

# The Order of Common Worship

## Westminster Presbyterian Church

April 5, 2026  
10:30 a.m.

*“Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.” --Psalm 96:9*

*“...true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.” --John 4:23*

*“What is the chief end of man? To glorify God and enjoy Him forever.” --Shorter Catechism*

### Welcome to Westminster!

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Prelude: “Easter Alleluia Medley”

Greeting

Call to Worship *from* Colossians 2:3; Revelation 5:12

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed!**

The Lord who calls us to worship today is the same Jesus who refused the temptation to worship the evil one. Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world, He endured the shame of the cross, and today is King of kings and Lord of lords. Now are gathered in Him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, glory and power. With the saints of all ages we say,  
**“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”**

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn of Adoration: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” Hymn #194  
“He Lives” v. 1 Hymn #622

Confession of Faith *from Heidelberg Catechism*

Question 1: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Answer: **That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Question 2: What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

Answer: **Three things:**

**First, how great my sin and misery are;**

**Second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery;**

**Third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.**

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving: “In Christ Alone” Hymn #569

Offertory Anthem: “Crown Him With Many Crowns” arr. Forrest Chancel Choir

\*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

\*Scripture Reading: John 20:24-29 Pew Bible p. 1078

Sermon: “I Have My Doubts” Rev. Dr. Rhett Payne

Celebration of Holy Communion (By Intinction)

Invitation to the Table

Almighty God, look with mercy on your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; through him who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever...hear our prayer.

Corporate Confession of Sin

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. Yet we confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. Forgive us, God of mercy. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that by your grace we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon 1 Peter 1:18-21

He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on Christ alone.

**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.**

Words of Institution

\*Hymn of Commitment: “Low in the Grave He Lay” Hymn #207

\*Benediction

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Postlude: “Old Hundredth” Fred Bock

*\* If you are able, please stand.*

### This Week’s Meetings/Events

**Prayer Group:** Tuesday, April 7 at 10 a.m.

**Mission Committee:** Tuesday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m.

**Genesis Project:** Wednesday, April 8 at 2:30 p.m.

**Fine Arts Club Meeting:** Thursday, April 9 at 2 p.m.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Thursday, April 9 at 6 p.m.

**Highlands & Islands:** Thursday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m.

### Announcements

**Adult Sunday School:** Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Library

*Study is on the Book of James, led by Ted Hammer*

**Children & Youth Sunday School:** Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in CE Bldg.

**Discipleship Formation Meeting:** Sunday, April 12 after worship

**LifeHouse Youth:** April 12 and April 19, 5-7 p.m.

**Session Meets:** Thursday, April 16 at 6 p.m.

**Presbytery in Diamondhead:** Friday, April 24 - Saturday, April 25

### Registry of Fellowship - April 5, 2026

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Member  First Time Visitor  Return Visitor

*For our visitors:*

*Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Email:* \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a call from the pastor (please list phone number above).

I would like information on becoming an active member of Westminster.

I am willing to provide supper for a LifeHouse Youth meeting.

**Prayer Requests:** \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like a prayer card sent?  Yes  No

Please send prayer card’s recipients address to [office@gulfportchurch.org](mailto:office@gulfportchurch.org).

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| <b>Financial Report</b> (YTD through February 28, 2026) |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 2026 Annual Income Budget.....                          | \$253,024.00 |
| 2026 Annual Expense Budget .....                        | \$312,320.00 |
| YTD General Budgeted Receipts .....                     | \$ 63,511.00 |
| YTD Budgeted Expenditures .....                         | \$ 52,804.10 |
| Last Week's Budgeted Receipts .....                     | \$ 1999.90   |
| Last Week's Future Improvements Receipts.....           | \$ 250.00    |



### *This Week's Birthdays*

*April 7 – Amy Underhill*

*April 9 – Pete Bloss*

**Duty Elder**  
Pat West

The Rev. Dr. Rhett Payne, Interim Pastor  
 Chip Westbrook, Clerk of Session  
 Jane Bloss, Treasurer

