

# Westminster At Worship

*Follow Jesus by Making Disciples  
Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
Sacrament of Baptism*

October 3, 2021

10:30 a.m.



## GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north,

**PEOPLE: To celebrate the God of peace who accompanies us in our acts of peace.**

LEADER: This God of peace accompanies us in each and every circumstance around us.

**PEOPLE: We praise God's name! Amen!**

### HYMN

BEACH SPRING

*"As We Gather at Your Table"*  
Chancel Choir Recording

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Presence, Life, Fire, God who is Three in One, we confess that we have turned away from you. We gaze upon ourselves as if we are worthy of worship. We take your creation into our hands, not to love, but to use and then to discard. We go to the people of the land, not to serve, but to press them into**

our service. We do not deserve that you would even notice us, but we pray for mercy because you are merciful.  
Flame of Love, purify us from sin; Eternal Now, lead us to your truth; Risen One, baptize us into union with you. Transform us into faithful disciples who worship you alone, God who is Trinity.

— *Silent Prayer* —

Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, believe this good news:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

#### **PRESENTATION**

LEADER: Hear also these words from Ephesians: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

**PEOPLE: One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

#### **QUESTIONS FOR THE PARENTS**

#### **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

LEADER: Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Zoey by word and deed, with love and prayer?

**PEOPLE: We do.**

LEADER: Will you encourage her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of this church?

**PEOPLE: We will.**

#### **RENUNCIATIONS**

## **†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

**LEADER:** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE:** And also with you.

**LEADER:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**PEOPLE:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## **LITANY OF PRAYER**

**LEADER:** It is the water of baptism.

**PEOPLE:** It is the water of life.

## **THE BAPTISM**

### **WELCOME AND PEACE**

**LEADER:** Zoey has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**PEOPLE:** With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

LEADER: Grateful for the promises we share in our Baptism let us share the peace of Christ with one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

### **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

**First Gospel Reading  
Matthew 3:13-17**

**Second Gospel Reading  
Matthew 28:16-20**

**SERMON**

*"Follow Jesus by Making Disciples"*  
Rev. Jamie Milton

**OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

PRICE/BESIG

*"Come Now and Follow Me"*  
Chancel Choir Recording

**DOXOLOGY**

Wendy Tally

**†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**For all that you have given us, we thank you, gracious God. For day and night, evening and morning, for land and sea, for fish and birds, plants and animals, for humankind, and for your Son, who came among us with the gift of life abundant.**

**Let your Holy Spirit abide in our midst and work through our gifts, that all people may have joy and peace, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### HYMN OF DEDICATION

ENGELBERG

*"Go to the World"*  
Chancel Choir Recording

### LITANY OF THE GREAT COMMISSION

PASTOR: Jesus calls us. Come follow me!

**ALL: He spoke of turning the world upside down, where**

LECTERN SIDE: Leaders were servants,

PULPIT SIDE: Hungry people were fed,

LECTERN SIDE: Prisoners were set free,

PULPIT SIDE: Sick people were healed,

**ALL: And peace ruled over hatred and war.**

LITURGIST: To everyone he said, "Follow me, and I will show  
you the way to God."

**ALL: We have good news to share!**

PASTOR: Jesus commissions us, Go and make disciples of all  
nations,

LECTERN SIDE: baptizing them

**ALL: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,**

PULPIT SIDE: And teaching them

**ALL: To obey everything that I have commanded you:**

LECTERN SIDE: Repent.

PULPIT SIDE: Rejoice and be glad.

LECTERN SIDE: Let your light shine.

PULPIT SIDE: Be reconciled.

LECTERN SIDE: Do not fear.

PULPIT SIDE: Seek God's kin-dom first.

LECTERN SIDE: Let the little ones come to me.

PULPIT SIDE: Forgive one another.

PASTOR: Love one another as I have loved you.

**ALL: We have good news to share!**

## CHARGE & BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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**FLOWERS** today are given by James Rowley and family in memory of Elizabeth Rowley.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Zoey Ann Alpert, daughter of Janel and Neil Alpert, and granddaughter of Sharon and Tim Rutzen for receiving the Sacrament of Baptism today.

**WELCOME BACK, REV. ISAAC CHUNG AND FAMILY!** Rev. Chung served as the Associate Pastor at Westminster from 2010-2012, and will be returning to visit with us on Sunday, October 10 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. On October 10, 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.

**JOIN US FOR A HARVEST PARTY & CHILI COOK-OFF CONTEST** following worship on October 31! Games will include mummy bowling, apple toss, pumpkin painting, and more. There will also be costumes available for the kids. See Brandi Higgins or Dawn Reszke to enter into the chili cook-off contest.

**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.

## *This Week at Westminster*

### **Today, Sunday, October 3, 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.	Fellowship Time
5:00 p.m.	Ignite (Youth Group)

### **Monday, October 4**

7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting
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### **Tuesday, October 5**

10:00 a.m.	Hearts & Hands Knitting
1:00 p.m.	The Wired Word via Zoom
6:00 p.m.	Wellness Walking Group
6:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 150
6:00 p.m.	Personnel Meeting

### **Wednesday, October 6**

6:00 p.m.	Property Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study via Zoom

### **Thursday, October 7**

8:30 p.m.	TOPS
5:00 p.m.	Food of Faith at Messiah
5:00 p.m.	Combustion Council (Youth Group)
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir

### **Next Sunday, October 10**

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)

### **Westminster's Wellness Walking Group**

will now meet on Tuesdays. Join us this Tuesday, October 5 at 6:00 p.m. at the Williams Township Park, located at 1080 W. Midland Road in Auburn.



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### **Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

*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?*



