The Order of Common Worship

Westminster Presbyterian Church

November 8, 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!

Prelude: "Sing the Mighty Power of God" *arr.* Jordan

Greeting — Ruling Elder, Scott Winter

Call to Worship: *based on* Exodus 20:1-2; Psalm 124:8

When Moses gathered the people of Israel, God said,
"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."
God chose the people of Israel to make a new beginning.
They received God's covenant and prepared the way for Jesus to come as our Savior.
Let us worship the God of the covenant, the God of heaven and earth.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Adoration: "Blessed Be the Name" Hymn # 350

Call to Confession — *based on* Matthew 22:27-40

Our Lord Jesus said: '" You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

As God has instructed us in these great commandments, and because we have not lived in full obedience, let us now confess our sins to God, trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and The Lord's Prayer

Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the of her womb? As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you, says the Lord. her child, so will I comfort you, says the Lord.

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.

Hymn of Thanksgiving: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Hymn # 48

Celebrations and Concerns of the Church
Prayer requests can be made via bulletin tear-off, Facebook Messenger, gulfportchurch.org, the QR code on the back of the bulletin, or by calling the church office at (228) 864-3143.

Prayers of the People

Offertory: "Come All Christians, Be Committed" *arr.* Haan

*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: Acts 2:42-47 Pew Bible p. 1082

Sermon: "Finding Freedom, Getting Help" Rev. Matt Mitchell

*Confession of Faith: "The Apostles' Creed"

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 resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting, Amen.

*Hymn: "I Am Resolved" Hymn # 501

*Benediction — Rev. Matt Mitchel

*Passing of the Peace

Postlude: "A Festive Trumpet Tune" Martin

** If you are able, please stand.*

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the 50th anniversary of Cummings & Paula King.

Our guest pastor today is Rev. Matt Mitchell. Rev. Mitchell is the pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Pascagoula, MS. He has been at the church for 15 years where he and his wife Ami raised their 3 children: Lorelei, Will and Gracie. After growing up in Ft. Worth, TX and living in Lubbock, TX for 17 years, the coast has definitely become home. He loves the connectional nature of being Presbyterian and having opportunities to serve the churches of the Gulf South Presbytery. He is a part of the Church Health Committee and spends much of his time working with and encouraging young pastors in their new roles in the church.

Please take a moment to complete the Registry of Fellowship section of this bulletin (below). Childcare is available in our nursery during worship. Restrooms are located down the main hall, and there is an emergency exit at the front right of the sanctuary. We encourage your prayer requests and questions about our family of faith's mission and ministry. Please see a greeter or an Elder if we can be of any assistance.

Registry of Fellowship – November 8, 2026

Name(s): _____

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☐ 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 would be willing to provide supper for LifeHouse Youth when meeting.

Prayer Requests: _____

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Would you like a prayer card sent? ☐ Yes* ☐ No

Please send address for prayer card to office@gulfportchurch.org.

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This Week's Meetings/Events

Discipleship Formation Meeting: Today after worship
Westminster Diner's Club: Today at 3 p.m.
Hosted by Amy and Eli Underhill at 12029 J. Miller Rd, Gulfport. There will be a tour of their distillery, followed by potluck dinner.
LifeHouse Youth: Today, 5-6:30 p.m.
Prayer Group: Tuesday, November 10 at 10 a.m.
Genisis After School Program: Wednesday, November 11 at 2:15 p.m.
Wednesday Dinner & Bible Study: Wednesday, November 11 at 6 p.m.
Session Meeting: Thursday, November 12 at 6 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous: Thursday, November 12 at 6 p.m.
Highlands and Islands: Thursday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Announcements

Adult Sunday School: Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Library
The current study is based on, "The Gospel-Centered Life," led by Ted Hammer
Children's & Youth Sunday School: Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the CE Building
Joint Thanksgiving Service with Trinity: November 22, 6 p.m. at Westminster

Financial Report (YTD through October 31, 2026)

2026 Annual Income Budget	$253,024.00
2026 Annual Expense Budget	$312,320.00
YTD General Budgeted Receipts	$228,364.07
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	$242,742.39
Last Week's Budgeted Receipts	$ 8,413.48
Last Week's Future Improvements Receipts	$ 10,275.00

