

Welcome to

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 31, 2025 † 10:55 AM



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*****Indicates those able may stand

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Calls Us

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Genesis 2:7; Psalm 100:3–4

The Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature

Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

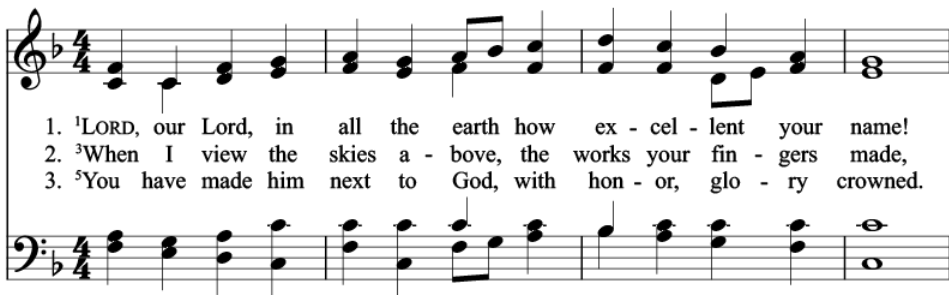
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

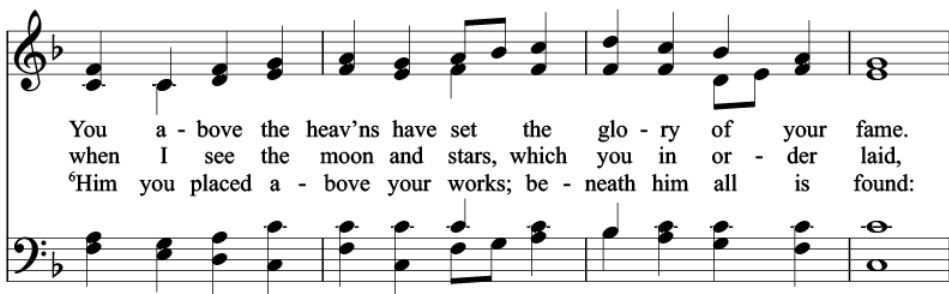
*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*PSALM OF PRAISE

“Psalm 8B”



1. ¹LORD, our Lord, in all the earth how ex - cel - lent your name!
2. ³When I view the skies a - bove, the works your fin - gers made,
3. ⁵You have made him next to God, with hon - or, glo - ry crowned.



You a - bove the heav'ns have set the glo - ry of your fame.
when I see the moon and stars, which you in or - der laid,
⁶Him you placed a - bove your works; be - neath him all is found:

²From the mouths of in - fants young you the power of praise com - pose
⁴what is man, so frail and weak, that you should re - mem - ber him?
⁷ox - en, sheep, and beasts that graze, ⁸birds, and fish the o - ceans claim.

in the face of en - e - mies to stop a - veng - ing foes.
 What can be the son of man that you should care for him?
⁹LORD, our Lord, in all the earth how ex - cel - lent your name!

The Lord Cleanses Us

CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalm 32:1-6

The psalmist testifies: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Martin Luther

Behold, Lord, I am an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust You altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in You. In You I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; You are

rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; You are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in You is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore I will remain with You, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 62:11–12

Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, “Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.” And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord.

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.

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 Gospel Coalition Foundation Documents 13, The Restoration of All Things

We believe in the personal, glorious, and bodily return of our Lord Jesus Christ with his holy angels, when he will exercise his role as final Judge, and his kingdom will be consummated.

We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the just and the unjust—the unjust to judgment and eternal conscious punishment in hell, as our Lord himself taught, and the just to eternal

blessedness in the presence of him who sits on the throne and of the Lamb, in the new heaven and the new earth, the home of righteousness.

On that day the church will be presented faultless before God by the obedience, suffering and triumph of Christ, all sin purged and its wretched effects forever banished.

