Westminster *At Worship*

A Celebration of Worship
Serving Others: Seeing the Kingdom

November 15, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Westminster! We are glad you are here! Take some time to review the announcements to see "What's Up At Westminster!" If you have any questions, our greeters and ushers are happy to help.

• **THE FLOWERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE** were provided in loving memory of our parents, Harry and Alice Reagh and Edward and Laverne Dix, by Phil and Penny Reagh.

• **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:** Please note the closest emergency exit to your seat. There are exits at all four corners of the sanctuary that will lead you safely out of the building.

• **NEXT SUNDAY is our annual Hanging of the Greens service**. During and after the service, we will be decorating the Sanctuary and church building in preparation for the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany season. **Also, please stay if you are able to help pack the Thanksgiving Bags** that will be given to our neighbors in need to provide them a delicious holiday meal.

For Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers:

Children of all ages are always welcome in worship! However, if you or your child need a little extra care, we offer several options for you:

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 certified in infant/child CPR.

WORSHIP BAGS are located by the back entrance to the sanctuary. These bags for children are filled with quiet activities to keep children engaged while seated in the pew with their families.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (K-5th Grade) All elementary-aged students are welcome to join us for a time of Bible stories and fun activities just for them. Following the "Sharing God's Peace" in today's service, children are invited to meet their teachers at the back of the sanctuary where they will be led to their classroom. Teachers will bring children back to the sanctuary at the close of the service.

VISIT OUR PRAYGROUND located at the back of the sanctuary. This dedicated space contains activities for parents and children who need a little extra space to move but would still like to be a part of the worship service.

The Community Gathers to Worship God

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.*

Prelude **Seth Cunningham**

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Moment

Centering Prayer

†Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness.
Come into God's presence with singing.
For the Lord is good with steadfast love that endures forever.
God's faithfulness is to all generations,
We are God's people and sheep of God's pasture.
Let us give God praise.

†Hymn *"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"* *No. 138

Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim;
all in heaven above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

All apostles join the strain
as your sacred name they hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the blessed martyrs follow,
and from morn to set of sun,
through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit: three we name you,
while in essence only one;
undivided God we claim you,
and adoring, bend the knee
while we own the mystery.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving Shepherd, we have not always reached out
to the lost and scattered sheep of your flock.
We praise you with our lips,
while averting our eyes from the hungry
and those who lack shelter and warmth.
We lift our eyes to the starry heavens,
while turning our gaze from the homeless
and those who cannot help themselves.
Help us see others with the eyes of our shepherd,
that we might be your loving presence in the world.

— A time of Silent Confession —

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Words of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News! Although we have sinned, in Jesus Christ we are graciously forgiven. Be at peace. **Amen.**

†Response to God's Grace

Gloria Patri

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 Christ be with you.
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 before the end of the service.

The Community Listens to the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Lesson

Psalm 100 (NRSVUE)

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSVUE)

Sermon

"Seeing the Kingdom"
Rev. Linda Williams

†**HYMN** *"Welcoming God"* ASSURANCE

Children are welcome, Christ said one day,
When the disciples just urged them away.
Children are welcome at Jesus' knee:
God's own examples for ministry.
Welcoming God, you open the Way;
Even the smallest worship and pray,
Singing with faith and serving you well,
Your life to know and good news to tell.

Women are welcome, as are the men;
Through God's own Spirit, we're partners again.
Partners as prophets, ministers, too:
No more divided — made one in you.
Welcoming God, you open the way;
Those once divided join now to pray,
Serving at Table, preaching your Word,
So that your love for all will be heard.

Outcasts are welcome; sinners are, too,
Eating with Jesus and being made new:
Some like Zacchaeus turned right around;
Wounded and poor ones felt peace profound.
God of great love, you stand at the door,
Welcoming people outcast and poor.
So you forgive and call us to be
Filled with the joy of your jubilee.

So may we welcome into our pew
All who in Jesus are being made new —
All those who seek him, wanting to know,
Wanting to love him, wanting to grow.

Welcoming God, you stand at our door,
As someone different, outcast or poor.
With longing eyes, Lord Jesus, you search.
May we all welcome you in your church.

