

Westminster At Worship

*A Celebration of Worship
Partnerships from the Heart
Mission Sunday*

October 13, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Please silence your cell phones prior to entering the sanctuary.

†*Those who are able to stand may do so.*



GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

†**CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: Make a joyful noise, a noise of love and care!

PEOPLE: Praise God with generosity and compassion!

LEADER: Sing to the Lord with acts of kindness!

PEOPLE: Give God glory with missions of mercy!

LEADER: Make a joyful noise, a noise of love and care!

PEOPLE: Praise God with justice and righteousness!

†**HYMN**

"Together We Serve"

SAN ANSELMO

*Together we serve,
united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray
through sorrow and joy,
extending God's love to the last and the least.*

*We seek to become
a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year,
to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.*

*We welcome the scarred,
the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home
to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.*

*Together, by grace,
we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve
in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of glory, we do not always see your glory in the world
around us.**

**When we see a person in need, it is not easy to look him in
the eye.**

**When we hear a cry for help, it is not easy to offer her quick
assurance.**

**When we know of a lonely prisoner, it is not easy to make
that unannounced visit.**

Forgive us when we fail to see you in our everyday lives.

Forgive us when we are afraid to act, afraid to care.

Encourage us, God of glory.

**Help us to see others with the eyes of compassion, that we
might be your loving presence in the world.**

— A Time of Silent Confession —

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Be assured of this good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

†RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

"Gloria Patri"

GREATOREX

*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

May the peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"10,000 Reasons
Adult Bell Choir*

ARR. BETTCHER

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Partnerships From the Heart

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 10:13-16

Isaiah 65:21-22

Ezekiel 45:9

IMPACT DESIGNS

†HYMN

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

CHEREPONI

Refrain:

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

*Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)*

*Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race;
neighbors are near us and far away. (Refrain)*

*These are the ones we should serve;
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)*

*Loving puts us on our knees,
willing to wash others' feet;
this is the way we should live like you. (Refrain)*

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:34-40

SALVATION ARMY: MATTHEW 25 CAFE

HIDDEN HARVEST

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

EXCERPT FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.

We ascribe to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.

But God reveals [the Divine] love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people.

The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of [God's] love.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?

I do.

Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PEOPLE: 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.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD WITH THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*"Here I Am, Lord"
Adult Bell Choir*

ARR. SHERMAN

~ Please record your presence on the "Friendship Pad"

†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.*

†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We offer these gifts to you: as food and drink for a hungry world;

as clothing and shelter for those who are naked and homeless;

as kindness and compassion for those who are most in need of mercy.

Transform these gifts, that they might be your hands and feet in the world.

Send us forth as your people, that all that we do, and all that we say, may be a glorious representation of your presence in the world.

With gratitude, we pray. Amen.

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

†HYMN

"The Summons (Will You Come and Follow Me)"

KELVINGROVE

*"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"*

*"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"*

*"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"*

*"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"*

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

LEADER: Go to seek the lost and bind up the injured.

PEOPLE: We will strengthen the weak, and encourage the fainthearted.

LEADER: Go to seek justice and love mercy.

**PEOPLE: We will help the world know the feast of God's justice
and the grace of God's mercy.**

POSTLUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM



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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 below.

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!



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 13, 2024

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to the family and friends of Annabelle Morse who passed away, Saturday, October 5, 2024.

The **FLOWERS** today are given by Nancy Swantek in memory of her husband, Jerry.

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 infant/CPR trained.

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK: Westminster Presbyterian Church-Bay City.

TV AND SOUNDBOARD: We're looking for individuals who can run the soundboard and help in the TV room on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in helping, please call the church office. Thank you!

RIDES TO CHURCH NEEDED: we have a few church members that need rides to church. If you are able to help, please call the church office. Thank you!

ADULT BIBE STUDY: during October we'll be using the Feasting on the Word Curriculum for both our Thursday evening Bible study (7:00 p.m. via Zoom) and our Sunday morning study (9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room). Please see the October Log for more details.

NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP: We'll celebrate Children's Sabbath. The liturgy for this worship service is written by our former Christian Education Director, Nikelle Johnson! The Contemporary Choir, Youth Bells and Chime Choir will share their music with us as well!

FALL BOOK STUDY: We're exploring the book "*Mostly What God Does: Reflections on Seeking and Finding His Love*" by Savannah Guthrie. Guthrie's conclusion is "mostly what God does is love you." If we could believe this, really believe this, how different would we be? Let's take some time and explore this! We'll continue to meet on Tuesdays in October at 1:30 p.m. in the lounge.

HARVEST PARTY/CHILI COOK OFF: Gather with your church family and friends at our annual Harvest Party and Chili Cook-off on Sunday, October 27, 2024 after worship! We'll have games for the children and the young at heart, a photo station and a selection of easy chilis, grilled cheese sandwiches, and delicious desserts! If you're interested in entering in the chili contest, please register on the bulletin board in the Wenona Lobby or reach out to Sandy Graves sandra.graves@gmail.com.

And if you are able to volunteer or donate other items, please scan the QR or email Sandy. THANK YOU!



YOUTH GROUP DINNERS: Our Youth Group meets from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Sunday nights this time includes a meal together. If you are able to prepare and serve a meal or donate money towards dinner, please scan the QR code to sign up. Or call the church office.



WAYS TO SUPPORT THE WESTMINSTER

COMMUNITY PANTRY: If you would like to sign up to work our **Westminster Community Pantry**, Wednesday evenings, 4-7 p.m. or Thursday mornings, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., please see the sign up sheets on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.

Food insecurity is a day to day need for many people across the nation, and, we know, here in Bay County. Our Westminster Community Pantry is connecting with over 100 families a week.

ONE ITEM A MONTH can be a great help in fulfilling the needs of our Pantry guests and in helping to keep our Pantry stocked.

*In October we are beginning our One Item a Month request. This will help keep our Pantry stocked especially with holidays in November and December. **Our October donation item will be cooking oil**, something we know will be appreciated and is needed. The oil can be left on the cart outside the pantry door. WHAT a nice surprise this will be for our Pantry guests. THANK YOU.*

MONETARY donations are also appreciated. Every dollar donated to our Food Pantry buys up to 4 meals for our Pantry guests.

THANK YOU PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

A very special thank you to Westminster's Presbyterian Women's Association for giving the funds raised at this year's Rummage Sale and Bake SALE to the Westminster Community Pantry. Every dollar donated to our Food Pantry buys up to 4 meals for our Pantry families. So this gift of \$2,266.07 will be used wisely and appreciated by many Bay County families.

THANK YOU TO OUR YOUTH GROUP: On Sunday, our youth group went apple picking. Thanks to them the Westminster Community Pantry has 96 lbs of delicious apples to share with their Pantry guests and with Food of Faith. We thank the apple farm owners in Essexville who welcomed our youth to pick a variety of healthy and colorful apples. The pantry will provide their Pantry guests with easy apple sauce recipes that they can take home with their apples.

BULLETIN BOARDS: Check out the Church bulletin board just outside the sanctuary for upcoming church events and happenings, **plus sign-up sheets for volunteer opportunities for:**

- **You Choose Food Pantry**
- **Food Bank of Eastern Michigan**
- **Food of Faith**
- **Matthew 25 Cafe**
- **Harvest Party/Chili Cook-off**
- **Fellowship Time Host**

In addition, the Community bulletin board in Fellowship Hall has information on health screenings, grief groups and other events in the area.

PER CAPITA 2024 Per capita for 2024 is \$29.50. Remember that Per Capita goes to fund the greater church including our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly, which in turn, provides great support to Westminster. **Look for the blue envelopes in the pew backs or in your box of envelopes.**

MATTHEW 25 CAFE VOLUNTEERS: See the invitation on the back page for information on the Salvation Army's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.



The Salvation Army

Cordially invites you to the

2024 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

on

Monday, November 11, 2024

From 6:00 - 7:30 pm

at

The Salvation Army

401 Tenth Street, Bay City

Please RSVP to Andrea by Wednesday, November 6th

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Or 989-893-3041 x 305

