

Welcome to

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 23, 2026 † 10:55 AM



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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 113:1-3

Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

Blessed be the name of the Lord

from this time forth and forevermore!

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

the name of the Lord is to be praised!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Behold Our God”

1. Who has held the o - ceans in his hands? Who has num - bered
2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion
3. Who has felt the nails up - on his hands, bear - ing all the

ev - 'ry grain of sand? Kings and na - tions trem - ble at his voice;
an - y of his words? Who can teach the One who knows all things?
guilt of sin - ful man? God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave;

C Em Gsus G Chorus C G

all cre - a - tion ris - es to re - joice!
 Who can fath - om all his won - drous deeds? Be - hold our
 Je - sus, Sav - ior, ris - en now to reign!

Am F C G C

God, seat - ed on his throne: come, let us a - dore him! Be - hold

3rd time to Bridge
 4th time End

G Am F C/G G C

our King! Noth - ing can com - pare; come, let us a - dore him!

Bridge

C F2

Let your glo - ry fill the earth,
 You will reign for - ev - er,

C F2 Am

let your glo - ry fill the earth, let your
 you will reign for - ev - er, you will reign for -

F2 Am F2 to Chorus

glo - ry fill the earth, let your glo - ry fill!
 ev - er, you will reign for - ev - er!

*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 Romans 13:8-10

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

The Lord Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

*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:

And in Jesus Christ his only 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty,

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

the holy catholic¹ church;

the communion of saints;

the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body;

and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

The Lord Feeds Us

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*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.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Alex LaBarre and Sadie LaBarre

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

The musical score is written for a hymn in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major (two flats). It consists of a vocal melody line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line has four staves of music, with lyrics written below. The piano line has four staves of music, with chords written above. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, in the dawn-ing of the King.
2. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, he the per-fect Son of Man.
3. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, Christ the Lord up-on the tree.
4. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, slain by death the God of life.

He, the theme of heav-en's prais-es, robed in frail hu-man-i-ty.
In his liv-ing, in his suf-f'ring, nev-er trace nor stain of sin.
In the stead of ru-ined sin-ners hangs the Lamb in vic-tor-y.
But no grave could e'er re-strain him; praise the Lord; he is a-live!

The chords written above the piano line are: Cm7, Ab, Eb/G, Fm7, Bbsus, and Eb.

In our long-ing, in our dark-ness, now the light of life has come!
 See the true and bet-ter Ad-am, come to save the hell-bound man.
 See the price of our re-demp-tion, see the Fa-ther's plan un-fold.
 What a fore-taste of de-liv-'rance, how un-wav-er-ing our hope:

Look to Christ who con-de-scend-ed, took on flesh to ran-som us.
 Christ, the great and sure ful-fill-ment of the law; in him we stand.
 Bring-ing man-y sons to glo-ry, grace un-meas-ured, love un-told.
 Christ in pow-er res-ur-rect-ed as we will be when he comes.

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SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 3:13-17

while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

The Lord Sends Us

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING “To God Be the Glory”

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - 'ry be -
 3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord,

praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

Fanny J. Crosby, 1875; alt.
Mod.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11.ref.
William H. Doane, 1875

*BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20-23

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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.

This morning we welcome Rev. Nathan Stevenson to the Westminster Pulpit. Nathan has been married to his wife Adrienne for 18 years, and they have two sons: Jaquan, 28, and Steven, 24. He graduated from Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, MS, with a Master of Divinity in 2023. Since then, he has transferred his licensure and ordination into the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley and is now embarking on a new chapter of his life as the church planter for Sojourner Church in Jackson, MS.

We still need one more volunteer for nursery! We are making a new nursery list and need one more volunteer. Please let Amy Warren know if you can help.

The Pastor Search Committee is asking all members and regular visitors to fill out a survey to better understand what you as an individual and as a church body see as important for your committee to consider in our search for a pastor. You may pick up a copy of the survey at either door to the Sanctuary, or you may fill it out online by scanning the QR code at both doors to the Sanctuary. The survey closes on Sunday, August 30.

Officer Nominations are now open. They close on Sunday, September 6. Officer Qualification Lists and Nomination forms are available at both doors to the Sanctuary. Nominations may be submitted to the church through an elder or the church office.

Wednesday at Westminster will be starting back on Wednesday, September 9, from 5:30-7:00. Dinner is served at 5:30, followed by children’s classes, youth group, and adult studies. Dinner is \$5/person (max of \$20/family) and can be paid by cash or check.

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 Fellowship
Tues	6:30	20s/30s Bible Study

Upcoming Events

Officer Nominations, close Sept. 6
Joint Office Meeting, Aug. 30, 4:00 PM
Wednesday at Westminster Resumes,
Sept. 9, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Pray for those with birthdays: Lexine Cool, 28

Nursery Workers: Today – Jennifer Sluis, Meredith Anderson, & Crosby Hicks
Next Week – Valerie Gatewood, Kelly Turner, & Kendall Smith