

Welcome to
Westminster
Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 18, 2026 † 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

Deut. 4:39; Rev. 14:7

Know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.

Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.

*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

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”



1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
 2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the
 4. He sits at God's right hand 'til all his foes sub - mit, and
 5. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and



Refrain



joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 • keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your
 bow to his com - mand, and fall be -neath his feet.
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.



heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!



Charles Wesley, 1744; alt.

DARWALL 6.6.6.6.8.8.
 John Darwall, 1770

READING OF THE LAW

The 10 Commandments

You shall have no other gods before me.

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever!

You shall not make for yourself an idol.

In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

Let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that confess his name.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

You shall not murder.

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

You shall not commit adultery.

You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

You shall not steal.

Those who have been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their hands, so that they may have something to share with those in need.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

The Lord Cleanses Us

CONFESSON OF SIN

Ambrose

O Lord, you have mercy upon all - take away from us our sins, and mercifully kindle in us the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from us the heart of stone, and give us a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, to follow and to enjoy you, for Christ's sake. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSON OF SIN

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“The Gloria Patri”

#735

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.

CONFESSON OF FAITH

The New City Catechism

Question 29

How can we be saved?

Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross; so even though we are guilty of having disobeyed God and are still inclined to all evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of our own but only by pure grace, imputes to us the perfect righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in him.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Ephesians 2:8–9)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Be Thou My Vision”

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er
 3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought by
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,
 • dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,
 her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,
 heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what-

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 • thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 ev - er be - fall, still be my vis - ion, O Rul - er of all.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent.
 Tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
 Vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

SLANE 10.10.10.10.
 Traditional Irish melody
 Harm. OPC/URCNA 2016
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*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Doxology”

#731

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord Feeds Us

*PSALM OF PREPARATION "Psalm 62"



1. ¹My soul in si - lence waits for God, my Sav - ior he has proved;
2. ³My en - e - mies my ru - in seek, ⁴they plot with fraud and guile;
3. ⁷My hon - or is sec - ure with God, my Sav - ior he is known;
4. ⁹For sure - ly men are help - ers vain, the high and the a - based;
5. ¹¹For God has spok - en o'er and o'er and un - to me has shown



²he on - ly is my rock and tow'r; I nev - er shall be moved.
de - ceit - ful, they pre - tend to bless, but in - ward - ly re - vile.
• my ref - uge and my rock of strength are found in God a - lone.
yes, light - er than a breath are they when in the bal - ance placed.
that sav - ing pow'r and last - ing strength be - long to him a - lone.



My hon - or is se - cure with God, my Sav - ior he is known;
⁵My soul in si - lence waits for God, he is my help ap - proved;
• ⁸On him, you peo - ple, ev - er - more re - ly with con - fi - dence;
¹⁰Trust not in harsh op - pres - sion's pow'r, nor in un - righ - teous gain;
¹²Yes, lov - ing - kind - ness ev - er - more be - longs to you, O Lord;



my ref - uge and my rock of strength are found in God a - lone.
⁹he on - ly is my rock and tow'r, and I shall not be moved.
• be - fore him pour out all your heart, for God is our de - fense.
if wealth in - crease, yet on your gold you set your hearts in vain.
and you, ac - cord - ing to his work, will ev - 'ry man re - ward.



13 And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. 14 But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. 15 Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” 16 And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

17 And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 18 And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. 19 You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” 20 And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” 21 And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” 22 Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

23 And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” 24 And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” 26 And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” 27 Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” 28 Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” 29 Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The First and Last in Line”

Themes: Kingdom of God, Faith, Trust, Meekness, Idolatry.

1. The Kingdom of Humility

2. The Kingdom of Idolatry

3. The Way in

The Lord Sends Us

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING “Take My Life, and Let It Be”

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed,
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse
3. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,
4. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them
of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and
for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with
I with - hold. Take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry

flow in cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.
beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take my self, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

HENDON 7.7.7.7.rep.
Henri A. César-Malan, 1827

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“The First and Last in Line”
Mark 10:13-31
Westminster Devotions (January 19 - 24)

Monday: Read Mark 10:13-31. 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 Mark 10:13-31. Jesus was indignant. Why? What did Pastor Stamper say that word meant? _____

Wednesday: Read Mark 10:13-31. Jesus loved the rich man. Out of this love, what did Jesus do for him? _____

Thursday: Read Mark 10:13-31. Is being rich wrong? Why? What is the heart problem for the rich man? _____

Friday: Read Mark 10:13-31. What is exemplary about a child in Jesus’ exhortation? _____

Saturday: Read Mark 10:13-31. What holds us back from making sacrifices for Jesus? What should we meditate on from this passage if we struggle with making such sacrifices? _____

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 fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, butterbeans, roll, and dessert. Sign up for the meal on the sign-up sheets at the entrances to the sanctuary or contact the church office by noon Monday.

Stand 2026, formerly the Mid-South Men's Rally, is 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.

Copies of Tim Keller on the Christian Life: The Transforming Power of the Gospel have been provided by Crossway to the church. Feel free to pick up 1 copy in the vestibule. They have also provided us with a digital study guide which we can send to you on request. Please contact the church office for the study guide.

Online giving is available at www.wpcvicksburg.com by clicking on the Online Giving link.

<u>Today and this week</u>		<u>Upcoming Events</u>
Sun	9:45 Sunday School	Wednesday at Westminster,
	10:55 Morning Worship	5:30-7:00
Mon	6:30 Ping Pong	
Wed	5:30 Wednesday at Westminster	

Pray for those with birthdays: Mark Monroe, 18; Jennifer Sluis, 20

Nursery Workers: Today – Kelsey Stamper and Tatum Sherwin
Next Week – Gayle Neihaus and Amy Warren