God will be all in all and his people will be enthralled by the immediacy of his ineffable holiness, and everything will be to the praise of his glorious grace.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION “Before The Throne Of God Above”

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/4 time, with a tempo marking of quarter note = 72. The score consists of 16 measures. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and per - fect
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with -
3. Be - hold him there, the ri - sen Lamb! My per - fect spot - less right - eous -

plea: a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for
in, up - ward I look and see Him there, who made an end of all my
ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM, the King of Glor - y and of

me. My name is grav - en on His hands. My name is
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died my sin - ful
Grace. One with Him - self, I can - not die; my soul is

writ - ten on His heart. I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can
soul is count - ed free. For God, the Just, is sat - is - fied to look on
pur - chased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part; no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
Him and par - don me; to look on Him and par - don me.
Sav - ior and my God; with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 8, Hebrews 2:5-9

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Majestic”

Themes: God’s Name, Creation, Stewardship, Image of God

Summary: “Psalm 8 is one of five nature psalms (the others being 19; 29; 104, and 148). Its specific focus within that genre is to celebrate the place of man (men and women) in the scale of creation.” - ESV Literary Study Bible

1. The God of Creation

2. The Man of Creation

3. The God-man of Creation

The Lord Sends Us

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING “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

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

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

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

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

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

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“The Majestic”
Psalm 8, Hebrews 2:5-9
Westminster Devotions (September 1st – 6th)

Monday: Read Psalm 8. 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 Psalm 8. Why does the Psalmist use multiple names for God, and what do they mean to you? _____

Wednesday: Read Psalm 8 and 1 Corinthians 1:27-29. Why is the world’s conception of weakness and strength wrong? How should this apply in your life? _____

Thursday: Read Psalm 8 and Genesis 1. Where does man’s dignity and value derive from? Why is it difficult for an atheist to justify human rights? How should this affect the way you treat others? _____

Friday: Read Psalm 8 and Hebrews 2:5–9. How is Christ the fulfillment of this Psalm? _____

Saturday: Read Psalm 8. What other questions do you have about this passage? _____

Westminster Evening Sermon Notes

JESUS, I COME

Words by William Sleeper
Music by Greg Thompson

1. Out of my bon - dage, sor - row and night,
2. Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss,
3. Out of un - rest and ar - ro - gant pride,
4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,

5 Am G Fmaj7
Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come
Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.
Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.
Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.

9 C G Fmaj7
In - to Thy free - dom, glad - ness, and light
In - to the glo - rious gain of Thy cross,
In - to Thy bless - ed will to a - bide,
In - to the joy and light of Thy home,

13 Am G/B Fmaj7 F G
Je - sus, I come to Thee,
Je - sus, I come to Thee.
Je - sus, I come to Thee.
Je - sus, I come to Thee.

17 Am G Fmaj7
Out of my sick - ness in - to Thy health,
Out of earth's sor - rows in - to Thy balm,
Out of my self - to dwell in Thy love,
Out of the depths to of ru - in Thy un - told,

21 Am G Fmaj7

Out of my want - ing and in - to Thy wealth,
 Out of life's storms and in - to Thy calm,
 Out of de - spair in - to rap - tures a - bove,
 In - to the peace of Thy shel - ter - ing fold,

25 Am G Fmaj7

Out of my sin and in - to Thy - self,
 Out of dis - tress and in - to jub - i - lant psalm,
 Up - ward for - ev - er on wings like dove,
 Ev - er Thy glo - rious face to be - hold,

29 Am G Fmaj7

Je - sus, I come to Thee
 Je - sus, I come to Thee.
 Je - sus, I come to Thee.
 Je - sus, I come to Thee.

33 Am G Fmaj7

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.

Sunday School will be starting back again next 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 week

Sun	10:15	Coffee/Pastries Fellowship
	10:55	Morning Worship
	6:00	Evening Worship
Mon	6:30	Ping Pong
Tues	6:30	20s/30s Bible Study

Upcoming Events

Sunday School Resumes, Sept. 7, 9:45 AM
Family Night Supper, Sept. 10, 6:30 PM

Pray for those with birthdays: Schuyler Cool, 1; Judy Monroe, 6

Nursery Workers: Today – Sam and Sam Kirk

Next Week – Jennifer Sluis and Meredith Anderson