

Welcome to

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 24, 2025 † 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

Daniel 7:13-14

Behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man,

And he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom,

That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him;

All you who hear, come and worship the Son of Man: Jesus Christ, the Lord's Anointed One.

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*PSALM OF PRAISE

"Psalm 104B"

v.1, 14-17

1. ¹My soul, bless the LORD! My God, you are great! With hon - or ar -
 2. ³The beams of your courts in wa - ters you laid; on wings of the
 3. ⁵You set earth's foun - da - tions firm and se - cure, that earth may, un -
 4. ⁷But at your re - buke the high wa - ters fled; your thun - der they
 5. ⁹By lim - its you set, the wa - ters are bound, lest they should re -

rayed, ma - jes - tic in state, ²you cov - er your - self with a
 wind your path - way you made. ⁴The clouds are your char - iot; the
 • shak - en, ev - er en - dure. ⁶The deep like a gar - ment a -
 heard and quick - ly they sped. ⁸The moun - tains a - rose, and the
 turn and cov - er the ground. ¹⁰You make springs pour wa - ter in

gar - ment of light, and stretch out the sky as a cur - tain by night.
 winds do your will; the flames and the light - nings your plea - sure ful - fill.
 • bout it you cast; the wa - ters stood high; o - ver moun - tains they passed.
 val - leys sank low, and went to the place you as - signed them to go.
 val - leys be - low, and cause rush - ing streams in the moun - tains to flow.

14. ²⁹When you hide your face, they're filled with alarm.

³⁰When you take their breath, to dust they return.

When you send your Spirit, created are they.

The face of the ground you renew ev'ry day.

15. ³¹O may the LORD's glory evermore stand!

The LORD shall enjoy the works of his hand.

³²He looks on the earth and it trembles in fear;

he touches the mountains, the smoke then appears.

16. ³³As long as I live, the LORD I will praise;
 to God I will sing through all of my days.

³⁴May my meditation be pleasing to him;

my heart in the LORD then with gladness will brim.

17. ³⁵Let wicked ones be consumed from the earth,
 may sinners exist no longer henceforth.

My soul, bless the LORD! May his name be adored!

O sing hallelujah! Give praise to the LORD!

The Lord Cleanses Us

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:2:1–2

The apostle John wrote: My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

CONFESSION OF SIN

John Calvin

Grant, Almighty God, that as we are prone to every kind of wickedness and are easily led away to imitate it, when there is any excuse for going astray and any opportunity is offered - O grant, that being strengthened by the help of your Spirit, we may continue in purity of faith, and that what we have learned concerning you, that you are a Spirit, may so profit us, that we may worship you in spirit and with a sincere heart, and never turn aside after the corruptions of the world, nor think we can deceive you; but may we so devote our souls and bodies to you, that our life may in every part of it testify, that we are a pure and holy sacrifice to you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

(TAKE A MOMENT TO CONFESS YOUR SINS TO GOD PRIVATELY)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Matthew 5:3

Hear the comforting words of Jesus for those who come to him with nothing: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.’ Brothers and sisters, the pardon of Christ is a grace that is greater than all our sin. You are forgiven.

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

*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

CONFESSION OF FAITH Westminster Shorter Catechism (Q&A 31)

What is effectual calling?

Effectual calling is the work of God’s Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION “It Is Well with My Soul” #691

SCRIPTURE READING John 6:60–71

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Jesus Says Difficult Things (Part 2)”

The Lord Sends Us

*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 6:60-71 - “Jesus Says Difficult Things (Part 2)”

Themes: Effectual Calling/Regeneration, Difficult Truths

Summary: First, the religious leaders balked at Jesus’ extraordinary teaching. Now, his own disciples take issue with it and walk away from Jesus.

1. The Rejection

2. The Explanation

3. The Confession

“Jesus says Difficult Things (Part 2)”

John 6:60-71

Westminster Devotions (August 25th –30th)

Monday: Read John 6:60-71. 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 6:22-71. What is so difficult about what Jesus taught? Why do many Christians even refuse to accept the doctrine Christ taught here? _____

Wednesday: Read John 6:22-71 and Westminster Confession Chapters VI and X. What can these doctrines teach us about ourselves and about the Lord? What attitudes and practices should these doctrines cultivate in us? _____

Thursday: Read John 6:60-71. What is so significant about Peter’s confession? What difference will it have in your understanding of your faith? _____

Friday: Read John 6:60-71 and 1 Corinthians 2:6-16. Why do some disciples think Jesus’ words are “hard” and scandalous, while Peter and the others believe they are the words of eternal life? How should this prepare us for when we speak God’s truth to others? _____

Saturday: Read John 6:60-71. What questions do you still have about this passage? Where can you find the answer? _____

Westminster Evening Sermon Notes

JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN

Words by Henry Lyte
Music by Mozart
(alt. by Bill Moore)

CAPO II

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and guitar. The key signature is D major (two sharps) and the time signature is common time (C). The score is divided into five systems, each with a measure number (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) at the beginning. The guitar chords are indicated above the staff: D, F#m, G, D, D, F#m, G, A, D, F#m, G, D, D, F#m, G, D, Bm, Bm/A, G, D. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words in parentheses indicating alternative phrasings.

1. Je - sus I my cross have and ta ken,
2. Let the world de - crosspise and leave me,
3. Man may trou - ble - and di - stress me,
4. Go then earth - ly fame and trea - sure,

3 All to leave and fol - low Thee
They have left my sa - vior too
Twill but drive me thy breast
Come di - sas - ter, scorn and pain

5 Des - ti - tute, de - spised, for - sa - ken
Hu - man hearts, and looks, de - ceive
Life with thy ser - vice hard pain may is - press me,
In thy tri - al vice hard pain may is - press me, sure,

7 Thou from hence my all them shalt be
Thou art not like sweet un - true
Heaven will thy bring fa - vor loss er is rest
With thy thy - bring fa - vor loss er is rest gain

9 Per - ish ev - ery fond am - bi - tion,
Oh while thou dost smile u - bi - tion,
Oh 'tis not called grief to harm me,
I have called A - bba Fa - ther,

11 Bm Bm/A G D

All God While I I've of thy have sought wis love stayed - or dom, is my hoped love left heart or and to on known might me thee

13 Bm Bm/A G D

Yet Foes Oh Storms how may 'twere may rich hate not howl is and in and my friends joy clouds con dis to may - di - own charm ga - ther,

15 Em D/F# G A

God Show Were All and thy that must heaven face joy work are and un for - still all mixed good my is with to

17 D G D A

own bright thee me

5. Soul then know thy full salvation
 Rise o'er sin and fear and care
 Joy to find in every station,
 Something still to do or bear
 Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
 Think what Father's smiles are thine
 Think that Jesus died to win thee,
 Child of heaven, canst thou repine

6. Haste thee on from grace to glory,
 Armed by faith and winged by prayer
 Heaven's eternal day's before thee,
 God's own hand shall guide thee there
 Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
 Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days
 Hope shall change to glad fruition,
 Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

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.

Please join us for an Ice Cream Social tonight following Evening Worship!

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!

Westminster needs volunteers to serve on Wednesday nights this fall. We need leaders for the Children and Adult Ministry Programs and volunteers to cook and serve a meal on Wednesday nights. Please contact a member of the Outreach Committee if you can help.

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	
	6:45	Ice Cream Social	
Mon	6:30	Ping Pong	
Tues	6:30	20s/30s Bible Study	

Pray for those with birthdays: Lexine Cool, 28

Nursery Workers: Today – Kelsey Stamper and Tatum Sherwin
Next Week – Sam and Sam Kirk