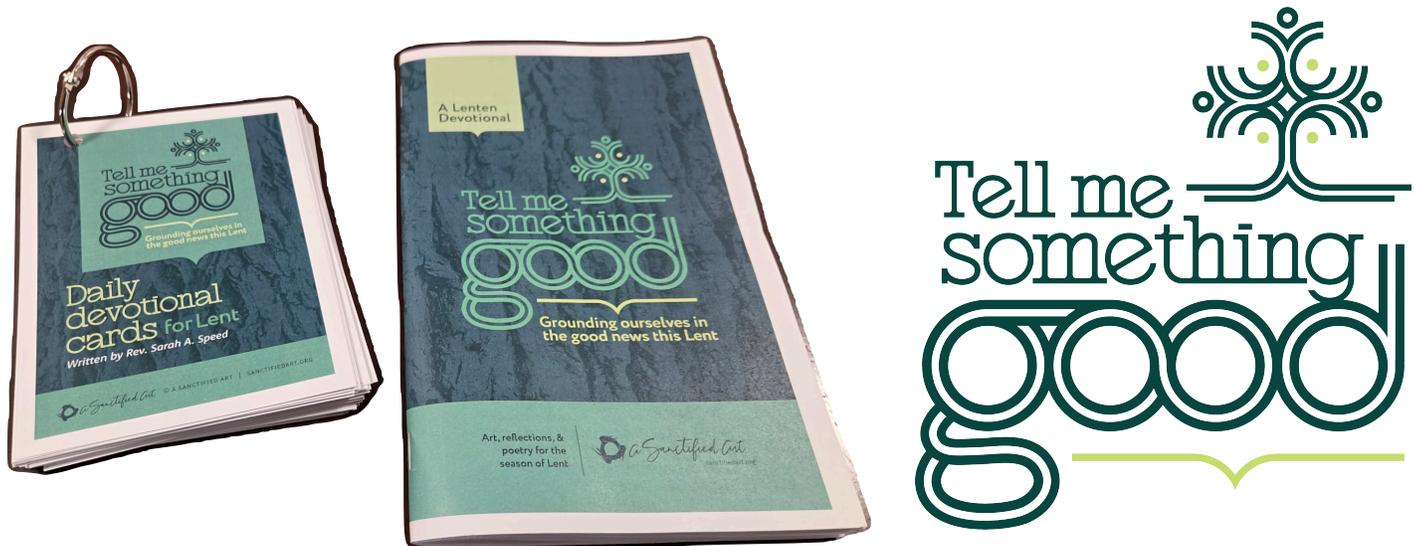
- **January Statistics:** As we saw last year, our January numbers were a little lower than our average. We served 527 people from 179 households with 6,038 pounds of food. Of those, 122 people from 42 families were first-time visitors. We also noted that 67 families hadn't been to the pantry in at least two months. But we had 62 families in the first week of February, so it looks like we are back to "normal."

- **We are still collecting chunky-style soup as our February Item of the Month.** This soup goes really fast when we offer it, so your donations are really appreciated. **In March we will collect rice and noodle side dishes**, such as Rice a Roni, Knorr sides, Suddenly Salad, etc. Donations may be left on the cart outside the pantry door. Thank you for your support!

- **We are pleased to partner with Barney's BakeHouse** as they invited us to pick up items directly from them every first and fourth Saturday. These items will help round out our offerings, and we are thankful for their generosity.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2026

Devotional materials for our Lenten Series, “Tell me something good,” are now available! They include a set of daily devotional cards and a Lenten devotional booklet produced by A Sanctified Art LLC. Each full-color booklet includes art, reflections and poetry for the season of Lent. The devotional cards provide a daily devotion on the front with a prayer printed on the back.



### 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](http://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 February 15,	
	2026	Year to Date
Pledges & Other Giving	\$ 28,947	\$ 56,116
One-time Gifts	\$ -	\$ -
Other Cash Received	\$ 248	\$ 3,167
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 29,195</b>	<b>\$ 59,283</b>
Expenses	\$ 13,408	\$ 42,354
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 15,787</b>	<b>\$ 16,929</b>

Budgeted expense total for 2026 is \$467,000.



## **Lenten Activities:**

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**Mid-Lenten Potluck and Interactive Prayer Service:**  
Wednesday, March 11, 6:00 p.m.

