

Welcome to

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 14, 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**

Luke 1:30–33

And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.

He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.

And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David,

and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

***INVOCATION & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Matthew 6:9–13

...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.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Christmas Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)”

D Bm A D G D

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, in a man - ger low - ly;
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, sings the vir - gin Mar - y;
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

A/C# D Bm A/C# A/E Esus A

Christ the Son now veiled in flesh in our hu - man - i - ty.
 for he shall de - liv - er us from sin's cap - tiv - i - ty.
 Heav - en's an - gels sound his praise with earth and sky and sea!

D Bm A D G D A/C#

King - doms bow be - fore him, heav'n and earth a - dore him.
 Born to heal the na - tions, born for our sal - va - tion,
 Join the song of tri - umph, glo - ry in the high - est!

Bm D/F# G D G A D

God here in per - son, hail his maj - es - ty.
 oh, mag - ni - fy him, Christ the Prince of Peace.
 Let all cre - a - tion crown him King of kings.

The Lord Cleanses Us

READING OF THE LAW

Matthew 5:22:37-40

The words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

CONFESSION OF SIN

based on Psalm 126

God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things— our hearts are filled with joy. By your power you lifted us out of the wasteland of sin and brought us with joy and laughter into your kingdom. Salvation is your gift to us. But we confess that often we try to replace your gift with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have. Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us to focus on your grace. Help us to live grateful lives in return. For Jesus' sake alone, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Zephaniah 3:14-15

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

*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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

**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.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only-begotten 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty:
from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic¹ church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord Feeds Us

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE The Shepherd’s Candle

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Unison



1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
 3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard
 4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim, with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed,
 earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,
 on the way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth,
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,

for with bless - ing in his hand, Christ our God to
 in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to
 from the realms of end - less day, that the pow'rs of
 as with cease - less voice they cry, “Al - le - lu - ia,

earth de - scend - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.
 all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
 hell may van - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!”

7 I will restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel, and rebuild them as they were at first. 8 I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me. 9 And this city shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and a glory before all the nations of the earth who shall hear of all the good that I do for them. They shall fear and tremble because of all the good and all the prosperity I provide for it.

10 “Thus says the Lord: In this place of which you say, ‘It is a waste without man or beast,’ in the cities of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem that are desolate, without man or inhabitant or beast, there shall be heard again 11 the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voices of those who sing, as they bring thank offerings to the house of the Lord:

“‘Give thanks to the Lord of hosts,
for the Lord is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!’

For I will restore the fortunes of the land as at first, says the Lord.

12 “Thus says the Lord of hosts: In this place that is waste, without man or beast, and in all of its cities, there shall again be habitations of shepherds resting their flocks. 13 In the cities of the hill country, in the cities of the Shephelah, and in the cities of the Negeb, in the land of Benjamin, the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, flocks shall again pass under the hands of the one who counts them, says the Lord.

14 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Summary: Jeremiah's promise about the Messiah's birth could hardly have come at a better time. Things did not look promising for the people of God. Jeremiah himself was still in jail. Jerusalem was besieged by the Babylonians. Nebuchadnezzar and his armies were marching against the city to destroy it. All the judgments Jeremiah had been warning about for many years were about to come crashing down on God's people. – Philip Graham Ryken

1. Humanity's Ruin
2. Humanity's Salvation
3. Humanity's Savior

The Lord Sends Us

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING “He Is Making All Things Right”

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1. Hail the right - ful rul - er: Christ who came to save!
2. Hail the hum - ble shep - herd, bend - ing low to serve.
3. Hail the com - ing Sav - ior: hope of ev - 'ry heart,

G/D D Asus D

King of truth and jus - tice, Lord of love and grace.
 Bread for all our hun - ger, wa - ter for our thirst.
 heal - er of the na - tions, bright and morn - ing star.

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He who bore the cross to bring his peo - ple peace,
 He who helps his neigh - bor loves the least of these,
 He will win the bat - tle, put the world at peace,

G/D D Asus D

broke the chains of sin and set the cap - tive free.
 wel - comes in the stran - ger, sets the cap - tive free.
 fi - nally and for - ev - er set the cap - tive free!

D Bm G Asus D 1st time to st. 2

He is mak - ing all things right; he is mak - ing all things right.

D Bm G Asus D

In his good - ness, in his time, he is mak - ing all things right.

*BENEDICTION

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

POSTLUDE

The poinsettias are given to the glory of God with thankfulness for the gift of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and in gratitude for our loved ones, those who are with us and those who have gone on before us.



Given By

In gratitude for

M/M Bob LaBarre

her parents – Alfred & Ann Rollison
his parents – Oscar & Jackie LaBarre

M/M Mark Monroe

their loved ones

M/M Ronnie Neihaus

their parents – Harold & Kathryn Neihaus & Mamie McCormick

M/M Gordon Sluis

in thankfulness for the Stamper family
their children & grandchildren

M/M Bob & Jan Walker

their son Jerry and their family who have been a blessing to them
this year

M/M Terry Warren

their grandchildren – Sophie, Jewel, Emma, & Noah

M/M Chris Wells

their loved ones

“Restoration”

Jeremiah 33:7-16

Westminster *Advent* Devotions (December 15 - 20)

Monday: Read Jeremiah 33:1-16. 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 Jeremiah 33:7-8. How does God’s promise to restore his people deepen your trust in his sovereign grace today? _____

Wednesday: Read Jeremiah 33:10-11. In what ways can your life and ministry reflect God’s glory so that others see his goodness? _____

Thursday: Read Jeremiah 33:12-13. How does Christ’s shepherding care encourage your faith? _____

Friday: Read Jeremiah 33:14-15. How does Christ’s reign give you hope in a world marked by injustice? _____

Saturday: Read Jeremiah 33:16. How does Christ’s righteousness free you from striving to earn God’s favor? _____

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.

The Westminster Session has called a congregational meeting for today immediately after the morning worship service for the purposes of receiving the report of the Westminster Budgets and for the election of Elders and Deacons from the slate of nominee candidates approved by the Session.

Lessons and Carols is next Sunday evening, December 21, at 6:00. Please join us for this service of the reading of God’s Word about the coming of Christ and the wonderful music of the Christmas season!

Rev. Stephen Atkinson, the Director of Ministry for Christian Witness to Israel North America, will be with us next Sunday, December 21. He will be leading Sunday School and preaching Sunday morning.

Pastor Stamper will be teaching a Communicant’s Class for the next rotation of Sunday School.

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
	12:00	Congregational Meeting
Mon	6:30	Ping Pong

Upcoming Events

Lessons and Carols, Sunday, Dec. 21,
6:00 PM

Pray for those with birthdays: Alison Whitney, 15; Madaline Walker, 18

Nursery Workers: Today – Jennifer Sluis and Meredith Anderson
Next Week – Laura Wells and Mary Mac Whitney