

Welcome to
Westminster
Presbyterian Church

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Calls Us

*CALL TO WORSHIP Deuteronomy 7:6

For you are a people holy to the LORD your God.

The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

Come and worship your Lord.

*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

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Our Lord Jesus said,

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Lord Cleanses Us

Lord God, eternal and Almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge without pretense before your holy Majesty, that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption; prone to do what is evil, incapable of any good; and that in our depravity, we endlessly transgress your holy commandments. And so, in your just judgment, we deserve ruin and damnation. But Lord, we are displeased with ourselves for having offended you, and we condemn ourselves and our vices with true repentance, longing for your grace to relieve our distress. May you, therefore, have mercy upon us, most gentle and merciful God and Father, in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And as you blot out our vices and blemishes, extend and increase the graces of your Holy Spirit to us day by day, so that as we acknowledge our unrighteousness with all our heart, we might feel the sorrow that gives birth to true penitence, which as we mortify our sins may produce fruits of righteousness and innocence pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

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.

Which is the seventh commandment?

The seventh commandment is, Thou shalt not commit adultery.

What are the duties required in the seventh commandment?

The duties required in the seventh commandment are, chastity in body, mind, affections, words, and behavior; and the preservation of it in ourselves and others; watchfulness over the eyes and all the senses; temperance, keeping of chaste company, modesty in apparel; marriage by those that have not the gift of continency, conjugal love, and cohabitation; diligent labor in our callings; shunning all occasions of uncleanness, and resisting temptations thereunto.

The Lord Feeds Us

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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“As the Deer”

D A/C# Bm D/A G

As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, so my soul long-eth

A D A7sus D A/C# Bm D/A

af - ter you. You a - lone are my heart's de - sire, and I

G A7 D Bm G D/F#

long to wor - ship you. You a - lone are my strength, my shield;

G Em F#sus D A/C#

to you a - lone may my spir - it yield. You a - lone are my

Bm D/A G A7 D

heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

**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

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

1. Je - sus, keep me near the cross: there a pre - cious foun - tain,
 2. Near the cross, my trem - bling soul heard the Sa - vior call - ing;
 3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4. Near the cross! My heart will stay, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

free to all, a heal - ing stream, flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 there he died that I may know grace and peace a - bound - ing.
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
 till my eyes shall see the face of my bless - ed Sav - ior.

In the cross, in the cross, be my glo - ry ev - er,

till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

27 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’

28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.

30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

31 “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ 32 But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Themes: Lust, Divorce, Sex, Marriage

Summary: In his second and third of six discourses, Jesus teaches on the seventh commandment and Deuteronomy 24, correcting the Pharisaic interpretations of the Law regarding God’s design for marriage.

1. The Letter of the Law

2. The Spirit of the Law

3. Breaking This Law

The Lord Sends Us

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

D G

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

Musical notation for the first system, including a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with a soprano clef. The bass line is written on a single staff with a bass clef. Chord symbols 'D' and 'G' are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

D A D

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-

Musical notation for the second system, including a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with a soprano clef. The bass line is written on a single staff with a bass clef. Chord symbols 'D', 'A', and 'D' are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

G D/A Asus A D

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.

Musical notation for the third system, including a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with a soprano clef. The bass line is written on a single staff with a bass clef. Chord symbols 'G', 'D/A', 'Asus', 'A', and 'D' are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

G D D/F# G
 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

D/F# A D Em7
 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

D/F# G D/A A D
 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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YET NOT I
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*BENEDICTION

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever amen.

POSTLUDE

“Marriage Killer”

Matthew 5:27-32

Westminster *The Man of Fulfillment* Devotions (February 23rd–28th)

Monday: Read Matthew 5:27-32. Review your notes from yesterday’s sermon. What was most helpful to you about yesterday’s sermon? _____

In what ways could applying the letter and spirit of this law transform your understanding of sexual purity? _____

Tuesday: Read Matthew 5:27-32. How does Jesus’ deepening of the commandment against murder (focusing on anger) connect to His expansion of the commandment against adultery (addressing lust and divorce)? _____

Wednesday: Read Matthew 5:27-32. Given the prevalence of sexual confusion, pornography, and relational brokenness in today’s society, how does Jesus’ emphasis on the purposes of marriage and sex offer a counter-cultural path? _____

Thursday: Read Matthew 5:27-32. Why does Jesus intensify the law from external acts of adultery to internal desires like lust, and what does this reveal about God’s design for human intimacy? _____

Friday: Read Matthew 5:27-32. Reflect and pray over areas of desire or compromise in your life. How might guarding against disordered cravings, as Jesus warns, influence your pursuit of healthy relationships and societal flourishing? _____

Saturday: Read Matthew 5:33-37. 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.

Join us for Wednesday at Westminster 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 pizza, chips, and dessert. Sign up for the meal on the bulletin board in the Education Wing or contact the church office by noon Tuesday.

There is a VBS Planning Meeting this afternoon 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.

There is a Joint Session and Diaconate Meeting today at 4:00 PM.

Ladies, you are invited to a sprinkle honoring Meredith Anderson at 3:00 PM next Sunday, 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
	4:00	Joint Officer Meeting
	4:30	VBS Planning Meeting
Mon	6:30	Ping Pong
Wed	5:30	Wednesday at Westminster

Upcoming Events

Wednesday at Westminster,
5:30-7:00

Pray for those with birthdays: Mandy Walker, 22; Bill Gatewood, 25; Chandler Whitney, 28

Nursery Workers: Today – Macey Orman and Grace LaBarre
Next Week – Valerie Gatewood and Kelly Turner