

# The Order of Common Worship

## Westminster Presbyterian Church

January 26, 2025  
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!

Voluntary “Allegretto Moderato” G.F. Fuchs  
Duo for Clarinet & Violin; Dave Carlson, Clarinet & Emily Winter, Violin

Greeting

\*Opening Sentence: *from* Nehemiah 8

*Nehemiah, the governor, and Ezra, the priest and scribe, said to the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God, do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law (read to them). “Do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”*

\*Opening Hymn: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Celebrating Grace #310  
*Hymn to Joy*

\*Prayer of Adoration

Invitation to Confession *from* Deuteronomy 5 and the Shorter Catechism

The Lord spoke all these words saying:

**“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.”**

“You shall have no other gods before me.”

**“You shall not make for yourself a graven image...”**

“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain...”

**“Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy...”**

“Honor your father and your mother...”

**“You shall not kill.”**

“Neither shall you commit adultery.”

**“Neither shall you steal.”**

“Neither shall you bear false witness against your neighbor.”

**“Neither shall you covet...anything that is your neighbor’s.”**

What is sin?

**Any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.**

Let us pray.

Time for Silent Examination and Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession *from* the prayers of Martin Luther

**Lord God, I have indeed transgressed your commandments. I have been impatient in reverses and trials. I am unsympathetic and unmerciful. I do not help my neighbor. I am unable to resist sin. I do not tire of doing wrong. Dear Lord, pour out your grace to me and give me your Holy Spirit so that I may be obedient and keep each of your commandments. Help me to be at odds with the world and to give my heart and soul to you. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

*from* Romans 13

\*Passing of the Peace

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 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.**

Time with Young Disciples

Hymn: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” Celebrating Grace #405  
*Bradbury*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Luke 4:14-21

Sermon: “The Word in Flesh” The Rev. Will Shurley

Prayer for Right Response to God’s Word

\*The Affirmation 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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory “The Lord is My Shepherd” Raymond Haan

\*Doxology *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**

\*Offertory Prayer

Closing Hymn: “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Celebrating Grace #332  
*Azmon*

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude “Rondo” by Fuchs Dave Carlson Clarinet, Emily Winter Violin

*The flowers in the sanctuary are placed to the glory of God and in honor of the birthday of Anna Kate Shurley by Will Shurley.*

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

*Please take a moment to complete the registry of fellowship section of this bulletin. 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 our pastor if we can be of any assistance.*

### Registry of Fellowship - January 26, 2025

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 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**

- LifeHouse Youth:** Today at 5 p.m.
- MS Boychoir Rehearsal:** Today at 3 p.m.
- Prayer Group:** Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous:** Thursday at 6 p.m.
- Lunch Bunch:** Friday at 11:30 a.m. at Salute

**Upcoming**

- Scout Sunday:** February 2
- Annual Meeting of the Congregation:** February 23


**Westminster's Mission Partners**

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| 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                        | BVMS Counselors' Fund         |
| BVE Backpack Buddies                        | GCMS Counselors' Fund         |
| French Camp Academy                         | Bethel Free Health Clinic     |
| Medical Benevolence Foundation              | MBF Nursing Scholarship-Haiti |
| Foundation for Reformed Theology            | Kindness Foundation           |
| Missionaries in Austria, Lebanon, and Japan | Belhaven University           |

**Duty Elder**  
 Scott Winter


<b>Financial Report</b> (YTD through December 31, 2024)	
2024 Annual Budget .....	\$316,278.00
YTD General Budgeted Receipts .....	\$323,296.22
YTD Budgeted Expenditures .....	\$311,927.53
Last Week's Budgeted Receipts .....	\$ 1,719.22

**Support our church members battling cancer!**



**Ways to help Terry Barnes and Jeannie Congleton:**

1. Pray
2. Purchase Door Dash gift cards:
  - Online via the app
    - Terry: tljb50jj@hotmail.com
    - Jeannie: jeanniemariern@gmail.com
  - At a store that sells gift cards (bring to church)
  - Call church office or Anna Kate Shurley (228) 224-3420



**The new Sanctuary Flowers Signup List has been posted!**

The new signup sheet for sanctuary flowers has been posted on the bulletin board in the administration hallway.

Flowers are \$55 each week and should be prepaid prior to the dedication date.


The Reverend Will Shurley, Pastor  
 Chip Westbrook, Clerk of Session  
 Jane Bloss, Treasurer

**THE SESSION OF WESTMINSTER**

<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Cummings King	Lynda Gary	Mark Alsbaugh
Property	Discipleship Formation	
Rachel Price	Jim Roberts	Ben Stone
Missions	Property	
	Scott Winter	Pat West
	Asst. Clerk and Worship	

**STAFF**


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

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 for the World In Jesus Christ”*

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 Don't forget to check in at Westminster on Facebook today.