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO THE CALL OF GOD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One,
confessing him as Lord to the glory of God the Father.
In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the Church,
the Head over all things, the beginning of a new creation.

We acknowledge that we live and work
between the time of Christ's death and resurrection
and the final consummation of all things which he will bring.

We are a pilgrim people,
always on the way towards a promised goal;
on the way, Christ feeds us with word and sacraments,
and we have the gift of the Spirit
in order that we may not lose the way.

We will live and work within the faith and unity
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, bearing witness to
that unity which is both Christ's gift and his will.

We affirm that every member of the Church
is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Together with all the people of God,
we will serve the world for which Christ died.
And we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.

Adapted from the Basis of Union of the Uniting Church in Australia from Uniting in Worship 2

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Invitation to Offering

As we consider how to faithfully share our talents, time and treasure, please look for the yellow "Sharing My Gifts" card in your pew. Reflect on how you shared your gifts this week, then place it in the offering plate as a symbol of that gift. Have a financial gift to share? Feel free to place that in the plate as well.

Musical Offering

WPC Handbell Choir

"Come Thou Fount"
Arranged by Seth Cunningham
"Trust and Obey"
Arranged by Michael Helman

†Doxology

Tune: Old Hundredth

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

**Holy God, use us, and these gifts, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and honor your presence in all people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE COMMUNITY GOES TO SERVE GOD

†HYMN *"Today We Are All Called to be Disciples"* KNGSFOLD

Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth
ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth,
responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud;
we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud
that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down
as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town
to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for
a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God
act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard.

As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.

†Charge and Benediction

†Postlude — Seth Cunningham

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This Week

• **ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** We will be using *The Wired Word* bible study curriculum that connects current events and weekly news stories with Scripture. Our **Sunday morning class meets Sundays at 9 a.m.**, and our **Thursday evening online Zoom study meets online at 7 p.m.** Any questions, please see Rev. Linda or the church office.

• **LUNCH AND LEARN:** Join us **Tuesday, November 17** at noon for an informative and interactive learning session about ALICE of United Way of Bay County. Bring your own lunch and join us in the Fellowship Hall as we learn about United Way's efforts to help working families who are struggling to make ends meet. Call the church office with any questions.

• **FALL BOOK GROUP:** We will be reading and discussing *One Simple Act* by Debbie Macomber on **Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the Lounge**. For more information, speak to Rev. Linda or call the church office. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, November 17.**

• **OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH:** The Out-to-Lunch Bunch's delicious destination for November is **Tavern 101,** 101 Center Ave. in Bay City. We will gather for lunch at **1 p.m. Wednesday, November 18**. If you would like to join us, please RSVP with Dave Crook by Monday, November 16 by calling 847-624-5798.

• **LYDIA CIRCLE:** Lydia Circle uses the Presbyterian Women Bible Study curriculum, *Horizons*. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. **Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19**. If you are interested in joining, please contact group leaders Elaine Edwards at 989-397-5642 or Barb Tolles at 989-963-9369.

• **DEBORAH CIRCLE:** We will be continuing our study of the television series "The Chosen" at **4 p.m. Thursday, November 19**, location TBD. If you are interested in joining Deborah Circle, please contact Karen Schoeppach or call the church office.

• **FOOD BANK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** Westminster is putting together a volunteer group to work at the **FBEM's Hunger Solution Center in Flint on Saturday, November 21, from 9-12**. We'll meet at the church at 7:45 am and carpool together, returning by 1:30 pm. Sign up on the volunteer board in the Wenona Street Welcome Area, or by contacting Pastor Jamie. Anyone aged 8+ is invited to come.

Monthly

• **WREATH RAFFLE:** We're raffling off two Christmas wreaths with all proceeds going to support our own Westminster Community Pantry! Raffle tickets may be purchased before or after worship on November 22 and November 29, or by calling the church office. Tickets are $5 each or 5 tickets for $20. We'll draw the winning ticket at the Advent Dinner on November 29!

• **CARING CONNECTIONS:** 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! **Our next meeting is planned for Thursday, December 3 at 1:30 p.m..**

Ongoing

• **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.

