

Welcome to  
**Westminster**  
**Presbyterian Church**

*Sunday, January 11, 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

Psalm 73:25–28

Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

**My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**

For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.

**But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.**

#### \*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

## “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing, al - le - lu - ia, a - men!  
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, al - le - lu - ia, a - men!  
 3. Sing this sal - va - tion song, al - le - lu - ia, a - men!  
 4. Lift high the Sav-ior's name, al - le - lu - ia, a - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King, al - le - lu - ia, a - men!  
 Let prais - es fill the sky, al - le - lu - ia, a - men!  
 Christ on the cross has won, al - le - lu - ia, a - men!  
 Till all the earth pro-claims, al - le - lu - ia, a - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;  
 He who made all things well formed us his praise to tell;  
 Praise we the ris - en Lord; come, run through mer - cy's door;  
 Let now the gos - pel ring, Christ for the world we sing;

praise is his gra - cious choice, al - le - lu - ia, a - men!  
 hear now the an - them swell, al - le - lu - ia, a - men!  
 loved, res - cued, and re - stored, al - le - lu - ia, a - men!  
 the world to Christ we bring, al - le - lu - ia, a - men!

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## The Lord Cleanses Us

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READING OF THE LAW

Matthew 5:3-10

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.**

CONFESSON OF SIN

Zacharias Ursinus

**I, a poor sinner, confess before you, my God and Creator, that I have sinned gravely and in various ways against you, not only with outward gross sins, but much more with internal, innate blindness, unbelief, doubts, faintheartedness, impatience, pride, evil greed, secret envy, hatred and jealousy, as well as other evil emotions. You, my Lord and God, recognize this in me very well, but sadly, I cannot recognize them sufficiently. I feel sorrow and regret for them and wholeheartedly desire grace through your dear Son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

PRIVATE CONFESSON OF SIN

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 4:15-16

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## \*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.**

## \*CONFESSİON OF FAİTH

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 catholic<sup>1</sup> church;**

**the communion of saints;**

**the forgiveness of sins;**

**the resurrection of the body;**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

<sup>1</sup>THE WORD “CATHOLIC” REFERS TO THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## OFFERTORY

## “His Mercy Is More”

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om - ni - scient, all know - ing, He  
 2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What Fa - ther, so ten - der is  
 3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us! His blood was the pay - ment; His

counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore. Our  
 call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the af - poor. Our  
 life was the cost. We stood neath a debt we could never af - ford. Our

sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord, His mer - cy is  
 sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. more.  
 sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

more. Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn. Our

sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

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.

## \*HYMN OF PREPARATION

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!”

1. He lead - eth me: O bless - ed thought! O words with  
 2. Some - times 'mid scenes of deep - est gloom, some - times where  
 3. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er  
 4. And when at last my race is run, the Sav - ior's

heav'n - ly com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, wher -  
 E - den's bow - ers bloom, by wa - ters still, o'er  
 mur - mur nor re - pine, con - tent, what - ev - er  
 work in me is done, e'en death's cold wave I

e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.  
 trou - bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.  
 lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.  
 will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

Refrain

He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me; by his own hand he lead - eth me.

His faith - ful fol - lwer I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

Too late did I come to love You, Eternal Truth and Goodness—too late did I seek You, my Father.

Yet You sought me first. When Your light broke through upon me, I finally recognized You and learned to love You. I thank You, my Light, for shining into my life, for teaching my soul what You long to be for me, and for turning Your face toward me in mercy.

Lord, You have become my hope, my comfort, my strength—my everything! My soul rejoices in You. The darkness that blinded me has disappeared, and I now see You, the true Sun of righteousness. When I clung to the shadows, I did not know You, but wandered aimlessly from one night to the next.

But You led me out of that blindness. You took me by the hand and called me to Yourself. Now I can give You thanks, for Your powerful voice has reached the deepest part of my heart. Amen.

## The Lord Feeds Us

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

## SCRIPTURE READING

## Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Life Together”

SERMON NOTES:

1. The Foundations for Disciples

2. The Community of Disciples

3. The Witness of Disciples

## The Lord Sends Us

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,  
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
3. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;  
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he sets the pris - 'ner free;  
5. He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;

the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.  
to spread thro' all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
• 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
his blood can make the foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.  
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice; the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
your loosen'd tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior come;  
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

7. To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n;  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.  
Alt. 1961

AZMON C.M.  
Carl G. Gläser, 1828  
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## 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.

**Please join us for** Soups, Salads, Sandwiches, and Sweets Lunch today following the Morning Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall.

**Wednesday at Westminster** will be starting this Wednesday, January 14, from 5:30-7:00. Dinner will be served 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 chicken spaghetti, green beans, roll, and dessert.

**Pastor Stamper will be teaching** a Communicant's Class beginning next Sunday, January 18, during Sunday School. This is for any children who are noncommunicant members or nonmembers.

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

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| <u>Today and this week</u> |       | <u>Upcoming Events</u>              |
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| Sun                        | 9:45  | Sunday School                       |
|                            | 10:55 | Morning Worship                     |
|                            | 12:00 | Soups, Salads, Sandwiches, & Sweets |
| Mon                        | 6:30  | Ping Pong                           |
| Tues                       | 6:30  | 20s/30s Bible Study                 |
| Wed                        | 5:30  | Wednesday at Westminster            |

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**Nursery Workers:** Today – Frances Warren and Kinsey Karel  
Next Week – Kelsey Stamper and Tatum Sherwin