

Welcome to
**Westminster
Presbyterian Church**

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Bold indicates the congregation reads aloud
*Indicates those able may stand

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Calls Us

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:3, 8, 5

Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together! Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Across the Lands”

1. You're the Word of God the Fa-ther from be-fore the world be-gan;
2. Yet you left the gaze of an-gels, came to seek and save the lost,
3. With a shout you rose vic-to-rious, wrest-ing vic-t'ry from the grave,

The first system of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 6/4 time. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, G6. The bass staff has a bass line with notes G2, B1, C2, D2, E2, F#2, G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F#3, G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F#4, G4. Chord symbols D, G, D, and A are placed above the treble staff.

ev-'ry star and ev-'ry plan-et has been fash-ioned by your hand.
and ex-changed the joy of heav-en for the an-guish of a cross.
and as-cend-ed in-to heav-en, lead-ing cap-tives in your wake.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. The treble staff has notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, G6. The bass staff has notes G2, B1, C2, D2, E2, F#2, G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F#3, G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F#4, G4. Chord symbols G, D/F#, Em7, and G are placed above the treble staff.

All cre-a-tion holds to-geth-er by the pow-er of your voice;
With a prayer you fed the hun-gry, with a word you calmed the sea,
Now you stand be-fore the Fa-ther, in-ter-ced-ing for your own;

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. The treble staff has notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, G6. The bass staff has notes G2, B1, C2, D2, E2, F#2, G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F#3, G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F#4, G4. Chord symbols D, G, D, and A are placed above the treble staff.

let the skies de-clare your glo-ry; let the land and seas re-joice!
yet how si-lent-ly you suf-fered, that the guilt-y may go free!
from each tribe and tongue and na-tion you are lead-ing sin-ners home!

You're the Au-thor of cre-a-tion, you're the Lord of ev-'ry

man, and your cry of love rings out a-cross the lands.

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ACROSS THE LANDS
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*INVOCATION AND 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.

The words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven...You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect...Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven...But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you...So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

The Lord Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN

Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements, and when I have failed to boast in Your works. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others and the indulgence I have shown myself. Jesus, have mercy on me and make me whole. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 4:15–16

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*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 Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of the Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God,

begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father

by whom all things were made.

Who for us and for our salvation,

came down from heaven,

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,

and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried,

and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead;

whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe in one holy catholic¹ and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

And we look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

¹THE WORD "CATHOLIC" REFERS TO THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH.

The Lord Feeds Us

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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“Psalm 103” (v.4-6)

4. ¹²Far as east from west is dis - tant, he from sin has set us free.
5. ¹³Man is like the flow'r that blos - soms, all his days like ten - der grass
6. ¹⁹God has set his throne in heav - en; his great king - dom rules o'er all.

¹³As a fa - ther loves his chil - dren, feel - ing pit - y for their need,
¹⁶here to - day and gone to - mor - row, from the scorch - ing winds that pass.
²⁰Bless the LORD, O you his an - gels, might - y ones who do his will!

so the LORD in great com - pas - sion com - forts those who fear his name.
¹⁷Age to age the LORD shows mer - cy; chil - dren's chil - dren he will bless.
²¹Bless the LORD, you hosts of heav - en, ser - vants who per - form his word!

¹⁴He re - mem - bers we are dust, and he knows well our fee - ble frame.
¹⁸Those who keep his law and cov - 'nant, he will show his righ - teous - ness.
²²Bless the LORD, his whole do - min - ion. Come, my soul, and bless the LORD!

**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

“Just as I Am”

1. Just as I am with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2. Just as I am and wait - ing not to rid my soul of
3. Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4. Just as I am, thy love un-known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
one dark blot, to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
cleanse, re - lieve. Be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down, now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

1 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 “Speak to Aaron and his sons and to all the people of Israel and say to them, This is the thing that the LORD has commanded. 3 If any one of the house of Israel kills an ox or a lamb or a goat in the camp, or kills it outside the camp, 4 and does not bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting to offer it as a gift to the LORD in front of the tabernacle of the LORD, bloodguilt shall be imputed to that man. He has shed blood, and that man shall be cut off from among his people. 5 This is to the end that the people of Israel may bring their sacrifices that they sacrifice in the open field, that they may bring them to the LORD, to the priest at the entrance of the tent of meeting, and sacrifice them as sacrifices of peace offerings to the LORD. 6 And the priest shall throw the blood on the altar of the LORD at the entrance of the tent of meeting and burn the fat for a pleasing aroma to the LORD. 7 So they shall no more sacrifice their sacrifices to goat demons, after whom they whore. This shall be a statute forever for them throughout their generations.

8 “And you shall say to them, Any one of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn among them, who offers a burnt offering or sacrifice 9 and does not bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting to offer it to the LORD, that man shall be cut off from his people.

10 “If any one of the house of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn among them eats any blood, I will set my face against that person who eats blood and will cut him off from among his people. 11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life. 12 Therefore I have said to the people of Israel, No person among you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger who sojourns among you eat blood.

13 “Any one also of the people of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn among them, who takes in hunting any beast or bird that may be eaten shall pour out its blood and cover it with earth. 14 For the life of every creature is its blood: its blood is its life. Therefore I have said to the people of Israel, You shall not eat the blood of any creature, for the life of every creature is its blood. Whoever eats it shall be cut off. 15 And every person who eats what dies of itself or what is torn by beasts, whether he is a native or a sojourner, shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening; then he shall be clean. 16 But if he does not wash them or bathe his flesh, he shall bear his iniquity.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Table”

Themes: Atonement, 1st Commandment, Blood, Reverence, Lordship

Summary: The remainder of Leviticus is known as the Holiness Code, which shows how God demands holiness and Lordship over every aspect of life.

1. God Takes His Worship Seriously
2. God Claims Lordship Over Ordinary Moments
3. God Gives Extraordinary Grace In Ordinary Moments

The Lord Sends Us

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING “Nothing but the Blood”

1. What can wash a - way my sin? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 2. Noth-ing can for sin a - tone, noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 3. This is all my hope and peace, noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 4. Glo - ry! Glo - ry! This I sing: noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;

what can make me whole a - gain? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 naught of good that I have done, noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 this is all my righ-teous-ness, noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 all my praise for this I bring, noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Oh! pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;

no oth - er fount I know, noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Chords: G, D7, G, D, G, D7, G, G, D7, G

Words & Music: Robert Lowry, 1876

PLAINFIELD
77 with refrain

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“The Table”

Leviticus 17

Westminster *A Relationship with the Lord* Devotions (April 27th—May 2nd)

Monday: Read Leviticus 17. Review your notes from yesterday’s sermon. What was most helpful to you about yesterday’s sermon? _____

What difference will it make in your life? _____

Tuesday: Read Leviticus 17. What is the significance of blood? What was the Lord teaching his people? _____

Wednesday: Read Leviticus 17. What was the danger of the Israelites making offerings outside of the camp? What warning is there for us today? _____

Thursday: Read Leviticus 17. Leviticus speaks to various realms of our personal lives. What does this say about the Lordship of Christ in your life? _____

Friday: Read Leviticus 17. How does this passage point us toward Jesus Christ? What does the focus on blood teach us about the cross? What does his blood teach us about the sacrament of Communion? _____

Saturday: Read Leviticus 18. What questions do you have for this passage? _____

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
Mon	6:30	Ping Pong
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: Al Mashburn, 28

Nursery Workers: Today – Frances Warren and Kinsey Karel
Next Week – Kelsey Stamper and Tatum Sherwin