

Westminster At Worship

A Celebration of Worship *Fourth Sunday of Easter* *Building Blocks: Living in Community*

April 26, 2026

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

Siblings in Christ, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

**Let us give what we can to all who have needs
so that all people, no matter who they are,
may regard us with good will.**

Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.

†HYMN

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies” LASST INS ERFREUEN

*From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise:
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Let the Redeemer's name be sung
through every land, in every tongue.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*In every land begin the song;
to every land the strains belong:
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*In cheerful sound all voices raise
and fill the world with joyful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends thy word:
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving Savior, Shepherd with the voice we know,
be with us when we stray.**

**For we often hear the voices of strangers
and follow them to dry pastures and dark valleys.**

We forget your voice of love and begin to feel small and lost.

**We fear that we will not have enough to go on,
much less have a surplus to offer others.**

And yet you know us by heart and by name.

Call us once again. Restore our souls.

Walk ahead of us on the right paths, and we will follow you.

Remembering your voice, we pray.

— *A time of Silent Confession* —

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

+RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

TUNE OF NO. 22 (ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY)

*Easter people, raise your voices,
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices;
heavenly music let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.*

+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 during the offertory.

ANTHEM

WPC CHANCEL CHOIR

"I Thank You, Lord"
Words and Music by Joseph M. Martin

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER READING

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd.
I lack nothing.
He lets me rest in grassy meadows;
he leads me to restful waters;
he keeps me alive.
He guides me in proper paths
for the sake of his good name.
Even when I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no danger because you are with me.
Your rod and your staff—
they protect me.
You set a table for me
right in front of my enemies.
You bathe my head in oil;
my cup is so full it spills over!
Yes, goodness and faithful love
will pursue me all the days of my life,
and I will live in the Lord's house
as long as I live.

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:42-47

SERMON

"Living in Community"
Rev. Jamie Milton

†HYMN

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

*No. 393

*Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.*

*Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.*

*We share our mutual woes;
our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.*

*When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.*

*From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.*

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

**And in Jesus Christ his 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 resurrections 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

DISCIPLES RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

SETH CUNNINGHAM

†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 Abundant Life, Host of our Table,
we devote ourselves and these gifts to your vision of a community
that meets the needs of any and all.**

**We give our gifts of money and work, of prayer and praise,
of presence and purpose to our friends and neighbors.**

Bless our offering, that it may meet the needs, both small and large, of your great and generous blessings. Amen.

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

†HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”

*No. 544

*The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.*

*Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.*

*Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore:
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.*

*Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
may live eternally.*

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Everyone was struck with awe by the signs and wonders of the early church.

This week, let's show signs and wonders of our church.

*The Prayer Ministry Team will be meeting at the front of the church/
lectern side for an additional brief time of prayer for our world, our
nation, and any special concerns you have for others or yourself.*

†POSTLUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 26, 2026

- **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.

- **PER CAPITA for 2026 is \$35.00.**

- **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.

- **BOOK GROUP:** In May we will begin reading and discussing *The Book of Longing* by Sue Monk Kidd. **Join us on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the Lounge.**

Contact Rev. Linda with questions. Book Group will not meet April 28.

- **MOTHER'S DAY BABY SHOWER:**

Presbyterian Women will be hosting its annual Mother's Day Baby Shower on Sunday, May 10 after worship. We will begin collecting donations of baby items beginning Sunday, April 19. On Mother's Day, we will distribute them to organizations that help young mothers in need. Suggested items include: diapers, pacifiers, bibs, blankets, onesies, bath items and towels, socks and clothing, bottles and dishes and toys.

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• **MINUTE FOR MISSION** – A big thank you to all who participated, and to our entire church family, for their support of the recent bed build for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Together we helped build 58 beds for children in our community who did not have a bed of their own. This is such a powerful mission of service to our local community and it is so wonderful to see God’s people in action. See you all at the next build.

• **BUNCO IN BLOOM!** Join us this **Tuesday, April 28** as we gather for our next Bunco Party! Bring your own lunch and we’ll enjoy lunch together beginning at noon, and then we’ll begin the fun and games at about 12:30 p.m. No skill necessary; it is truly a game of luck — and laughter! If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Linda or the church office.

