

Westminster At Worship

A Celebration of Worship *5th Sunday after Epiphany*

February 9, 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

Holy One, earth and heaven reverberate with your glory, and humans and angels alike sing your praises. Open our minds to your breathtaking work in the world, even as you call us to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, our mentor and savior, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Those who are comfortable standing, are invited to do so, as we all rise in body or spirit to join in our opening response:

We have come from different backgrounds on various roads to get here.

But we are all here seeking an experience of the holy.

Listen for the promise of God's steadfast love and God's faithfulness.

We are listening for God's call in our lives.

We respond with our whole heart, singing God's praise and giving thanks.

In steadfast love, God fulfills the divine purposes for our lives.

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray:

**O God, though we walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve and deliver us.**

**Though our lips are not clean
and our hearts are not pure, you call us.**

**Forgive us, we pray, when we wander away from you, lost and
at risk.**

**Forgive us when our lives do not reflect your glory
and the purposes you intend.**

**Help us to comprehend your ways in the world.
We long to feel your grace and glory,
for in you, Emmanuel, we can be healed and set free;
in Jesus' name, we pray.**

— A Time of Silent Confession —

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news of the Gospel:
**We are loved. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God for a love like that!**

†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

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Take a moment to greet those around you.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SPECIAL MUSIC

CONTEMPORARY CHOIR

"I Will Rise"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-13

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 5:1-11

SERMON

“Because you say so, I will ...”

REV. JAMIE MILTON

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 at 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.

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

CHANCEL CHOIR

“With a Voice of Singing”

~ 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

Will you join me in the prayer of dedication:

Holy One, we give you thanks for your generosity to us.

**Bless these gifts and multiply them, for the sake of those in need
around us; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

†HYMN

"Jesus Calls Us"

GALILEE

*Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth
saying, "Christian, follow me."*

*Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."*

*In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."*

*Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.*

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Let each one of us respond:
Here I am! Send me!
Amen!

†POSTLUDE

SETH CUNNINGHAM



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 9, 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.

• Have any old **HATS, MITTENS OR COATS** laying around that you haven't worn in a while? We have noticed that some of our **food pantry clients are in need of warm winter clothing**, and are now collecting donations of warm clothing items that can be given away to those who visit the Westminster Community Pantry. Donations may be left on the cart outside the pantry or in the church office.

• **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.



• Karen Mitchell will be out of town until February 13, 2025. If you have anyone that you would like to be added to the **WINGS OF PRAYER LIST**, please contact Patti Wesenick at 989-737-6844.

• Join us, Sunday, February 16th as we celebrate **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**. Westminster's Session Members will be hosting a Celebration 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.

• Westminster is again sponsoring a bed build with **Sleep in Heavenly Peace**. As was done last year we will be teaming up with Bay City 1st Presbyterian Church. The date of the build is set for **April 12** at Delta College. So please mark that date in your calendar. We had an outstanding turnout last year, and everybody had a great time helping with this wonderful cause. Registration information will be forthcoming. Contact Len Petroff for any questions

• **SPAM ALERT!** Please be aware of an ongoing attempt to take advantage of your generosity! Many of you received an email from a scammer pretending to be Pastor Jamie. This particular time they were looking for gift cards to help out a person in need. We'd like to remind you that no one from the church will ever contact you via email, text message, or through a social media site, asking for gift cards or financial help. Whenever we do collect offerings or donations, you will hear about it in worship, or the newsletter. If you ever have a question about a call, text, or email you receive, please contact 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 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.

Your donations of hats, gloves, scarves, socks and other warm winter items are greatly appreciated. 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.

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!



• **PER CAPITA FOR 2025** is \$30.69. This is per active, confirmed member.

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