Opportunities to Serve your Community

• **SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP GATHERINGS:** Join us for Fellowship Time! Before worship (9:30 to 10:15 a.m.), stop by the Fellowship Hall for coffee and a sweet treat. After the service, we continue in the chapel with cookies, coffee, and lemonade — a relaxed chance to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. Sign up on the volunteer board near the Wenona Street entrance or contact Joyce Hegenauer. Everything you need will be ready in the kitchen.

•**MATTHEW 25 CAFÉ** at The Salvation Army (322 Adams Street) serves free meals six days a week to the Bay City community, feeding about 100 people daily. They need help with food prep and service. On the **second Tuesday of each month**, **5–7 volunteers help cook and serve**. Extra help is needed.If you can spare two hours a month—either preparing food (9 to 11 a.m.) or serving and cleaning up (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.)—please sign up on the Wenona Lobby board or call the church office with your name, date, and time. **Westminster's next opportunity to serve is Tuesday, December 8.** If you have any questions, please contact Darlene Kusterer at 989-385-4062 or call the church office.

• **WESTMINSTER COMMUNITY PANTRY:** There are a number of ways that you can support our weekly food pantry. Volunteers help assist our clients in choosing food items, work together to unload shipments of food and help to organize donations received from the congregation and community. If you would like to volunteer, contact volunteer coordinator Karen Brown-Fackler. You may also support the pantry's efforts with a monetary donation, either by writing "food pantry" in the memo area of your check made payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church, or online through the donations page on the church website, wpcbc.org. Contact pantry chair Janet Smylie with questions.

• **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** will be collecting coats, hats, socks, gloves and other **warm clothing for guests that come to the food pantry**. You may leave any donated items on the cart outside the pantry door.

• **CARING MEAL PROGRAM RETURNS TO WESTMINSTER:** We're excited to share that a beloved ministry is returning to Westminster — the Caring Meal Program. Sponsored by the Board of Deacons, this ministry provides short-term meals to individuals and families experiencing a recent life event or temporary hardship. A pilot team of Meal Preparers is serving as we fine-tune the process. Once the pilot wraps up, we'll invite the congregation to join us in making this meaningful ministry flourish.

• **FOOD OF FAITH:** Help provide a free warm meal for our neighbors in need! Our next opportunity to serve is **Thursday, December 10.** We will need **two volunteers to help prepare the meal** from 2 to 4 p.m. and **four volunteers to help serve** from 4 to 6 p.m. The meal begins at 5 p.m. Thursday evenings at Messiah Lutheran Church, 501 S. Catherine St. in Bay City at the western end of Veterans Memorial Bridge. Those with questions may contact Pam Johnston at 989-392-1958.

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	Nov 11, 2026	Year to Date
Pledges	15,601	346,184
General Gifts/Donations	3,106	35,892
Investment Interest		18,859
Loose Collection	21	1,463
One-time Gifts	0	0
Other Cash Received	46	3,624
Total Income	18,774	406,022
Expenses/Payroll	12,787	384,432
Excess(Loss)	5,987	21,590

Budgeted expense total for 2026 is $467,000.

Please remember your per Capita for 2026. It is $35 per member.

October Statistics: We served 787 people from 277 families with 8,877 pounds of food. Of these, 172 people from 58 families were new to our pantry. People continue to find us from as far away as Kawkawlin, Linwood and Pinconning. It is a blessing to offer fresh, nutritious food to our pantry guests.

Item of the Month: We are pausing our requests for Item of the Month until January 2027 so you can support other church mission projects like the Thanksgiving food baskets and the Angel Tree Christmas gifts. If you'd still like to donate to the pantry, any food items are welcomed.

Meijer Simply Give Program Continues through the Holiday Season! Through December 26, all Simply Give donations made at the Wilder Road store will be collected for our pantry. Simply Give donation cards are available at the church and in the checkout lines at the store. Just hand your Simply Give donation card to the cashier and tell them how much you want to give (in $10 increments). They will scan your card and your donation will be added to your grocery total. **And mark your calendars for Saturday, December 12**, when Meijer will double-match all donations! At the end of the program, all donations are given to our pantry in the form of gift cards that we can use to purchase food. Please share the news with all your family and friends! Questions? Talk to Janet Smylie or email pantry@wbcpc.org.

Extra Venison? Did you know the pantry accepts venison if it was processed at a licensed facility? We are happy to take your extras off your hands!