

Welcome to

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 5, 2026 † 10:55 AM



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*****Indicates those able may stand

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Calls Us

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 134:1; 21:13

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength! We will sing and praise your power.

***PSALM OF PRAISE**

“Psalm 134”

1. ¹Come, bless the LORD with one ac - cord, you faith - ful
2. ²Lift up your hands, in prayer draw nigh un - to his
3. ³The LORD now bless you from a - bove, from Zi - on

ser - vants of the LORD, who in his house do
sanc - tu - ar - y high; O bless the LORD, kneel
in his bound - less love; our God, who heav'n and

stand by night, and praise him there with all your might.
at his feet, and wor - ship him with rev - 'rence meet.
earth did frame, blest be his great and ho - ly name.

*INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

...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.

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

Anselm

O Almighty and merciful Father, you pour your benefits upon us—forgive the unthankfulness with which we have requited your goodness. We have remained before you with dead and senseless hearts, unkindled with love of your gentle and enduring goodness. Turn us, O merciful Father, and so shall we be turned. Make us with our whole heart to hunger and thirst after you, and with all our longing to desire you. Amen.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

*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.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

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 catholic¹ church;

the communion of saints;

the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body;

and the life everlasting. Amen.

¹ THE WORD “CATHOLIC” REFERS TO THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH.

The Lord Feeds Us

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (v. 1,3)



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y - la - den, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged: take it to the Lord in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer.
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

Joseph M. Scriven, ca. 1855

CONVERSE 8.7.8.7.D.
 Charles A. Converse, 1868

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Doxology”

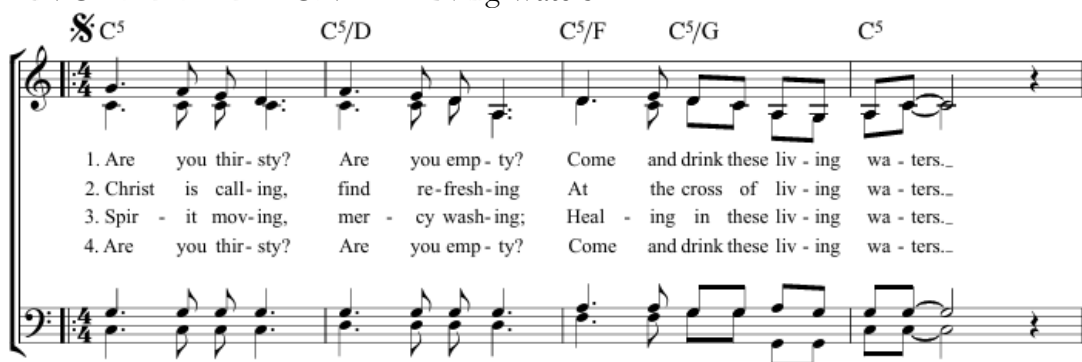
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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

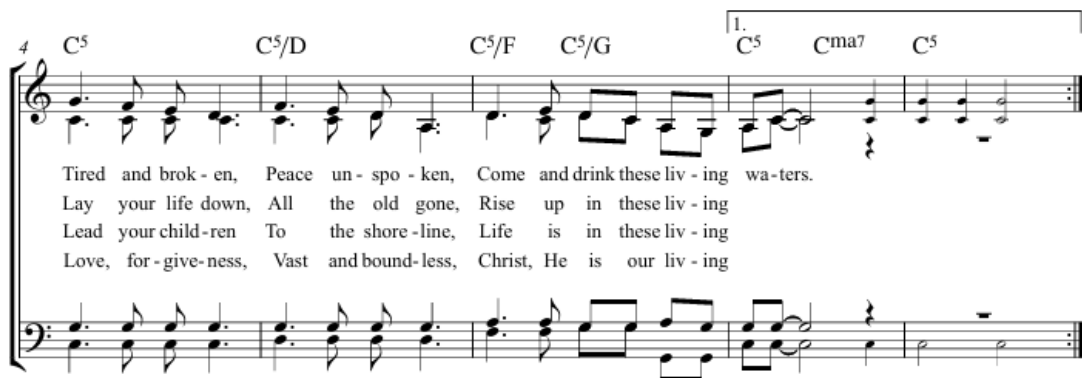
*HYMN OF PREPARATION “Living Waters”

C⁵ **C⁵/D** **C⁵/F** **C⁵/G** **C⁵**



1. Are you thir- sty? Are you emp- ty? Come and drink these liv- ing wa- ters..
 2. Christ is call- ing, find re- fresh- ing At the cross of liv- ing wa- ters..
 3. Spir- it mov- ing, mer- cy wash- ing; Heal- ing in these liv- ing wa- ters..
 4. Are you thir- sty? Are you emp- ty? Come and drink these liv- ing wa- ters..