#### **THE SESSION OF WESTMINSTER**

| <u>Class of 2026</u>           | <u>Class of 2027</u>             | <u>Class of 2028</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Lynda Gary                     | Mark Alspaugh                    | Pete Bloss           |
| <i>Discipleship Formation</i>  | <i>Stewardship &amp; Finance</i> | <i>Nominating</i>    |
| Scott Winter                   | Ben Stone                        | Patrick Gann         |
| <i>Asst. Clerk and Worship</i> | <i>Personnel</i>                 | <i>Missions</i>      |
|                                | Pat West                         | Robert Wood          |
|                                | <i>Congregational Life</i>       | <i>Property</i>      |

#### **STAFF**

LeAnn Davis, Church Administrator  
 Tim Silkman, Facilities Manager  
 Jeanie Pollard, Organist  
 Alice Bellanger, Youth Director  
 Angela Hudson, Nursery Care

#### **OTHER CHAIRS**

Sam Clark  
 Outreach  
 Valarie Hammer  
 Hospitality  
 Chip Westbrook  
 Personnel Committee

### **Easter Flowers**

*The beautiful flowers in our sanctuary are placed to the glory of God and in memory or in honor of loved ones and friends by the following people:*

- In memory of Mary Ellen & Grover Alspaugh by Teresa & Mark Alspaugh.
- In memory of Christine Sack by Teresa & Mark Alspaugh.
- In memory of Ronald Barnard, husband, by Karen Barnard.
- In memory of Norma Kaarvand, momma, by Karen Barnard.
- In memory of Cleve Allen, Jr., Margaret Allen Moyses, Ferd Moyses, and Drew Allen by Christie & Bryan Batson.
- In memory of Dr. & Mrs. H. W. Batson and Ted Batson by Christie & Bryan Batson.
- In memory of Dr. Y. J. & Lucile McGaha by Jane & Pete Bloss.
- In memory of Pete & Adele Bloss by Jane & Pete Bloss.
- In memory of Evelyn & Clyde Dubuisson by Garnie Dubuisson.
- In honor of Kim and Max Buchanan by Garnie Dubuisson.
- In honor of Sarah Hill who is graduating with highest honors from Ole Miss by Lynda Gary.
- In memory of Richard Graves by Gay Graves.
- In memory of Boyd Letcher by Gay Graves.
- In memory of Willa Vae & Miles Biggs, and Louise & Al Graves by Gay Graves.
- In memory of Ted's mother & father, Winifred Parvu & Jim Hammer, and Val's stepmother, Charlie Fuller, and father, Russell Fuller by Valarie & Ted Hammer.
- In memory of my husband John Heath by Vicky Heath.
- In memory of my mother Lucille Gilreath by Vicky Heath.
- In memory of my parents, Nancy & Milton Harris, by Ginger & Stuart Huffman.
- In memory of my son, Will Daniel, by Ginger & Stuart Huffman.
- In memory of Sara & Carl Parker by Paula & Cummings King.
- In honor of my 96 year old mother, Opal Smith, by Brenda Pace.
- In memory of Mrs. Geraldine Denton and Mr. & Mrs. Rhett Payne, Jr. by Donna & Rhett Payne.
- In memory of Dave Price, Ivan V. & Alice D. Jackson, and Millie Shumski by Rachel Price.
- In memory of Stella Hemphill and all deceased family members by Rachel Price.
- In honor of Rebecca & Frank Anderson, Sarah & Taehoon Yun, and Wyatt Gregory by Rachel Price.
- In memory of our parents by Marcia Milner & Ken Richardson.
- In memory of Sharon's mother, Minnie Weaver by Sharon & Jim Roberts.
- In memory of Jim's mother, Ina Mae Roberts, by Sharon & Jim Roberts.
- In memory of Sharon's grandmother, Sarah Houtz, by Sharon & Jim Roberts.
- In memory of Mrs. Mildred I. Shumski by Edward J. Shumski, Jr.
- In honor of Mrs. Rachel Price by Edward J. Shumski, Jr.
- In memory of Nancy Reed Stone by her husband, Ben Stone, and children.
- In memory of Carol Wood by Robert Wood.
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*“Bearing Witness to God’s Love  
 For the World in Jesus Christ”*

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