

The Order of Common Worship

Westminster Presbyterian Church

November 3, 2024
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: “Great is Thy Faithfulness” *arr.* Wagner

Greeting

*Opening Sentence *from* Lamentations 3

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

*Opening Hymn: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” *Celebrating Grace #48 Faithfulness*

*Prayer of Adoration

Invitation to Confession *from* Psalm 139

Time for Silent Examination and Prayers

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

Look, Lord, at these empty vessels that need to be filled. O Lord, fill them. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us and make us fervent, that our love may go out to our neighbors. We do not have a strong and firm faith. At times we doubt and are unable to trust you completely. O Lord, help us. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We have insured all our treasure in your name. We are poor; you are rich and you did come to be merciful to the poor. We are sinners; you are upright. With us there is an abundance of sin; with you a fullness of righteousness. Therefore we will remain with you, from whom we can receive, but to whom we cannot give. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon *from* Romans 5

*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: “Be Still, My Soul” *Celebrating Grace #57*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Ruth 1

Sermon: “Journeying for Bread” *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: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessings” *arr.* Dixon

*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

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread

The Sharing of the Cup

(Please hold the elements: we will partake together.)

The Prayer After Communion

The flowers in the sanctuary are placed to the glory of God and in honor of His beautiful start to the fall season.

Closing Hymn: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” *Celebrating Grace #33 CWM Rhondda*

*The Charge and Benediction

*Postlude: “Evangel” *arr.* Thompson

** 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 - November 3, 2024

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: _____

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

- Mississippi Boychoir Rehearsal:** Today at 3 p.m.
- Rise & Shine Men's Breakfast:** Tuesday at 7 a.m. at Cracker Barrel.
- Prayer Group:** Tuesday at 10 a.m.
- Bible Study-Book of Daniel:** Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.
- Missions Committee:** Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous:** Thursday at 6 p.m.
- Highlands & Islands meets:** Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming:

- Girl Scouts Veterans Appreciation Dinner:** November 11 at 6:15 p.m.
- Session Meeting:** November 20 at 6 p.m.
- Joint Thanksgiving Service:** November 24 at 6 p.m.


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

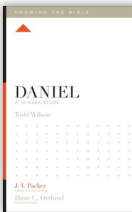
Financial Report (YTD through September 30, 2024)	
2024 Annual Budget	\$316,278.00
YTD General Budgeted Receipts	\$247,332.25
YTD Budgeted Expenditures	\$229,436.96
Last Week's Budgeted Receipts	\$ 12,043.55

Support our church members battling cancer!



Ways to help Terry Barnes and Jeannie Conleton:

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



BIBLE STUDY—DANIEL: TUESDAYS AT 11:30 A.M.

The Tuesday Bible Study began its new study on August 20. *It's not too late to join!* The group is studying Daniel with Pastor Will. Each week participants enjoy a light lunch, fellowship, and most importantly - Bible study. Contact Lynda Gary for more information.

An optional weekly reading guide is available, contact the church office to order.

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


<u>Class of 2024</u> Ted Hammer Congregational Life Chip Westbrook Stewardship	<u>Class of 2025</u> Cummings King Property Rachel Price Missions	<u>Class of 2026</u> Lynda Gary Discipleship Formation Jim Roberts Property Scott Winter Worship
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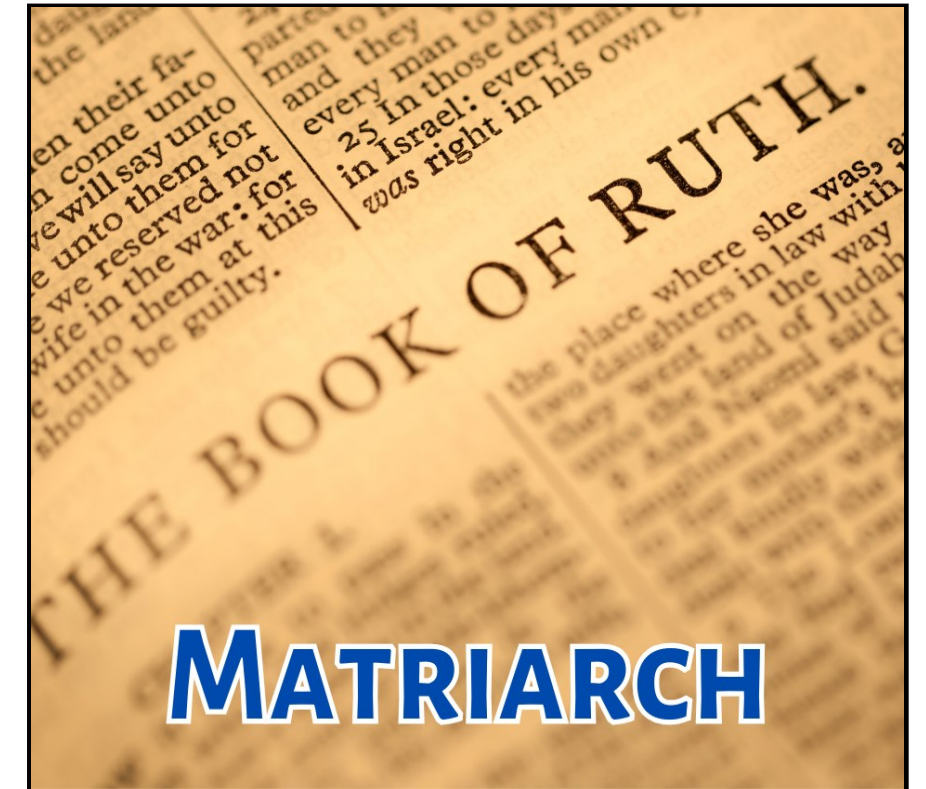
Alice Bellanger, Youth Director
 LeAnn Davis, Church Administrator
 Jeanie Pollard, Organist
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 Christ”*

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