

Westminster At Worship

*A Celebration of Worship
7th Sunday after Epiphany
Celebration of Stewardship
Ordination and Installation of Officers*

February 23, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Please silence your cell phones prior to entering the sanctuary.

†Those who feel comfortable standing may do so.



GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Take delight in the Lord and receive the desires of your heart.

We will bring a generosity of spirit and sing the harmony of mercy.

The meek shall inherit the land and rejoice in God's love.

We praise the Lord of mercy, pouring it out for all.

Do good and trust the Lord. Love first; forgive first; give first.

We come to worship, to heed the Word, and to grow in faith and love.

†HYMN

"Come, Worship God"

O QUANTA QUALIA

*Come, worship God, who is worthy of honor;
enter God's presence with thanks and a song!*

*You are the rock of your people's salvation
to whom our jubilant praises belong.*

*Ruled by your might are the heights of the mountains;
held in your hands are the depths of the earth.
Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,
God above all gods, who gave us our birth.*

*We are your people, the sheep of your pasture;
you are our Maker, and to you we pray.
Gladly we kneel in obedience before you;
great is the one whom we worship this day!*

*Now let us listen, for you speak among us;
open our hearts to receive what you say.
Peace be to all who remember your goodness,
trust in your word, and rejoice in your way!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray:

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways
or trusted your promises.**

We love only those who love us;

we show kindness only to those who are kind to us;

we give only when we expect to receive.

Forgive us, Lord.

Fill our hearts with your selfless love.

Change our lives by your matchless grace.

These things we pray through Christ our Savior.

— A Time of Silent Confession —

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Children of the Most High God, through Jesus Christ our Lord we have received grace in good measure—spilling out and running over.

This is the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Now go and live as Christ commands: Be merciful, as God is merciful; do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; but forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Amen.

†RESPONSE TO GOD’S GRACE

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 find you on your journey toward grace and mercy. May the grace of forgiveness and the kindness of mercy dwell in your hearts today. The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Take a moment to greet those around you.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 37:1-11

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:27-38

SERMON

“The Golden Rules”

REV. JAMIE MILTON

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.

CHORAL ANTHEM

CHANCEL CHOIR

“We Will Walk in the Light”

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

A LITANY OF GIFTS

As in one body we have many parts and each part has its own function, so all of us together with Christ are one body, and we all belong to each other.

We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.

If your gift is to hear God’s Word,
speak it out in faith.

If your gift is service,
live to serve others.

If your gift is the heart of a teacher,
teach what is true.

Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;
let leaders work diligently for the people, and let those who serve the poor, serve gladly.

Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit,
**serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering, constant
in prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all.**

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

†PROFESSION OF FAITH

With the whole church, let us rise and confess our faith.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and
earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, he sitteth at
the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Ghost?

**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.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

INVITATION TO OFFERING

~ Please record your presence on the "Friendship Pad"

†HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"

HERE I AM

*I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?*

Refrain:

*Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
(Refrain)*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
(Refrain)*

†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, we bring this offering of our money, prayer, and labor to advance your work of mercy. We willingly and joyfully celebrate your generosity, by sharing our abundance with the church, our community, and the world. Bless these gifts, as they go forth to do good in your world without judgment or prejudice. Amen.

†HYMN

“Lord, When I Came into This Life”

LAND OF REST

*Lord, when I came into this life
you called me by my name;
today I come, commit myself,
responding to your claim.*

*Within the circle of the faith,
as member of your cast,
I take my place with all the saints
of future, present, past.*

*In all the tensions of my life,
between my faith and doubt,
let your great Spirit give me hope,
sustain me, lead me out.*

*So help me in my unbelief
and let my life be true:
feet firmly planted on the earth,
my sights set high on you.*

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2025

• **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.

• **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 BIBLE STUDY** classes are offered at two different times to accommodate various schedules. Join us **Sundays at 9:00 a.m.** in the Session Room or **Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.** via Zoom. The same study materials will be used at both gatherings. Please visit our Adult Bible Study page on our website at www.wpcbc.org or see Rev. Linda or Pastor Jamie with any questions.

• **YOUTH GROUP DINNERS:** Our Youth Group meets from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday nights. This time includes a meal together. If you are able to prepare and serve a meal (foods that young people like, such as Mac and cheese, chicken tenders, make-your-own sandwiches, etc.) or donate money towards dinner, please scan the QR code to sign up. Or call the church office.



• **Join us today after worship** as we gather for a **CELEBRATION OF STEWARDSHIP.** We will be hosting a luncheon after worship. Please plan to attend and celebrate all that we're able to do together!

• **CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!** If you had your picture taken for the directory last year, you can pick up your copy after worship or in the church office during the week.

• If you are looking for a wonderful volunteer experience, Westminster is again sponsoring a **full bed build** for the **SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE** organization. The date is **April 12** from 8:45 a.m. until roughly noon at Delta College. We'll have a lunch afterwards in the break room at Delta. We are teaming up with First Presbyterian Church to fully staff one bed build day which will require 50 to 60 volunteers. Delta College is requiring that **volunteers must be at least 18 years of age.** No construction skills are required, and SHP provides training and all tools and equipment. Sign up using the QR code above. Spaces are limited, so sign up soon. Contact Len Petroff, Darlene Kusterer, or Bonnie Marsh if you have questions.



• The **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** for today's service are provided in celebration of **Tom and Marilyn Kayner's 60th wedding anniversary.** Congratulations!

• **LUNCH AND LEARN:** We will meet on **Tuesday, February 25th at noon** in the Fellowship Hall. Kristin Freeman of the Bay County Library System will be our special guest. We will again order sandwiches from a local deli, placing a group order but people will be choosing and paying for their sandwiches individually. Any questions, please call the church office or Rev. Linda.

• **CHANGE OF PLANS:** The **Deborah Circle** will meet at 4 p.m. Thursday, February 27th at the home of Sherry Holley. We will enjoy a light snack and watch an episode of The Chosen.

• **WAYS TO SUPPORT THE WESTMINSTER COMMUNITY PANTRY:**

If you would like to sign up to work our **Westminster Community Pantry**, Wednesday evenings, 4 to 6 p.m. or Thursday mornings, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., please see the sign up sheets on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.

- In January, the Westminster Community Pantry served 196 households with 5396 pounds of food. Our guests appreciate the Chunky soups that you have donated to the Pantry. It is such a popular item that it remains our **Item of the Month for February**. Also **can openers** continue to be requested.
- Looking ahead, the **MARCH ITEM OF THE MONTH** will be breakfast cereal. Your donations of hats, gloves, scarves, socks and other warm winter items are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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!



• **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!

• **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:**

- **Westminster Community Pantry**
- **Food of Faith**
- **Matthew 25 Cafe**
- **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 FOR 2025** is \$30.69. This is per active, confirmed member.

• **JOIN US ON FACEBOOK:** Westminster Presbyterian Church-Bay City

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