

Welcome to
**Westminster
Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, April 19, 2026 † 10:55 AM



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*Indicates those able may stand

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Calls Us

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 19:6-7

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.”

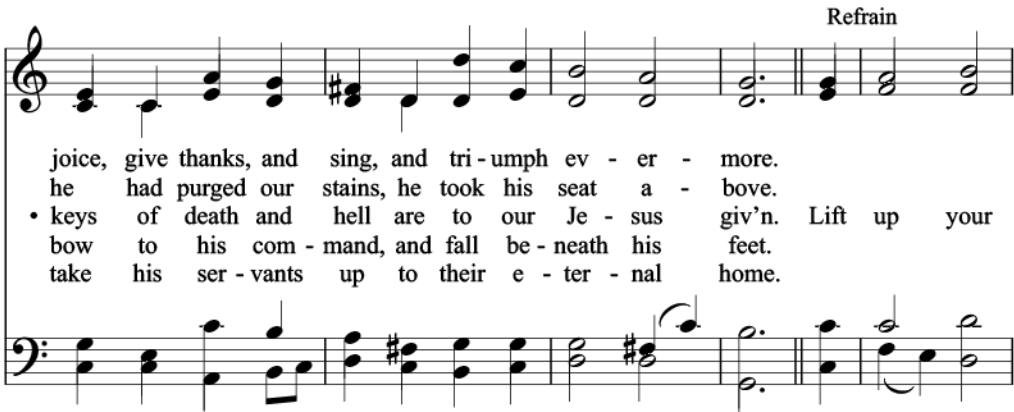
*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”



1. Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the
4. He sits at God's right hand 'til all his foes sub - mit, and
5. Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

Refrain



joi - ce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
• keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your
bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet.
take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.



heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Charles Wesley, 1744; alt.

DARWALL 6.6.6.8.8.
John Darwall, 1770

***INVOCATION & 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.**

READING OF THE LAW

Deuteronomy 6:4–9

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The Lord Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN

Augustine

Cleanse me from my secret faults, O Lord, and forgive those offenses to your servant which he has caused in others. I contend not in judgments with you, who are truth; I fear to deceive myself, lest my sin should make me think that I am not sinful. Therefore I contend not in judgment with you; for if you, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall abide it? Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 34:8

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“The Gloria Patri”

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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.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only-begotten 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty:
from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic¹ church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

¹THE WORD “CATHOLIC” REFERS TO THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH.

The Lord Feeds Us

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

CAPO IV

1. O Love that will not let me go, I
 2. O Light that foll - ow'st all my way, I
 3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I
 4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I

rest yield my wear - y soul in thee; I
 yield my flick' - ring torch to thee; My
 can - not close my heart to thee; I
 dare not ask to fly from thee; I

give thee back the li - fe I owe, That
 heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, That
 trace the rain - bow through the rain, And
 lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, And

in thine o - cean depths its flow May
 in thy sun - shine's blaze its day May
 feel the prom - ise is not vain, That
 from the ground there bless - oms red Life

ri - cher, full er - er be.
 brigh - ter, fair - er be.
 morn - shall tear - less be.
 that shall end - less be.

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*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Doxology”

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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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION “Rock of Ages”

Bb Bb/F F7sus Bb

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.
2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3. Noth - ing in my hands I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when my eyes shall close in death,

F7 Bb F7 Bb

Let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side which flowed
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

Bb Bb/F F7sus Bb

be of sin the dou - ble cure: save from wrath and make me pure.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die!
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

The LORD spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they drew near before the LORD and died, 2 and the LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron your brother not to come at any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat that is on the ark, so that he may not die. For I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat. 3 But in this way Aaron shall come into the Holy Place: with a bull from the herd for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering. 4 He shall put on the holy linen coat and shall have the linen undergarment on his body, and he shall tie the linen sash around his waist, and wear the linen turban; these are the holy garments. He shall bathe his body in water and then put them on. 5 And he shall take from the congregation of the people of Israel two male goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering.

6 “Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering for himself and shall make atonement for himself and for his house. 7 Then he shall take the two goats and set them before the LORD at the entrance of the tent of meeting. 8 And Aaron shall cast lots over the two goats, one lot for the LORD and the other lot for Azazel. 9 And Aaron shall present the goat on which the lot fell for the LORD and use it as a sin offering, 10 but the goat on which the lot fell for Azazel shall be presented alive before the LORD to make atonement over it, that it may be sent away into the wilderness to Azazel.

11 “Aaron shall present the bull as a sin offering for himself, and shall make atonement for himself and for his house. He shall kill the bull as a sin offering for himself. 12 And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from the altar before the LORD, and two handfuls of sweet incense beaten small, and he shall bring it inside the veil 13 and put the incense on the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is over the testimony, so that he does not die. 14 And he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the front of the mercy seat on the east side, and in front of the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.

