



## Westminster Highlights

### wlworship

There are several changes to our worship, although the elements of worship remain the same. We place a new value on our own health and how our actions affect those around us. We now have a consistent and high-quality livestream for those that need to remain at home. We continue to offer a mask-preferred section for those who need to protect their health. We are encouraged as we meet in person and grow in our study of Scripture. Over the past year we finished up the sermon series Unhindered as we walked through Paul's missionary journeys in Acts; we encamped around Mount Sinai over the summer as we studied the Ten[der] Commandments and the way they speak into our hearts and lives; and we started a three-year study of Romans with the series Grafted, in which we dove into the doctrine of justification. Our nursery re-opened with a new look, thanks to the work of our Nursery Director Jeri Lyn Triolo, and the number of children ages 0-3 in our nursery has doubled. We are so glad to have our choir back and leading us in music. Our worship training program for ages 4-7, Worship Kidz, rebooted and is enjoying steady growth.

### wlshare

Fellowship is especially sweet when we remember the hardships of the previous 18 months. Our youth group continues to grow under the leadership of Tree Triolo and his dedicated youth helpers; it's an outreach to several community families and we pray for the connections with our church to grow deeper. Our women have enjoyed meeting together for summer pop-up events, gatherings such as the fall kickoff, and our Titus 2 groups. The Life Group for visitors encourages lively discussion about the sermon and serves as a connection point for those getting to know the church. We have welcomed new families into membership this year, and are enjoying these new friendships.

### wlserve

In 2021 Westminster people rediscovered a heart for service and we experienced tremendous growth in outreach to our local community. Our summer Vacation Bible School was one of the only in town to meet in person and we had a blockbuster week in July under the direction of Tree "Dr. Diggingstone" Triolo, with over 100 kids in attendance and 38 new community families. During the ThanksGiving Meal Giveaway, we served 120 meals and invited 26 families to worship with us. Our Fall Festival at Tanglewood Park served around 300 people and resulted in almost 40 new contacts. As a result of our new partnership with BCS Together, we're meeting real physical needs for children and families touched by the child welfare system. WPC'ers have travelled to Lake Charles to rebuild after hurricane damage, and we've assisted ElderAid with local rebuilding projects. We're learning how to play the long game in our relational evangelism; as we meet those outside the church through multiple contacts, we share the gospel, our love for our community, and meet real physical needs. As recipients of God's long game in sanctifying grace, we extend the same patience and lovingkindness to those in need around us.

### wlgrow

As a part of our commitment to grow in God's Word, we rebranded Sunday School this year. Our new Life Groups meet after the service and we've doubled participation in that hour of growth. We hope to incorporate even more fellowship and service as these groups increase in size. Our first semester of Leadership DNA, a curriculum developed by Pastor Wade, experienced a high turnout, with about 20 in regular attendance and a commitment to study the doctrines of the church. Mens and womens Bible studies meet regularly and they have even become an evangelism tool to invite our neighbors to hear the Good News.

### CASH ASSETS (as of 10/31/21)

	GIVING YTD	BAL. ON HAND
General Funds	\$647,709.17	\$234,118.81
Restricted Funds (Capital Fund, Renovation & Deferred Maint)	\$1,205.00	\$120,655.70
Pledge of Faith	\$30,263.88	\$4,492.57
Alms	\$6,533.80	\$4,622.81
Roof Replacement Insurance Claim		\$249,567.47
<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS:</b>	<b>\$647,709.17</b>	<b>\$379,338.55</b>