The Rev. Albert Bisson, Interim Pastor
Chip Westbrook, Clerk of Session
Jane Bloss, Treasurer

THE SESSION OF WESTMINSTER

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Lynda Gary *Discipleship Formation*	Mark Alspaugh *Stewardship & Finance*	Pete Bloss *Nominating*
Scott Winter *Asst. Clerk and Worship*	Ben Stone *Personnel*	Patrick Gann *Missions*
	Pat West *Congregational Life*	Robert Wood *Property*

STAFF

LeAnn Davis, Church Administrator
Tim Silkman, Facilities Manager
Jeanie Pollard, Organist
Jeannie Congleton, Youth Director
Samantha Rutland, Nursery Care

OTHER CHAIRS

Sam Clark
Outreach
Valarie Hammer
Hospitality
Chip Westbrook
Personnel Committee

Westminster's Mission Partners

Boy Scout Troop 209	Cub Scout Pack 209
Feed My Sheep	Girl Scout Troop 3542
Good News Jail & Prison Ministry	Gulf Coast Rescue Mission
GHS Counselors' Fund	Genesis Project
Pass Road Elem. Counselors' Fund	Bethel Free Health Clinic
GCMS Counselors' Fund	French Camp Academy
Medical Benevolence Foundation	MBF Nursing Scholarship-Haiti
Foundation for Reformed Theology	Kindness Foundation
Missionaries in Austria, Lebanon, and Japan	Belhaven University

Duty Elder
Mark Alspaugh



This Week's Birthdays

No birthdays this week!



WEDNESDAYS AT 6 P.M.
Join us for a free supper, Christian fellowship, and Bible study. Bring your family, a neighbor, or a friend!

6:00 p.m. - Supper
6:30 p.m. - Bible Study

The Life of Jesus Christ, a Life Worth Living, a study of the Gospel of John led by Rev. Albert Bisson.

WEDNESDAY SUPPER & BIBLE STUDY

This week's supper will be Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy and Green Beans to be supplied by Chef Robert Wood.

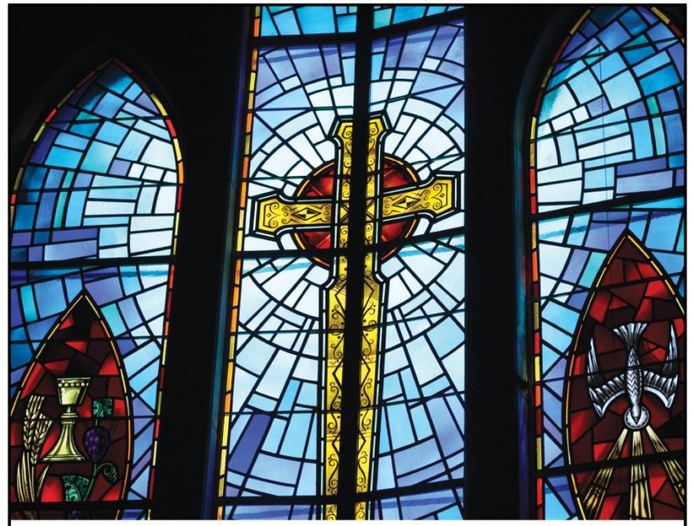
Missions Spotlight for November: Roger & Abi Lowther, Community Arts Tokyo

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Roger & Abi Lowther serve as missionaries to Japan. They founded Community Arts Tokyo, a local community-based group in Tokyo's historic downtown area reconnecting the arts to society and daily lives. "Art helps us understand the world around us and respond to it. It gives the vision and power to bring about the future we seek, for the flourishing of humanity at local, national, and global levels."

Community Arts Tokyo offers performances, lectures, symposiums, lessons, masterclasses, screenings, and exhibitions. They are responsible for a wide range of music education, from college preparation for overseas study to children exposed to music for the very first time. They remain closely connected to the professional art world in Japan through formal events (concerts, panel discussions, etc.) and informal events (fellowship dinners, sharing times, parties, etc.). They also work to connect and provide resources for churches from many denominations and groups through the arts and worship.

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