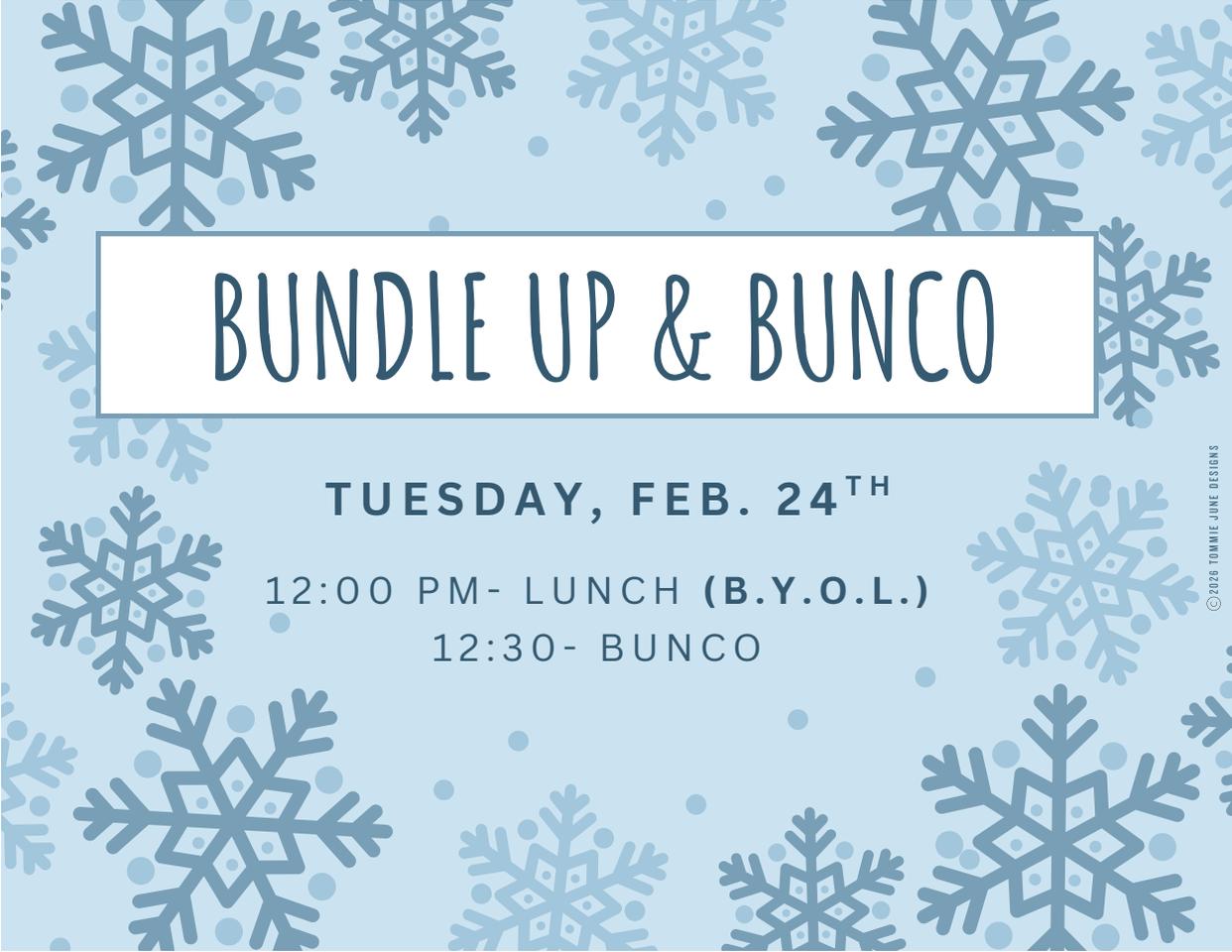
**Palm/Passion Sunday:** March 29

**Maundy Thursday:** April 2, 7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday:** April 3, 7:00 p.m.

**Holy Saturday:** A Service of Waiting, Wonder, and Resurrection Hope (April 4, 4:00pm)

**Easter Sunday:** Services at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.;  
Breakfast served at 9:15 a.m.



# BUNDLE UP & BUNCO

TUESDAY, FEB. 24<sup>TH</sup>

12:00 PM- LUNCH (B.Y.O.L.)

12:30- BUNCO