

Westminster At Worship

A Celebration of Worship
Faces of Our Faith: Eutychus
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

July 7, 2024

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

PRELUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

†CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We approach the God of grace and glory,

PEOPLE: who has called us to worship this day.

LEADER: We arrive from the chaos of our world

PEOPLE: into the clarity of God's presence.

LEADER: We leave the struggles of our lives

PEOPLE: to embrace the power of God's love.

LEADER: May this hour bring us courage

PEOPLE: and a time to strengthen our faith.

†OPENING HYMN

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN

*O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness,
most beautiful, most bright;
on you, the high and lowly,
through ages joined in tune,
sing "Holy, holy, holy"
to the great God triune.*

*On you, at earth's creation
the light first had its birth;
on you, for our salvation
Christ rose from depths of earth;
on you, our Lord victorious
sent Spirit forth from heaven.
And thus on you, most glorious,
a triple light was given.*

*On you, God's people, meeting,
the Holy Scripture hear,
Christ's living presence greeting,
through bread and wine made near.
New graces ever gaining
from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining
to spirits of the blest.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, hear the anguish of our hearts.

Comfort us when our souls feel barren, shriveled, and lifeless.

Strengthen us when we feel lost and alone.

Heal us when we hurt and misuse ourselves and others.

**Guide us into your strong arms of love, that we may receive
your gracious mercy and rest in your powerful love.**

In hope and gratitude, we pray.

— A Time of Silent Confession —

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

The promise of love is ours, through the grace of Christ Jesus and
the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

†RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

"Gloria Patri"

GREATOREX

*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 OF ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Psalter Reading

Psalm 30

Scripture Reading
Acts 20: 1-2; 6-12

SERMON

“Catch Them When They Fall”
Rev. Jamie Milton

†HYMN

“Thine Is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.*

Refrain:

*Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.*

*Lo! Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)*

*No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. (Refrain)*

†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.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD WITH THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"What a Wonderful World"

MILLER

Nancy Dobson

~ Please record your presence on the "Friendship Pad"

†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.*

†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Faithful and loving God, thank you for blessing us and our world in so many amazing ways. Bless the gifts we return to you now, that they may be blessings of hope and signs of your faithfulness for all the world to know. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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.

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.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to come forward to receive communion. Using either station at the front of the church, you will receive a piece of bread and a cup of juice. Please take communion before returning to your seat.

If you wish to remain seated, someone will bring communion to your seat.

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

†HYMN

"Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven"

LLANFAIR

*Come, behold! the feast of heaven Alleluia!
has to mortal flesh been given. Alleluia!
Hear the Word of God declared: Alleluia!
"Come! the banquet is prepared." Alleluia!*

*All is ready, come attend Alleluia!
as the Lord's invited friend; Alleluia!
come from north, west, south, and east; Alleluia!
celebrate the joyful feast. Alleluia!*

*All who trust in God belong Alleluia!
at this banquet with this throng. Alleluia!
Share the mystic holy food; Alleluia!
taste and see: the Lord is good. Alleluia!*

*As the Lord our God has willed, Alleluia!
here the hungry soul is filled; Alleluia!
here the weary are refreshed. Alleluia!
All who share God's feast are blessed. Alleluia!*

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 7, 2024

The **FLOWERS** today are given by Tom and Peggy Majchrzak in honor of their 51st 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.

PICKLEBALL: Come try out the fastest growing sport in the US! A group from Westminster is inviting anyone who is interested to play pickleball at Delta College on Friday evenings, weather permitting, from 5-7 p.m. No experience necessary or equipment needed. This is a great opportunity for fun and fellowship! The courts are located outside on the North end of the campus (the tennis courts). Spectators welcome!

MATTHEW 25 CAFE AT THE SALVATION

ARMY: Westminster serves lunch at the Matthew 25 Cafe on the second Tuesday of each month. Crews work from 9-11 a.m. with meal prep, or 11-1:00 p.m. serving and cleaning up. Join us on **July 9th or August 13th**. Scan the QR code or **sign up at the bulletin board just outside the sanctuary.**



PER CAPITA 2024 Per capita for 2024 is \$29.50. Remember that Per Capita goes to fund the greater church including our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly, which in turn, provides great support to Westminster. **Look for the blue envelopes in the pew backs or in your box of envelopes.**

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

BULLETIN BOARDS: Check out the Church bulletin board just outside the sanctuary for upcoming church events and happenings, **plus sign-up sheets for volunteer opportunities!** In addition, the Community bulletin board in Fellowship Hall has information on health screenings, grief groups and other events in the area.

THURSDAY EVENING DEVOTIONAL

SERIES: "Faces of Our Faith" meets **every Thursday via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.** We'll explore some lesser known figures in the Bible and hear their stories and talk about how those lessons might mirror our own stories of faith. All are welcome. Please stop by the church office to receive a Zoom invitation and pick up the devotional booklet.

YOU WERE MADE FOR THIS MOMENT:

Continuing this Tuesday at 1:30 p.m., we're looking at the book "You Were Made For This Moment". If you've felt weary, worn out, and at times struggling with what life throws at you, this book by Max Lucado will help us remember that God is with us in this difficult time.

ANNE OF GREEN GABLES, THE SEQUEL:

We'll be showing part II of the beloved Anne of Green Gables series this **Wednesday, July 10th at 6:00 p.m.** We'll serve a light supper. All are welcome to attend!

NATE DOAN PARK CLEAN-UP:

Join us next Wednesday, July 10th at 9:00 a.m at Nate Dean park, on Dean Street. We'll be cleaning up the front of the park. If you are able, please bring gloves, shovels, rakes, hoes and yard bags. Thank you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Preschool VBS registration continues (and we've still got a few more spots for our elementary friends.) We'll be "Exploring God's Big Creation" Monday-Thursday, **August 5-8 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** A morning snack and lunch are included, along with songs, crafts, games and bible stories! Registration forms are available in the church office and on the church website, or see Miss Leah. Volunteers are needed as well. If you are able to help during that week, please reach out to Leah, or check out the bulletin board outside the sanctuary for a volunteer sign-up sheet. We're looking forward to another great week together!

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS: If you would like to sign up to work our "You Choose" Food Pantry Wednesday evenings or Thursday mornings, please see the sign up sheets on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.

GAME GATHERING: Plan on staying after worship next **Sunday, July 14th** for another game gathering. Card games, board games and puzzles, plus snacks and fellowship!

BOOK & BRUNCH: For this summer's Book and Brunch Series, we will continue our theme from last summer of hunger and food insecurity. We will be reading Poverty, by America and books are available in the office. We'll meet again, **Sunday July 21st** in the Session Room. There are plenty of books available and don't worry if you weren't able to come to the first session. All are welcome to join in the discussion.

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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 below.

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!

