

# Westminster At Worship

## *A Celebration of Worship* *Honor the Body*

January 30, 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

#### **HONOR THE BODY**

As you are waiting for the service to start, talk with someone around you about the following ways to “Honor the Body.” Try using no more than seven words for each response:

- Name one way you practice self-care.
- Name one way you care for other people.
- Name one way you care for the body of Christ, the church.
- Name one way you care for the earth.

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRAYER**

#### **PRELUDE**

Wendy Tally

#### **†CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

**PEOPLE: God calls us to be builders as well.**

LEADER: God calls us to build our lives:

**PEOPLE: To restore broken places and continue to grow.**

LEADER: God calls us to build our faith:

**PEOPLE: To study the Word and ponder its interpretation.**

LEADER: God calls us to build our community:

**PEOPLE: To build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.**

LEADER: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

**PEOPLE: To preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.**

LEADER: You may be seated.

## **OPENING HYMN**

*"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*  
Chancel Choir Recording

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love.**

**We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.**

— *A Time of Silent Confession* —

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **†SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **FANNING THE FLAME - Brandi**

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

**First Reading**

**Luke 4:14-21**

**Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 12:12-31**

**MEDITATION AND REFLECTION**

*"Honor the Body"*

Rev. Jamie Milton

**ACT OF UNITY**

*When invited, people will come forward and place their piece on the corresponding numbered square. An announcement will be made inviting folks worshipping online to add their name to the chat box and a piece will be added for them.*

**†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from "A Brief Statement of Faith")

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted in our care. We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house**

of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

With believers of every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **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**

### **OFFERTORY**

Raney

*"This Little Light of Mine"*  
Chancel Choir Recording

### **†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**God of life and of new life, bless these gifts that we have given that they may further your reign in this world. Amen.**

### **†LITANY**

**LEADER:** We are the body of Christ.

**PEOPLE:** Just like Jesus our God, we are embodied spirits and inspirited bodies — bodies of many colors, many abilities and shapes, many desires and dreams.

LEADER: When the world tells us our bodies are wrong, that we are not the right color or size, that we are useless or broken, that we love the wrong way,

**PEOPLE: May the vision of our embodied God — Jesus of the wounded hands and feet, Jesus of the brown and callused skin, Jesus of the poor person’s belly and kind person’s love of food and fellowship — appear to us.**

LEADER: When we feel swayed to judge the body of another and what they do with it,

**PEOPLE: May the vision of Jesus’s table, set for women and eunuchs, tax collectors and poor persons, practitioners of many faiths, deaf and blind persons, lepers and those with mental illness, and every other stranger and outcast inspire us to expand our own table.**

LEADER: When we feel anxious as the first disciples did that Jesus arose in body, seeming to leave us on earth behind,

**PEOPLE: May his Spirit enfold us, a reminder that we were not abandoned but empowered and transformed. In the body and divinity of Jesus, heaven meets earth — thanks be to God!**

### BEING SENT WITH GOD’S WORD

#### HYMN OF DEDICATION

*“This Little Light of Mine”*  
Children’s Choir Recording

#### CHARGE & BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE



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Charge attributed to: St. Teresa of Avila, 1515-1582

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 30, 2022**

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** will take place in the sanctuary on Sunday, February 13, 2022 immediately following the worship service. Annual reports will be available next Sunday, February 6.

**SOUP LUNCHEON:** On February 13 following the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, the Youth Group will host a soup luncheon and bake sale in Fellowship Hall. Donations will benefit the youth who will attend Triennium this summer. Please plan to stay for this fun and tasty luncheon!

Volunteers are needed. If you would like to donate chili, soup, or baked goods, please contact Sandy Graves at [sandra.graves@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.graves@gmail.com).

**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.

**GOOD NEWS FROM THE DEACONS.**

Thank you to WPC for generously giving to the Food Pantry. Despite monthly food distributions to local families, and the delivery of 70 Thanksgiving baskets in November, Food Pantry funds are, yet, *beyond* adequate for the year! However, the Deacon's other work and programs are always in need of funds. Westminster's Board of Deacons expenses also include: communion supplies, devotional booklets, Stephen Ministry, Fifty Year Members dinners, Bibles for funerals, special concerns, and more, to support WPC members and our community. These funds come from undesignated donations to the Deacons Fund. If you wish to give to the Deacons Fund this year, we will be thankful for a "*general donation to Deacons Fund.*" Thank you for your support to help the Lord's work through WPC and the Board of Deacons.

**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 Session 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.

**THE WIRED WORD,** "*where current events and faith intersect,*" takes place on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom (note the time change). 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.

**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

## *This Week at Westminster*

### **Today, Sunday, January 30, 2022**

- 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
- 4:30 p.m. Junior Bell Practice
- 5:00 p.m. Ignite (Youth Group)

### **Tuesday, February 1**

- 9:00 a.m. Bay ISD
- 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Hands Knitting
- 10:00 a.m. The Wired Word via Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 150
- 6:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting

### **Wednesday, February 2**

- 6:00 p.m. Property Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

### **Thursday, February 3**

- 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 6**

- 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
- 4:30 p.m. Junior Bell Practice
- 5:00 p.m. Ignite (Youth Group)

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### **Office Hours**

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

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