

Westminster At Worship

A Celebration of Worship

Welcome Others as God Welcomes You

October 10, 2021

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Please rise, in body or in spirit, wherever you may be worshipping with us today, and join in the Call to Worship.

LEADER: This is the day the Lord has made.

PEOPLE: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

LEADER: God made the world and welcomed us in it.

PEOPLE: Let us welcome all as well.

OPENING HYMN

ROYAL OAK

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Chancel Choir Recording

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you, to love and serve one another, and to care for all your creatures. Yet, in the hardness of our hearts, we dismiss your commandments and seek to go our separate ways. Lord, have

mercy on us. Redeem, restore, and re-create us, for the sake of Christ our Savior.

— *Silent Prayer* —

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news of God's grace: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

†SHARING GOD'S PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

FANNING THE FLAME

Rev. Isaac Chung

Following the time with young disciples at the front of the sanctuary, children are invited to follow Ms. Brandi to the Campfire Meeting (Children's Church), and can be picked up following the service at the end of the Sunday School hallway.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Hebrew Lesson

Leviticus 19:33-34

Second Lesson Lesson

Genesis 1-2 (selected verses)

SERMON

"Welcome Others as God Welcomes You"

Rev. Jamie Milton & Rev. Isaac Chung

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offerings may be placed in the offering plate located at the rear of the sanctuary before or after the worship service.

OFFERTORY

CHOPLIN

“Within These Walls”
Chancel Choir Recording

†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In the spirit of faith, Welcoming God, we thank you for the opportunity to give tithes and offerings, to participate in extending your grace to more and more people, and to give all glory to you. Amen.

BEING SENT WITH GOD’S WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

DIVERNON

“Come Share the Lord”
Chancel Choir Recording

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Judy Harrelson

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 10, 2021

FLOWERS today are given by Nancy Swantek in remembrance of her husband's birthday.

WELCOME BACK, REV. ISAAC CHUNG AND FAMILY! Rev. Chung served as the Associate Pastor at Westminster from 2010-2012, and has returned TODAY to share with us his new call to ministry where his family will answer God's call to serve overseas. In addition to sharing with us during the 10:30 worship service, a reception will be held following worship for a chance to catch up and visit with Isaac and his family. A "free will" offering will be collected to help support their ministry. Any gift can be sent to the church with the note "for Rev. Chung." Checks can be made out to Westminster.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Francis of Assisi was a reformer and renewer of the

church in the twelfth century and was known for his love of animals and care for the environment. A growing tradition in many Christian churches is to remember his care for God's creatures by holding a Blessing of the Animals service. Today, we will hold TWO short services on the north lawn that will include an individual blessing for each pet present. At 4:00 p.m., we will welcome all animals except dogs, and at 4:30 p.m., we will welcome all dogs. All animals must be caged or on a leash. You may also bring a photo of your pet if you do not want to bring them to the church.

OFFERINGS: The offering plate will not be passed during the worship service. Instead, offerings may be placed in the offering plates located at the rear of the sanctuary before or after the worship service. Thank you!

LUNCH & LEARN: Join us for the second installment of our Lunch & Learn program on Tuesday, October 26 at noon in Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Mother Sandra Jones of the RL Jones Community Outreach Center of Greater Holy Temple in Flint, Michigan. In addition to heading up the distribution of food and water to the community of Flint, First Lady Jones is the wife of Bishop RL Jones, pastor of Greater Holy Temple Church of God in Christ. She is a dynamic speaker with a powerful story to tell.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: When we respond to Jesus' summons to "Follow me" and we choose to follow, we are committing to a lifelong apprenticeship journey — one in which we will continually be formed, reformed, and transformed. Discipleship is not a skill, it's a way of life. Bible Study classes will be offered at two different times to accommodate various schedules. Join us on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Session Room or Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The same study materials will be used at both gatherings, and are available for pick-up in the church office. See Rev. Linda or Pastor Jamie with any questions.

THE WIRED WORD, "where current events and faith intersect," will resume on Tuesday, October 5 at 1:00 via Zoom. News is inevitable — whether good or bad, but what better way to extract hope from this input than to juxtapose scriptures as tools to persevere and navigate our daily walk in Christian faith. Our weekly Wired Word gatherings allow us to reflect on the week's happenings with others who may not share exactly our same thoughts and opinions, but are equally dedicated to

thinking about and talking about how current events intersect with our faith questions and convictions. Any questions, or to receive study material and Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 686-1360 or parishassoc@wpcbc.org.

SWEATY SHEEP/WESTMINSTER WELLNESS WALKING GROUP: Want to join your church friends for some exercise and fellowship? Each Tuesday at 6:00 p.m., we will meet at a different park in Bay City. For more information, contact Sandy at sandra.graves@gmail.com or Tami tami.sivy@gmail.com with questions, or to be added to our Facebook group.

DEBORAH CIRCLE: Ladies, you are invited! The Deborah Circle will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. Contact Karen Schoeppach at 989-684-1322 or kaysue@chartermi.net for Zoom information.

CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE takes place on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. All choir members will wear a mask, and all singing will take place socially distanced in the sanctuary. All music will be pre-recorded and played during Sunday's worship services. If you wish to join us, contact Dawn at 989-894-0426.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD: If you are looking for grief support groups, health clinics, or volunteer opportunities that take place within our community, please check out the community bulletin board located in Fellowship Hall.

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK: Westminster Presbyterian Church - Bay City

This Week at Westminster

Today, Sunday, October 10, 2021

- 9:00 a.m. First Light (Sunday School)
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Reception with Rev. Chung
- 4:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals (no dogs)
- 4:30 p.m. Blessing of the Animals (all dogs)
- 5:00 p.m. Ignite (Youth Group)

Monday, October 11

- 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, October 12

- 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Hands Knitting
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Lions Club
- 1:00 p.m. The Wired Word via Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 150
- 6:00 p.m. Wellness Walking Group
- 6:30 p.m. Joint Meeting of Spiritual Growth, Family & Fellowship, Worship Committee, and Mission

Wednesday, October 13

- 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom

Thursday, October 14

- 8:30 p.m. TOPS
- 5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah
- 5:00 p.m. Combustion Council
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Next Sunday, October 17

- 9:00 a.m. First Light (Sunday School)
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 5:00 p.m. Ignite (Youth Group)

Now is the time to begin thinking about what we will be doing and where we will be going in 2022.

As you look at what you want to see happening next year in our church, consider: What part does Westminster Presbyterian Church play in your family's life?

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Friday
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

What will Westminster need to continue and expand our programs, and our part in furthering God's work: What ministries of our church are important to you?

Westminster has many ways of touching people inside and outside of our walls: When did being a part of this church family make a difference to you?