C⁵ **C⁵/D** **C⁵/F** **C⁵/G** **1. C⁵** **C⁵ma7** **C⁵**



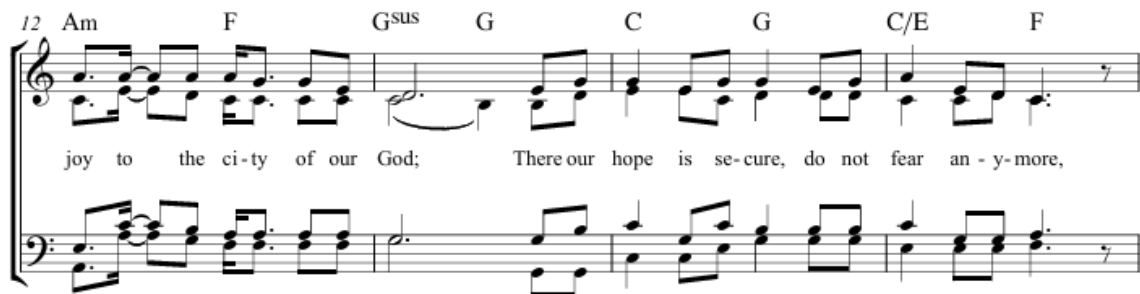
Tired and brok- en, Peace un- spo- ken, Come and drink these liv- ing wa- ters.
 Lay your life down, All the old gone, Rise up in these liv- ing
 Lead your child- ren To the shore- line, Life is in these liv- ing
 Love, for- give- ness, Vast and bound- less, Christ, He is our liv- ing

2.3.4. Refrain **C⁵** **Am** **F** **C**



wa- ters..
 wa- ters.. } There's a riv- er__ that flows with mer- cy__ and love, Bring- ing
 wa- ters..

12 **Am** **F** **G^{sus}** **G** **C** **G** **C/E** **F**



joy to the ci- ty of our God; There our hope is se- cure, do not fear an- y- more,

16 Dm⁷ G 1.2. C⁵ C^{ma7} C⁵ C^{ma7} D.S. § 3. C

Praise the Lord of liv - ing wa - ters. There our

hope is se - cure, do not fear an - y - more. Praise the Lord of liv - ing wa - ters.

rit. Dm⁷ G C⁵

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Living Waters
(Hymnal: Key of C)

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:2–9

²I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. ³Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Difficult Situational Ethics”

Themes: Conflict, Unrest, Reconciliation, Virtue

Summary: Two Christians in the church at Philippi remain unreconciled, and Paul now addresses their need to reconcile.

1. Reconciliation with Christians

2. Peace in Suffering

3. Truth and Virtues in Lies and Vice

*COMMUNION HYMN

“Behold the Lamb” (v. 1-3)

F/A G/B C Dm7 G C/E F

1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us—
2. The bod - y of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, torn for you—
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you—
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond

C/G Gsus G F/A G/B C Dm7 G

and we re-mem-ber the prom-ise made that all who come in faith
eat and re-mem-ber; the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
drink and re-mem-ber he drained death's cup that all may en-ter in
and to re-mem-ber our call to fol-low in the steps of Christ

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

find for-give-ness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life,
paid the price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life,
to re-ceive the life of God. So we share in this bread of life,
as his bod-y here on earth. As we share in his suf-fer-ing,

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

and we drink of his sac-ri-fice as a sign of our
and we drink of his sac-ri-fice as a sign of our
and we drink of his sac-ri-fice as a sign of our
we pro-claim Christ will come a-gain! And we'll join in the

C/E Gsus F/A G C

bonds of peace a-round the ta-ble of the King.
bonds of love a-round the ta-ble of the King.
bonds of grace a-round the ta-ble of the King.
feast of heav'n a-round the ta-ble of the King.

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.

The Lord Sends Us

*COMMUNION HYMN “Behold the Lamb” (v. 4)

*BENEDICTION Philippians 4:19

May God supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

POSTLUDE

“Difficult Situational Ethics”

Philippians 4:2-9

Westminster Devotions (July 5 - 10)

Monday: Read Philippians 4:2-9. Review your notes from yesterday’s sermon. What part of Paul’s plea for reconciliation, prayer over anxiety, or focusing the mind on what is true most challenged or encouraged you? _____

What is one practical step you can take this week toward reconciliation or replacing worry with prayer? _____

Tuesday: Read Philippians 4:1-9. How does Paul’s earlier call to unity, humility, and working out our salvation (chapter 2) connect to these final instructions about reconciliation, anxiety, and right thinking in chapter 4? _____

Wednesday: Read Philippians 4:2-9. In a culture marked by conflict, constant worry, and negative or divided thinking, how does Paul’s teaching on pursuing peace through reconciliation and prayer offer a countercultural path to joy and gospel witness? _____

Thursday: Read Philippians 4:2-9. Why is it so important to reconcile with fellow believers, replace anxiety with prayer and thanksgiving, and fix our minds on what is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, and commendable? _____

Friday: Read Philippians 4:2-9. Think and pray about areas of unresolved conflict, anxiety, or unhealthy thinking in your life. How can the practice of reconciliation, prayerful dependence, and renewed thinking allow the peace of God to guard your heart and mind in Christ Jesus? _____

Saturday: Read Philippians 4:10-23. What thoughts or questions do you have about Paul’s gratitude, contentment, and closing words to the Philippians? _____

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.

A donation for the diaconate fund will be received following the Morning Worship Service this morning. These funds are used for mercy ministries.

Please join us for a cookout honoring the Stamper family next Sunday, July 12, at 6:00 PM on the playground of the church! Contact Amy Warren at 601-415-2610 if you want to help. We will need help with setting up, cleaning up, and providing food. Please make plans to be here as we thank the Stampers for their service to Westminster!

Westminster is taking a break from Sunday School for the summer. We will be having a pre-service fellowship time in its place. Please join us for coffee and pastries at 10:15 AM every Sunday for the summer!

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	10:15	Coffee/Pastries Fellowship	Reception for the Stamper’s , July 12, 6:00 PM
	10:55	Morning Worship	
Mon	6:30	Ping Pong Fellowship	

Pray for those with birthdays: Macey Orman, Will McFarland, 8; Derrick Reiber, 9; Rachel Gatewood, 11

Nursery Workers: Today – Jennifer Sluis
Next Week – Laura Wells and Mary Mac Whitney