### EXPENSES

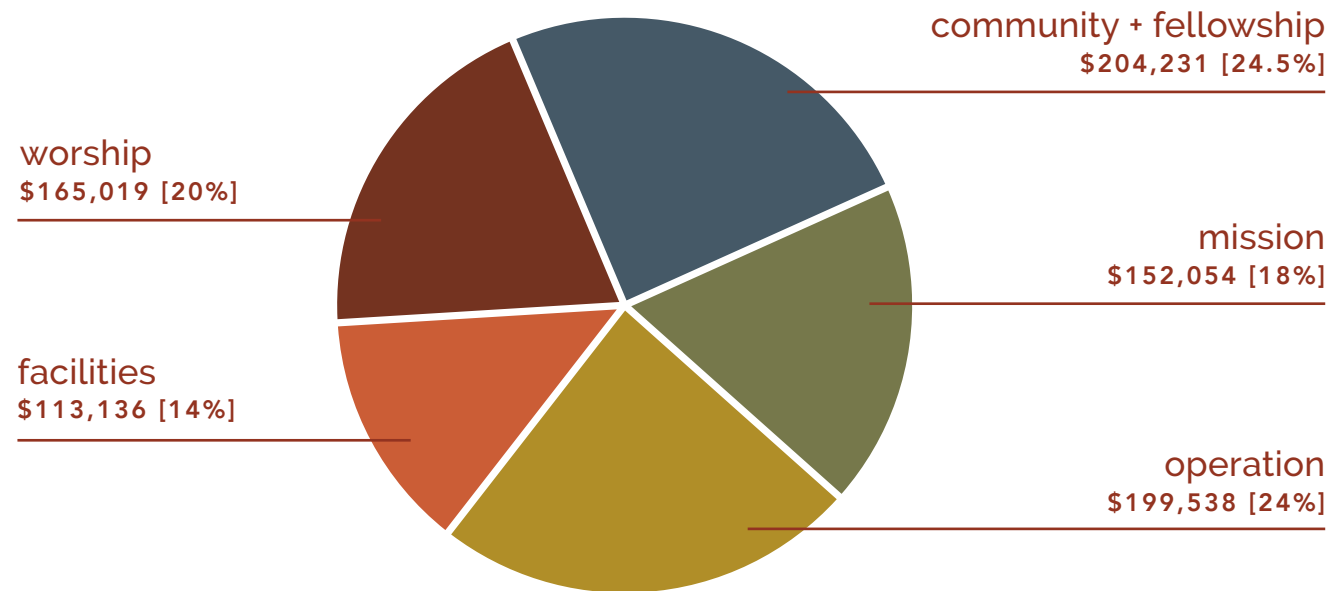
	BUDGET 2021	BUDGET 2022	% CHANGE
<b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>\$128,767</b>	<b>\$165,019</b>	<b>28.2%</b>
Worship Ministry	\$8,495	\$7,895	-7.1%
Music Ministries	\$4,875	\$4,875	0.0%
Worship Ministries Staff	\$115,397	\$152,249	31.9%
<b>COMMUNITY &amp; FELLOWSHIP</b>	<b>\$170,050</b>	<b>\$204,231</b>	<b>20.1%</b>
Children's Ministry	\$11,425	\$14,995	31.2%
Youth Ministries	\$16,270	\$18,200	11.9%
College Ministry	\$750	\$0	-100%
Adult Education	\$1,200	\$1,200	0.0%
Men's Ministry	\$0	\$1,000	0.0%
Women's Ministry	\$6,800	\$9,050	33.1%
Community Development & Fellowship	\$12,450	\$19,020	52.8%
Outreach	\$7,900	\$10,600	34.2%
Community & Fellowship Ministry Staff	\$113,255	\$130,166	14.9%
<b>MISSION</b>	<b>\$186,060</b>	<b>\$152,054</b>	<b>-18.3%</b>
Missions	\$144,561	\$108,780	-24.8%
Mercy	\$9,000	\$9,000	0.0%
Missions Ministry Staff	\$32,499	\$34,274	5.5%
<b>OPERATION</b>	<b>\$176,281</b>	<b>\$199,538</b>	<b>13.2%</b>
Office Expense	\$50,629	\$61,707	21.9%
Office Staff	\$125,652	\$137,831	9.7%
<b>FACILITIES</b>	<b>\$113,811</b>	<b>\$113,136</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>
Utilities	\$32,675	\$30,000	-8.2%
Insurance	\$22,000	\$27,000	22.7%
Maintenance	\$59,136	\$56,136	-5.1%
Capital Improvements	\$0	\$0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$774,969</b>	<b>\$833,978</b>	<b>7.6%</b>

WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO  
& WHERE WE'RE GOING

# Dear Church



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## 2022 General Fund Budget



## Dear Church... I love the sound of that.

"Dear Church!" The whole Bible is a letter from God to us that we could entitle Dear Church. For the whole Bible points us to a central truth as Paul reminds us in Romans 5:8: "...But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." God takes the initiative to form and fill His Church by the sacrifice of His Son to make us His people, a family gathered together; in short, His Dear Church. In 2021, we, the leadership of WPC, spent much of the year together prayerfully considering what refocus and renewal would look like for our congregation. As we rebuilt after months of living in a pandemic, we asked God to help us focus on who we are and what we are called to do as His Church.

This extended conversation led us to adopt seven core values. Three values identify "who we are;" four values identify "what we do." The outworking of these values has led to changes of which you are aware, such as moving worship to the first event we pursue on Sunday morning. This enables us to give God our first and best in His worship. It informed our discussions in building a vibrant Life Group ministry (formerly Sunday School) following the worship service to grow us in the knowledge of Christ, and to form us in smaller communities to serve and share together in life-giving ministry. It is why we are expanding and opening up our equipping and training opportunities through Leadership DNA. This material, which was formerly discussed in our officer training, now includes an invitation to the whole congregation to participate. And it is why we are forging new local ministry partnerships with organizations like BCS Together, and fortifying existing ministry commitments with partnerships like Elder Aid, Hope Pregnancy Center, and H3 Uganda.

As a congregation we anticipate some key transitions in the coming year of 2022. We are pursuing a new staff member in the area of worship leadership. After 18 years as the formal worship leader at WPC, Adam Mikeal resigned in the Fall of 2021. We are thankful for his years of faithful leadership. Currently, we are pursuing leads locally and nationally to fill this leadership need. In early 2022 we will also look to hire a part-time Children's Ministry Coordinator to help us revitalize and build our ministry to families and their children. Also, in May of 2022 the ministry of RUF at A&M will undergo a transition as William and Katherine



Bondurant will make a move to a new RUF ministry. William leaves a dedicated core of students to continue to reach the campus. The South Texas Presbytery has hired Austin McCann to become the new Campus Minister at Texas A&M in June of 2022. We will formally introduce Austin and his wife Alex and son Henry to the congregation in the Spring of 2022.

### "Who we are" Values (Our Orthodoxy)

- w|Bible** We are rooted in the truth and grace of God who, by His Holy Spirit and Word, leads us into real life change.
- w|by grace** We are not perfect people, but we are trusting in a perfect Savior who gives us a gospel (good news) to live out daily in faith and repentance.
- w|belong** We are not our own but bought with the price of Jesus' life-giving sacrifice which we embrace as children of God in daily dependence with submission to His Word and will.

### "What we do" values (Our Orthopraxy)

- w|worship** We pursue Christ daily in personal worship and weekly in corporate worship to make much of God and His life-giving grace to us.
- w|grow** We are devoted to becoming mature and equipped followers of Christ Jesus.
- w|serve** We are engaged in the mission of God's Church to serve individuals, our local community, and the nations in words and deeds of hope and grace.
- w|share** We are committed to sharing our lives with one another and those in need of relationship to Jesus and His Church by truth experienced in community that is constantly given in gracious welcome.

Westminster has a rich history, and we believe we have a vital future in BCS as God's Dear Church. May we pursue deeper worship, growth, and service in the kingdom of God as we journey and share life together. May God give us His peace, unity and strength to live as a Gospel Community for Life's Journey. Amen.

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Wade*

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