• **THE OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH** will next gather at **1 p.m. Wednesday, May 20 at H2O’s Waterside Grill, 966 E. Midland St.** If you would like to join us, please contact Dave Crook at crookds@earthlink.net or 847-624-5798 to RSVP by Monday, May 18, so we can give them an accurate head count for our group.

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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

Item of the Month: The April “Item of the Month” is packages of dry seasoning mixes like taco or ranch seasoning. This will be something new in the pantry that our guests will love. All donations may be left on the cart outside the pantry door.

A big “Thank You!” to:

• **Heidi’s Darn Good Cookies** for the donation of three huge boxes of cookies — a total of over 250 treats! This is a yummy addition to the pantry that is really appreciated by our guests.

• **The students and staff at Kolb Elementary School** for more than 200 boxes of cereal. Our shelves are full of all different kinds of cereal which our guests will love. We really appreciate being a recipient of their recent cereal drive!

It’s almost time to plant your garden! Consider planting a little extra to donate to the pantry! Fresh produce is a wonderful addition to our summer

pantry options. All donations are welcomed.

Scan the QR code to visit the pantry Facebook page!



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• **SAVE THE DATE** — **May 17:** Rev. Isaac Chung will be with us for worship! Following worship will be our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

• **UKELELE GROUP INTEREST:** Hey, Westminster!!! Have you ever wanted to play an instrument? Dawn and Seth are thinking about starting a beginner's ukulele group. Let one of us know if you are interested in joining! Call Dawn at 989-327-0412 or Seth at 810-288-7710

• **CARING CONNECTIONS:** Come join us on the first Thursday of every month. Our Caring Connections Group is open to the Bay City community, so if you have a friend or neighbor who is dealing with grief, they are welcome to join!

• **ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** “Westminster in Worship – Building Blocks: Stories of the Early Church” highlights foundational commitments of Christian faith during the

Great Fifty Days between Easter and Pentecost. Join us for **Sunday morning Bible study at 9:00** or **Thursday evening Zoom study at 7 p.m.** We will follow these same scripture passages and themes each week, allowing participants in either group to journey together through this shared exploration of early church experiences and core practices of faith.

• **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.

• **DEBORAH CIRCLE** will meet again on **May 28 at 4 p.m.** If you would like to join, contact Karen Schoepach at 989-245-1175. Deborah Circle will not meet in June, July and August.

• **LYDIA CIRCLE's** next gathering is 1 p.m. on **Thursday, May 21.** If you would like to join, contact Barb Tolles at 989-963-9369.

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 April 19,	
	2026	Year to Date
Pledges & Other Giving	\$ 36,802	\$ 228,867
One-time Gifts	\$ -	\$ -
Other Cash Received	\$ 466	\$ 3,160
Total Income	\$ 37,268	\$ 232,027
Expenses	\$ 26,524	\$ 134,356
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 10,744	\$ 97,671

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



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- Mark your calendars, **BAY SHORE CAMP'S ON THE ROAD DAY CAMP** is returning to Westminster **August 3 through August 6**. Camp is open to those entering Kindergarten through 5th grade. Registration is LIVE through the camp's website: [https://](https://bayshorecamp.campbrainregistration.com/)



bayshorecamp.campbrainregistration.com/ or scan the QR code to register. Camp fills up quickly, so be sure to register early! We are still working out the details on what we might be able to offer for others outside of these age groups. More details will be available soon!

- **PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We would like to Expand our Volunteer Team!** Did you know we need 6 volunteers for every pantry shift? A few

hours when you are able will help us immensely. You can help when the pantry is open by escorting guests through the pantry or volunteer to take their bags to their cars. Each shift is led by one of the co-chairs. Orientation/training is given before your first shift. Time commitment is Wednesdays from 3:45-6:15 p.m. or Thursdays from 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Besides serving our community, we have a lot of fun and form strong friendships with the other volunteers! You may also consider asking a non-member friend to join you. Want more information? Talk to co-chairs Janet Smylie or Janet Beattie or Volunteer Coordinator Karen Brown-Fackler, stop by when we are open to see our operation, or send an email to pantry@wpcbc.org. We'd love to have you join our team!

