

Welcome to

# Westminster

# Presbyterian Church

*Sunday, February 1, 2026 † 10:55 AM*



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**Bold** indicates the congregation reads aloud

\*Indicates those able may stand

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### The Lord Calls Us

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#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Peter 2:4–5

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men  
**but in the sight of God chosen and precious,**  
you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house,  
**to be a holy priesthood,**  
to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

#### \*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

## “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly  
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -  
 4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
 fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here  
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand

health and sal - va - - tion! All ye who hear; now to his  
 gent - ly sus - tain - - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
 dai - ly at - tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al -  
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad a - do - ra - - tion.  
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - - eth?  
 might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.  
 brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
 All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
 Let the amen sound from his people again;  
 gladly fore'er we adore him.

READING OF THE LAW

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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## The Lord Cleanses Us

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CONFESSON OF SIN

—based on Daniel 9:4-19

**O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, for we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy. On the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

\*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.**

Since then we are delivered from our misery, merely of grace, through Christ, without any merit of ours, why must we still do good works?

**Because Christ, having redeemed and delivered us by his blood, also renews us by his Holy Spirit, after his own image; that so we may testify, by the whole of our conduct, our gratitude to God for his blessings, and that he may be praised by us; also, that every one may be assured in himself of his faith, by the fruits thereof; and that, by our godly conversation others may be gained to Christ.**

But what are good works?

**Only those which proceed from a true faith, are performed according to the law of God, and to his glory; and not such as are founded on our imaginations, or the institutions of men.**

# The Lord Feeds Us

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

### OFFERTORY

“Before the Throne of God Above”

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me  
3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,

strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love,  
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him there,  
spot - less righ - teous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM,

who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the  
the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -

grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his  
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
 self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his

heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can  
 free; for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on  
 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.  
 Sa - vior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

Charitie Bancroft, 1863; alt.

BEFORE THE THRONE 8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.

Vikki Cook; arr. Ruth Coleman

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\*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.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION      “Lead On, O King Eternal”

1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;  
 2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
 3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home:  
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
 for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er thy face ap - pears;

through days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong,  
 for not with swords' loud clash - ing nor roll of stir - ring drums,  
 thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light:

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
 but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.  
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might.

Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888

LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.  
 Henry Thomas Smart, 1836

## SCRIPTURE READING

## Matthew 5:13–16

13 “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

## “Can You Be Too Salty?”

**Themes:** Righteous Living, Christian Witness

**Summary:** “A disciple of the kingdom who does not live like a disciple of the kingdom is worth about as much as tasteless salt or invisible light.” – Craig S. Keener

1. Too Salty? Don’t be Diluted.
2. Too Bright? Don’t be Unilluminating.
3. The Two Responses to Salt and Light.

\*COMMUNION HYMN

### “Facing a Task Unfinished” (v.1-3)

A musical score for 'The Star-Spangled Banner' in D major, 4/4 time. The score consists of two staves of four measures each. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The second staff starts with a bass clef and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics 'D G A D' are written above the staff. The music is composed of eighth-note chords.

1. Fac - ing a task un - fin - ished that drives us to our knees,
2. Where oth - er lords be - side thee hold their un - hin - dered sway,
3. We bear the torch that, flam - ing, fell from the hands of those
4. O Fa - ther who sus - tained them, O Spir - it who in - spired,

D/F# G Em D A

a need that, un - di - min - ished, re - bukes our sloth - ful ease.  
where forc - es that de - fied thee de - fy thee still to - day,  
who gave their lives, pro - claim - ing that Je - sus died and rose.  
Sav - ior, whose love con - strained them to toil with zeal un - tired,

We who re-joice to know thee re-new be-fore thy throne  
with none to heed their cry-ing for life, and love, and light,  
Ours is the same com-mis-sion, the same glad mes-sage ours;  
from cow-ard-ice de-fend us, from leth-ar-gy a-wake!

D G Asus D

the sol - emn pledge we owe thee to go and make thee known.  
 un - num - bered souls are dy - ing and pass in - to the night.  
 fired by the same am - bi - tion, to thee we yield our pow'rs.  
 Forth on thine er - rands send us to la - bor for thy sake.

A G/A D A G/A D

We go to all the world with king - dom hope un - furled;

G A/G F#m7 Bm Em7 Asus D

no oth - er name has pow'r to save, but Je - sus Christ the Lord!

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AURELIA / FACING A TASK  
76 76 D with refrain

## INVITATION AND PRAYER

We do not presume to come to your Table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your great mercies. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## SACRAMENT

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Everliving God, thank you for feeding us with these holy mysteries— the spiritual food of the Body and Blood of your Son. Heavenly Father, please assist us with your grace, that we may continue in holy fellowship with you, and do all such good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

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## The Lord Sends Us

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### \*COMMUNION HYMN

“Facing a Task Unfinished” (v.4)

### \*BENEDICTION

2 Thessalonians 2:16–17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

## POSTLUDE

“Can You Be Too Salty?”

*Matthew 5:13-16*

Westminster *The Man of Fulfillment* Devotions (February 2<sup>nd</sup>–7<sup>th</sup>)

**Monday:** Read Matthew 5:13-16. 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 Matthew 5:1-16. Describe the logical flow of these beatitudes into the salt and light proclamation. \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday:** Read Matthew 5:13-16. How is the salt an appropriate metaphor, considering our culture today? \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday:** Read Matthew 5:13-16. How is the light an appropriate metaphor? \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday:** Read Matthew 5:13-16. Think and pray about the trajectory of your life. How can this passage guide the remainder of your life? \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday:** Read Matthew 5:17-20. What questions do you have about this passage? \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.

**Wednesday at Westminster** has started! Join us on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 for dinner at 5:30, followed by children's classes, youth group, and an adult study. Dinner is \$5/person (max of \$20/family) and can be paid by cash or check. The menu for this week is barbecue chicken, baked beans, roll, and dessert. Sign up for the meal on the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the Education Wing or contact the church office by noon Monday.

**Hannah Circle** will meet this Thursday morning at 10:30 at the church.

**Stand 2026**, formerly the Mid-South Men's Rally, is this Friday, February 6 at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson. The speaker is Randy Pope, founding pastor of Perimeter Church in Atlanta, GA and author of *The Journey* discipleship curriculum and *Insourcing: Bringing Discipleship Back to the Local Church*. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board located in the Education Wing of the church. A group will be leaving from the church at 4:30 PM on February 6.

**Online giving is available** at [www.wpcvicksburg.com](http://www.wpcvicksburg.com) by clicking on the Online Giving link.

<b>Today and this week</b>		<b>Upcoming Events</b>
Sun	9:45 Sunday School	
	10:55 Morning Worship	<b>Wednesday at Westminster,</b> 5:30-7:00
Mon	6:30 Ping Pong	
Tues	9:00 PMV	
	6:30 20s/30s Bible Study	
Wed	5:30 Wednesday at Westminster	
Thurs	10:30 Hannah Circle	
Fri	4:30 Stand 2026	

**Pray for those with birthdays:** Terry Warren, 1; Mary Claire Allison, 4

**Nursery Workers:** Today – Gayle Neihaus and Amy Warren  
Next Week – Jennifer Sluis and Meredith Anderson