15 “Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, sprinkling it over the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat. 16 Thus he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleannesses of the people of Israel and because of their transgressions, all their sins. And so he shall do for the tent of meeting, which dwells with them in the midst of their uncleannesses. 17 No one may be in the tent of meeting from the time he enters to make atonement in the Holy Place until he comes out and has made atonement for himself and for his house and for all the assembly of Israel. 18 Then he shall

go out to the altar that is before the LORD and make atonement for it, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and some of the blood of the goat, and put it on the horns of the altar all around. 19 And he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it and consecrate it from the uncleannesses of the people of Israel.

20 “And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place and the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall present the live goat. 21 And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions, all their sins. And he shall put them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who is in readiness. 22 The goat shall bear all their iniquities on itself to a remote area, and he shall let the goat go free in the wilderness.

23 “Then Aaron shall come into the tent of meeting and shall take off the linen garments that he put on when he went into the Holy Place and shall leave them there. 24 And he shall bathe his body in water in a holy place and put on his garments and come out and offer his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people and make atonement for himself and for the people. 25 And the fat of the sin offering he shall burn on the altar. 26 And he who lets the goat go to Azazel shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and afterward he may come into the camp. 27 And the bull for the sin offering and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the Holy Place, shall be carried outside the camp. Their skin and their flesh and their dung shall be burned up with fire. 28 And he who burns them shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and afterward he may come into the camp.

29 “And it shall be a statute to you forever that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict yourselves and shall do no work, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you. 30 For on this day shall atonement be made for you to cleanse you. You shall be clean before the LORD from all your sins. 31 It is a Sabbath of solemn rest to you, and you shall afflict yourselves; it is a statute forever. 32 And the priest who is anointed and consecrated as priest in his father’s place shall make atonement, wearing the holy linen garments. 33 He shall make atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make atonement for the tent of meeting and for the altar, and he shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly. 34 And this shall be a statute forever for you, that atonement may be made for the people of Israel once in the year because of all their sins.” And Aaron did as the LORD commanded Moses.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Day of Atonement”

Themes: Atonement, Purification, Scapegoat, Sin, Sacrifice, Priesthood

Summary: This chapter of Leviticus is the central point in the book, and even of the entire Law, but also the clearest type and shadow of Christ’s atonement.

1. Sin’s Defilement

2. Satisfaction and Removal

3. The True Day of Atonement

The Lord Sends Us

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING “His Mercy Is More”

D F# G D A Bm

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om - ni - scient, all know - ing, He
 2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What Fa - ther, so ten - der is
 3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us! His blood was the pay - ment; His

G A D Em7 D F# G D F#

counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore. Our
 call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. Our
 life was the cost. We stood neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford. Our

G D A D Chorus G D A D F#

sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord, His mer - cy is
 sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.
 sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

13

more. Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn. Our

17

sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Announcements

Welcome to Westminster – The Westminster family extends a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. We pray that God’s rich blessings in Christ may be yours. Visitors, please complete the Guest Card which is found at the end of each pew. We are delighted to have you with us this Lord’s Day.

Join us for Wednesday at Westminster from 5:30-7:00 for dinner at 5:30, followed by children’s classes, youth group, and an adult study. Dinner is \$5/person (max of \$20/family) and can be paid by cash or check. The menu for this week is tacos, chips and queso, and dessert. Sign up for the meal on the bulletin board in the Education Wing or contact the church office by noon Tuesday.

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School! VBS will be June 29-July 2 from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM. Registration will begin at the end of May.

We need volunteers to provide flowers in the Sanctuary for the Morning Worship Services. The sign-up sheet is on the Women’s Ministry bulletin board. Please contact the church office if you want to provide a dedication for the flowers in the bulletin. Flowers can be arrangements from a florist, your own arrangements, or potted plants. Please contact Lexine Cool or Laura Wells with any questions.

Online giving is available at www.wpcvicksburg.com by clicking on the Online Giving link.

Today and this week

Sun	9:45	Sunday School
	10:55	Morning Worship
	6:00	Session
Mon	6:30	Ping Pong
Tues	6:30	20s/30s Bible Study
Wed	5:30	Wednesday at Westminster

Upcoming Events

Hannah Circle, May 7, 10:30 AM
VBS, June 29-July 2, 9:00-11:30 AM

Pray for those with birthdays: Eden Stamper, 23

Nursery Workers: Today – Valerie Gatewood and Kelly Turner
Next Week – Frances Warren and Kinsey Karel