

Westminster At Worship

Day of Pentecost

May 23, 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

WESTMINSTER AT WORK - Vacation Bible School

†CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: In rushing wind, in cleansing fire...

PEOPLE: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

LEADER: In courage found, in strength renewed...

PEOPLE: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

LEADER: In visions born, in dreams restored...

PEOPLE: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

LEADER: In hopes rekindled, in fears released...

PEOPLE: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

LEADER: In the church's sudden birth, in possibilities untold...

PEOPLE: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

LEADER: In rushing wind, in cleansing fire...

PEOPLE: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

OPENING HYMN

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Trio

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we do not often listen for your Holy Spirit. We turn from your guidance and your inspiration. The whispers and the shouts do not penetrate the noise of our daily lives. We silence the wisdom available to us through your Spirit of Truth. Open our lives to your holy whispers and shouts, that our very lives may testify to unseen hope.

— *Silent Prayer* —

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†SHARING GOD’S PEACE

God has sent us the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, to bless us and save us from our fears. In celebration of this gift, let us share God’s love with one another. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Gospel Lesson

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Second Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

SERMON

“Empowered By the Spirit”

Rev. Jamie Milton

†AN AFFIRMATION FOR PENTECOST written by John Harvey
We believe in a loving God, whose Word sustains our lives and
the work of our hands in the world. **GOD IS LIFE.**
We believe in God's Son amongst us, sowing the seed of life's
renewal. He lived with the poor to show the meaning of love.
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD.
We believe in the Holy Spirit of Life, making us one with God,
renewing our strength with Her own. **THE SPIRIT IS LOVE.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Suddenly"
Brandi Higgins

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

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Wendy Tally

†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of mercy, we give you thanks for all that your bounty
creates. The gifts we bring today acknowledge our debt to
you and our intent to relieve others of their burdens. Bless

**what we offer and bless those who will be shown deeds of
power through them;
May this Pentecost Offering be used to help young people
around the world experience your love and know that they
are cared for, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF DEDICATION

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"
Trio

CHILDREN'S MOMENT - Invitation to Pentecost Celebration

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 23, 2021

FLOWERS TODAY are given in glory to God for the ministry of Carol Castrodale on what would be her 91st birthday.

PENTECOST SUNDAY: Join us TODAY following worship for a celebration of the birth of the church. We will congregate on the north lawn, and festivities will include a Pigout Picnic, puppets, activities for children, music, and more!

OUTDOOR HYMN SING: Join us next Sunday, May 30 following worship! It has been wonderful to be able to return to in-person worship with our safety guidelines in place. One thing that we are still unable to do safely indoors is sing together. Knowing we all miss that part of worship, we plan to hold some outdoor hymn sings. Following worship, join us on the north lawn for a time of masked singing.

THE AGING & SPIRITUALITY Summer Movie Series begins on Tuesday, May 25 at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, where we have good ventilation and lots of space to spread out (as well as popcorn). We will view *I Can Only Imagine*, a 2018 American Christian biographical drama film. The film is based on the story behind the group MercyMe's song, *I Can Only Imagine*, the best-selling Christian single of all time. The movie tells the life story of Bart Millard, the lead singer who wrote the song about his relationship with his own father. In 2018, this film won the Dove Award for "Inspirational Film of the Year". Throughout the summer we will continue to watch one film a month — June 29th, July 27th, and August 31st — the last Tuesday of each month. Stay tuned for more information on this summer's movie schedule.

GRADUATION SUNDAY is June 13. If you know someone who is graduating from high school, college, or university, please call the church office and let us know! We will recognize graduates on this day during the worship service.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Join us on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom as we delve into the Book of Acts. Acts is all about stories —

activities, actions, actors. And with that, the promise that it will never be dull! As always, the reason to study the Bible is not to simply know the facts, but to reflect on how these activities, actions, and actors connect to our 21st century lives. The book, *Acts from Scratch*, is available in the church office (donation appreciated). Any questions regarding the class or for Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 989-686-1360 or email at parishassoc@wpcbc.org.

THE WIRED WORD ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Join us on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. Enjoy lively conversations about current events in the news and the Bible passages that relate to those events. Any questions regarding the class or for Zoom information, contact Rev. Linda at 989-686-1360 or email at parishassoc@wpcbc.org.

THE BOOK CLUB will meet on Tuesday, May 25 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. We will discuss the book, *The Red Tent* by, Anita Diamant. Books are available at church this month. They are available in the church office for check-out and can be picked up during regular business hours. Contact Nikelle at cedirector@wpcbc.org to receive Zoom login information.

DEBORAH CIRCLE: Ladies, you are invited! The Deborah Circle will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m. Contact Darlene Kusterer or the church office for Zoom information.

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



**Register today
for one or BOTH
options at wpcbc.org**

Hybrid VBS (Virtual and/or In-Person)

Virtual includes: opening/closing with songs and skits, interactive Bible story, KidVid Cinema, Imagination Station with super-fun GIZMOS

Outdoor in-person on the grounds at Westminster Presbyterian Church **1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** each day includes: skits, games, crafts/activities and a Bible Story!

The cost is FREE, but you must pre-register!

This Week at Westminster

Today, Sunday, May 23, 2021

- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Pentecost Sunday Outdoor Fellowship

Tuesday, May 25

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m. Aging & Spirituality Movie
6:00 p.m. Book Club via Zoom
7:00 p.m. Deborah Circle via Zoom

Wednesday, May 26

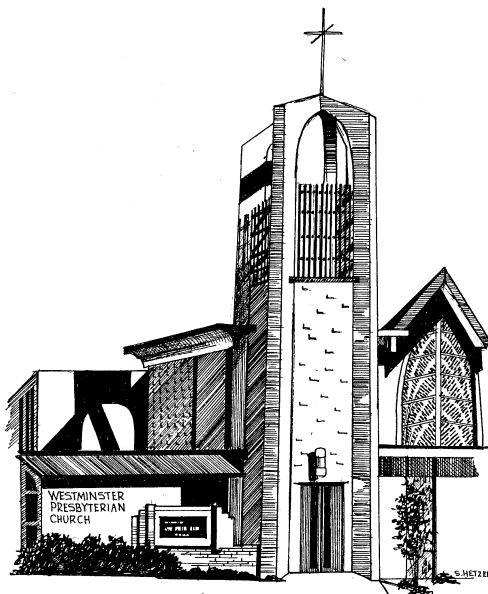
- 1:00 p.m. The Wired Word via Zoom

Thursday, May 27

- 5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom

Next Sunday, May 30

- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Outdoor Hymn Sing



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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
lunch 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

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