

Welcome to

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 17, 2025 † 10:55 AM



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Pastor Nathaniel Stamper

Bold indicates the congregation reads aloud

*****Indicates those able may stand

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Calls Us

*CALL TO WORSHIP Jeremiah 10:6-7

There is none like you, O LORD;

You are great, and your name is great in might.

Who would not fear you, O King of the nations? For this is your due; for among all the wise ones of the nations and in all their kingdoms

There is none like you.

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*PSALM OF PRAISE "Psalm 128"

Blessed the man that fears Jehovah
And that walketh in His ways;
Thou shalt eat of thy hands' labor
And be prospered all thy days.
Like a vine with fruit abounding
In thy house thy wife is found,
And like olive plants thy children,
Compassing thy table round.

Lo, on him that fears Jehovah
Shall this blessedness attend;
For Jehovah out of Zion
Shall to thee His blessing send.
Thou shalt see Jerus'lem prosper
All thy days till life shall cease;
Thou shalt see thy children's children,
Unto Is-ra-el be peace.

TUNE: NETTLETON 87.87.D (1190)

("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

Based on the *Book of Psalms*, 1871 and *The Psalter*, 1912

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

The Lord Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN

Alcuin of York

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Good-ness, deliver us from evil. Eternal Power, be our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us, that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek Your face and be brought by Your infinite mercy to Your holy presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalms 103:8–12

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

The Lord Hears Us

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“The Gloria Patri”

#735

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO



Words by George Matheson
Music by Christopher Miner

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

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

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

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

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

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Doxology”

#731

**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

The Lord Feeds Us

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Like a River Glorious”

#699

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:48–59

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Good Bread”

The Lord Sends Us

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Heidelberg Catechism

(Q&A 1)

What is your only comfort in life and death?

**That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to
my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all
the power of the devil.**

**He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a
hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily
willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

Christ Our Hope In Life and Death

Getty, Boswell, Kauflin

verse

1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a -
 2. What truth can calm the trou - bled soul? God is
 3. Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? " Christ, He

4 lone, Christ a - lone. What is our on - ly con - fi -
 good, God is good. Where is His grace and good - ness
 lives; Christ, He lives!" And what re - ward will hea - ven

7 dence? That our souls to Him be - long. Who holds our days with - in His
 known? In our great Redeemer's blood. Who holds our faith when fears a -
 bring? Ev - er last - ing life with Him. There we will rise to meet the

11 hand? What comes a - part from His command? And what will
 rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y trial? Who sends the
 Lord. Then sin and death will be destroyed, And we will

14 keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand
 wave that keep us nigh? Un - to the shore, the rock of Christ?
 feast in end - less joy, When Christ is ours for - ev - er - more.

chorus

18 O sing ha - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing ha - le -
 24 lujah! Now and e - ver we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death

Music engraving by LilyPond

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Westminster Sermon Notes

John 6:48-59 - “The Good Bread”

Themes: Union with Christ, Atonement, Salvation, Resurrection

Summary: Jesus fed over 5,000 with two loaves and five fish. He uses this sign to explain the gospel, the salvation he would accomplish, yet the people fail to understand the spiritual truth.

1. What Jesus is NOT Saying

2. What Jesus is Saying

3. What Jesus is Doing

“The Good Bread”

John 6:48-59

Westminster Devotions (August 18th – 23rd)

Monday: Read John 6:48-59. 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 John 6:48-59. Why isn’t Jesus speaking about the Lord’s Supper? What errors would this lead to? _____

What is Jesus speaking about? Why does this matter in your life? _____

Wednesday: Read John 6:48-59 and Exodus 16. Jesus’ sign of feeding the 5,000+ was a sign to teach a deeper truth. He also uses the Old Testament example from the wilderness. What is the deeper truth? How does this matter in your daily life? _____

Thursday: Read John 6:1-59. What is the significance of the bread in Scripture? Look up in a concordance or on the internet passages regarding bread. _____

Friday: Read John 6:48-59 & 1 Corinthians 15, Genesis 2, and Revelation 21. What hope does the resurrection give you? _____

Saturday: Read John 6:48-59. What questions do you still have about this passage? Where can you find the answer? _____

Evening Service
Sunday, August 17, 2025 † 6:00 PM

Prelude

*Call to Worship

*Invocation

*Hymn	“The Church’s One Foundation”	#347
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Evening Prayer

*Hymn	“Who Is on the Lord’s Side?”	#587
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Scripture Reading

Exhortation

Benediction

Westminster Evening Sermon Notes

Announcements

Welcome to Westminster – The Westminster family extends a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning and this evening. 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.

Our flowers are given to the glory of God by Mark and Judy Monroe in memory of their parents.

Diaconate Fund-A donation for the diaconate fund will be received following the Morning Worship Service. These funds go towards mercy ministries. The deacons will be at both exits of the Sanctuary to collect donations at the end of the service.

There is a Joint Session and Diaconate Meeting this afternoon at 4:00 PM.

Sunday School will be starting back again Sunday, September 7, at 9:45 AM. We have classes for all ages. Bring the family and join us on Sunday mornings beginning September 7!

On-line giving is available at www.wpcvicksburg.com by clicking on the On-Line Giving link.

<u>Today and this week</u>			<u>Upcoming Events</u>
Sun	10:15	Coffee/Pastries Fellowship	Sunday School Resumes , Sept. 7, 9:45 AM Family Night Supper , Sept. 10, 6:30 PM
	10:55	Morning Worship	
	6:00	Evening Worship	
Mon	6:30	Ping Pong	
Thurs	6:00	Session	

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