

Welcome to
**Westminster
Presbyterian Church**

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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 2 Corinthians 4:5–6

For what we proclaim is not ourselves,

but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"

has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of 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 "O God Beyond All Praising"

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O God Beyond All Praising". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the vocal line and a bass clef staff for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. Above the treble staff, the following chords are indicated: Unison, Eb, F, Bb/D, Eb, F, and Gm. The lyrics are written below the treble staff and are numbered 1 through 3.

1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
2. The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,
3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,

E \flat F B \flat /D E \flat maj7 B \flat

and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord Most High;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;

B \flat /D F Gm F/A B \flat /D F B \flat E \flat

for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
but hid - den from all na - ture th' e - ter - nal seed is sown—
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,

Gm E \flat B \flat /D Cm7 B \flat F/A

at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end;
though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

B \flat E \flat F B \flat /D E \flat Gm

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

E \flat F B \flat /D E \flat B \flat

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Hear, O Israel:

The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

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

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

**You shall teach them diligently to your children,
and shall talk of them when you sit in your house,
and when you walk by the way,
and when you lie down, and when you rise.**

**You shall bind them as a sign on your hand,
and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.**

You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The Lord Cleanses Us

O most great, most just and gracious God; you are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity. You condemn the ungodly, unrepentant, and unbelievers; but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all who repent and believe in him. Therefore we confess that we are sinful by nature and have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused your holy worship and your holy name. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. You have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ and offered us pardon and salvation in him; but we have turned away. We have run into temptation; and we have committed the sin that we should have hated. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. We confess you alone are our hope. Make us your children and give us the Spirit of your Son, our only Savior. Amen.

“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.”

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.

CONFESSIO OF FAITH

Westminster Larger Catechism

(Questions 134 & 136)

Which is the sixth commandment?

The sixth commandment is, Thou shalt not kill.

What are the sins forbidden in the sixth commandment?

The sins forbidden in the sixth commandment are, all taking away the life of ourselves, or of others, except in case of public justice, lawful war, or necessary defence; the neglecting or withdrawing the lawful and necessary means of preservation of life; sinful anger, hatred, envy, desire of revenge; all excessive passions, distracting cares; immoderate use of meat, drink, labor, and recreations; provoking words, oppression, quarreling, striking, wounding, and whatsoever else tends to the destruction of the life of any.

The Lord Feeds Us

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Psalm 133”

1. ¹How ex - cel - lent a thing it is, how pleas - ant and how good,
 2. ²For it is like the pre - cious oil poured out on Aa - ron's head,
 3. ³Like Her - mon's dew, up - on the hill of Zi - on it de - scends.

when broth - ers dwell in u - ni - ty and live as broth - ers should!
 that, run - ning o - ver, down his beard, up - on his col - lar spread.
 The LORD com - mands his bless - ing there—the life that nev - er ends.

**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.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Speak, O Lord”

F/A G/B C F C F C/E

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food
 2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence,
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights

Am7 G/B F/A G/B C F C

of your ho - ly word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
 true hu - mil - i - ty; test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes
 of your plans for us: truths un - changed from the dawn of time

F C/E F G C

shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness; that the
 in the ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty. Cause our
 that will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by

G G/F C/E F C/E G G/F C/E

light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of love
 faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your ma - jes - tic love
 grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by faith we'll walk

F Gsus F/A G/B C F C

and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us
 and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail:
 as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your church is built

F C/E F G C

all your pur - pos - es for your glo - - ry.
 let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
 and the earth is filled with your glo - - ry.

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SPEAK, O LORD
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SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:21–26

21 “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ 22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. 23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. 25 Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. 26 Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Are you Angry?”

Themes: Anger, Sanctity of Life, Conflict

Summary: In his first of six discourses, Jesus teaches on the sixth commandment, correcting the Pharisaic interpretations of the Law.

1. Why Does Life Matter?

2. Is Anger Immoral?

3. When Anger and Life Meet

The Lord Sends Us

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING “Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me”

1. What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - deem - er; there is no
2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my
3. No fate I dread; I know I am for - giv - en; the fu - ture
4. With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has

more for heav-en now to give. He is my joy, my righ-teous-ness and
side, the Sav - ior, he will stay. I la-bor on in weak-ness and re-
sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je-sus bled and suf-fered for my
said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re-

free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace.
joic - ing, for in my need his pow - er is dis - played.
par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave.
new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus, for my life is
 To this I hold: my Shep-herd will de-fend me; through the deep - est
 To this I hold: my sin has been de-feat - ed; Je - sus now and
 To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus; all the glo - ry

whol-ly bound to his. Oh, how strange and di - vine, I can
 val - ley he will lead. Oh, the night has been won, and I
 ev - er is my plea. Oh, the chains are re - leased, I can
 ev - er-more to him. When the race is com-plete, still my

sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 shall o - ver-come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 lips shall re - peat: yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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*BENEDICTION

Romans 11:33, 36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Are You Angry?”

Matthew 5:21-26

Westminster *The Man of Fulfillment* Devotions (February 16th–21st)

Monday: Read Matthew 5:21-26. 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 5:21-26. How does Jesus’ declaration that He came to fulfill the Law lead naturally into His deepening of the commandment against murder?

Wednesday: Read Matthew 5:21-26. In a culture that often treats anger as either entirely toxic or fully justified, how does Jesus’ teaching on the sanctity of life and the heart’s intentions speak to our modern context?

Thursday: Read Matthew 5:21-26. Why does Jesus move beyond external acts of murder to address anger, insults, and the need for urgent reconciliation? _____

Friday: Read Matthew 5:21-26. Think and pray about patterns of anger or unresolved conflict in your life. How can embracing the “constructive displeasure of mercy” guide your relationships moving forward? _____

Saturday: Read Matthew 5:27-32. 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 pulled pork, baked beans, mac and cheese, and dessert. Pastor Stamper and the LaBarre’s are cooking this week, and there will be plenty of food! Everyone is invited! Sign up for the meal on the bulletin board in the Education Wing or contact the church office by noon Monday.

There is a VBS Planning Meeting next Sunday, February 22, at 4:30 PM. This is for anyone who wants to help with VBS. Please let Jennifer Sluis know if you want to help but cannot come to the meeting.

Ladies, you are invited to a sprinkle honoring Meredith Anderson at 3:00 PM on March 1st at Corley Woodson’s home! RSVP to Corley at 662-590-3889. Meredith is registered on Amazon. Also, please contact Corley if you want to help with the shower.

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
Mon	6:30	Ping Pong
Tues	6:30	20s/30s Bible Study
Wed	5:30	Wednesday at Westminster
Thurs	6:00	Session

Upcoming Events

VBS Planning Meeting, February 22,
4:30 PM
Wednesday at Westminster,
5:30-7:00

Pray for those with birthdays: Kinsey Karel, 21

Nursery Workers: Today – Laura Wells and Mary Mac Whitney
Next Week – Macey Orman and Grace LaBarre