Welcome to

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 24, 2025 † 10:55 AM



3601 Halls Ferry Road Vicksburg, Mississippi wpcvicksburg.com

Pastor Nathaniel Stamper

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



- 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



Music engraving by LilyPond

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)

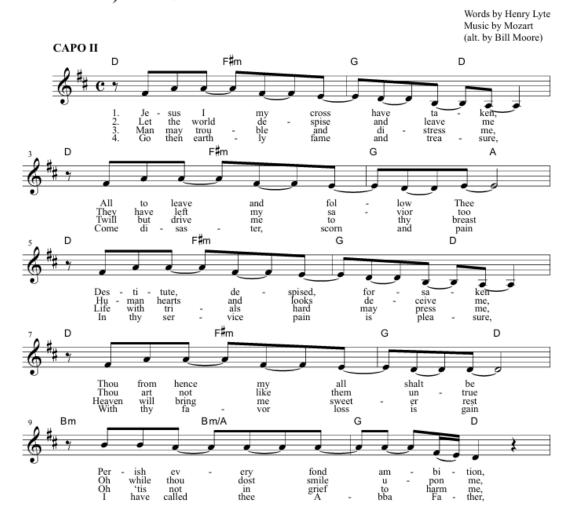
| helpful to you about yesterday's sermon? |
|---|
| What difference will it make in your life? |
| Tuesday: Read John 6:22-71. What is so difficult about what Jesus taught? Why do many Christians even refuse to accept the doctrine Christ taught here? |
| Wednesday: Read John 6:22-71 and Westminster 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? |
| <u>Thursday</u> : 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? |
| |
| <u>Saturday:</u> Read John 6:60-71. What questions do you still have about this passage? Where can you find the answer? |
| |
| |

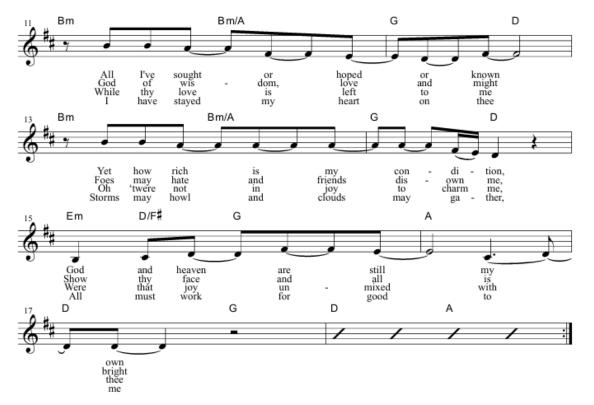
Evening Service Sunday, August 24, 2025 † 6:00 PM

| Prelude | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| *Call to Worship | | |
| *Invocation | | |
| *Hymn | "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken" | Bulletin p.10 |
| Evening Prayer | | |
| *Hymn | "All for Jesus!" | #565 |
| Scripture Reading | | |
| Exhortation | | |
| Benediction | | |

Westminster Evening Sermon Notes

JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN





- 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 the 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.

Today and this weekUpcoming EventsSun10:15Coffee/Pastries FellowshipSunday School Resumes, Sept. 7, 9:45 AM10:55Morning WorshipFamily Night Supper, Sept. 10, 6:30 PM6:00Evening Worship6:45Ice Cream SocialMon6:30Ping PongTues6:3020s/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