

Welcome to
**Westminster
Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, March 1, 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 Deuteronomy 10:14; 2 Peter 3:1

Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it.

To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity.

*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.

1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,
 2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4. To the great One in Three e - ter - nal prais - es be,

help us to praise. Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 scat - ter thy foes. Let thine al - might - y aid our sure de -
 in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in
 hence ev - er - more. His sov - 'reign maj - est - y may we in

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 fense be made, our souls on thee be stayed; thy won - ders show.
 ev - 'ry heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

READING OF THE LAW

Matthew 22:37-40

Our Lord Jesus said,

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

The Lord Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gregory the Great

O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Christ, have mercy upon us. O Spirit, have mercy upon us. O God the Father in heaven, we beseech you, hear us. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, we beseech you, hear us. O God the Holy Spirit, our Comforter, we beseech you, hear us. Be gracious unto us. Spare us, good Lord. Be gracious unto us. Help us, good Lord. Be gracious unto us. Save us, good Lord, from our sin, from our errors, from all evil. Good Lord, deliver us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Joel 2:12–13

“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

*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.

¹THE WORD "CATHOLIC" REFERS TO THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH.

The Lord Feeds Us

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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"Psalm 15" (v.1—3)

1. ¹LORD, who shall so - journ in your tent, and
2. ³He slan - ders not with wick - ed speech, nor
3. ⁴He views the vile with deep dis - dain, but
4. ⁵He lends his mon - ey with - out charge; he

dwel up - on your ho - ly hill? ²The one who walks in
does his neigh - bor an - y wrong. A gos - sip's lies he
hon - ors those who fear the LORD. He swears, to his own
takes no bribe a - gainst the good. The man who does these

righteous - ness, and speaks the truth with - in his soul.
will not hear, nor harm his friend with faith - less tongue.
hurt, an oath and chang - es not, but keeps his word.
things shall stand for - ev - er; he will not be moved.

**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

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

1. I need thee ev - 'ry hour, most gra - cious Lord;
 2. I need thee ev - 'ry hour, stay thou near - by;
 3. I need thee ev - 'ry hour, in joy or pain;
 4. I need thee ev - 'ry hour, teach me thy will,

no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
 temp - ta - tions lose their pow'r when thou art nigh.
 come quick - ly, and a - bide, or life is vain.
 thy prom - is - es so rich in me ful - fill.

I need thee, oh, I need thee, ev - 'ry hour I need thee!

Oh, bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to thee.

7 “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

16 “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

11 You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. 12 You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

33 “Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ 34 But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36 And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Themes: Truth, Oaths, Words

Summary: In his fourth of six discourses, Jesus teaches on the Law’s emphasis on truth and our words, correcting the Pharisaic interpretations of oaths.

1. The Law – the 3rd & 9th Commandments and Leviticus 19:12

2. The Law – How the New Testament Heightens the Law

3. The Law – How Jesus Fulfills the Law

CHORUS

♩ = 71 F Dm7 B♭ F Dm C B♭ Gm C

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re - stored. He has

5 F Dm7 B♭ F Dm C B♭ C F

done great things, we will say to - geth - er. We will feast and weep no more.

VERSE

10 B♭ Dm B♭ C

We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord, our
 In the dark of night, be - fore the dawn, my soul, be not a -
 Ev - 'ry vow we've bro - ken and be - trayed, You are the faith - ful

14 Dm B♭ Dm B♭ C

God. We are not con - sumed by the flood; up - held, pro - tect - ed,
 fraid. For the prom - ised morn - ing, oh, how long? Oh, God of Ja - cob,
 one. And from the gar - den to the grave, bind us to - geth - er,

18 Dm C/E

gath - - - ered up.
 be my strength.
 bring sha - - lom.

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

“We Will Feast in the House of Zion” (chorus only)

*BENEDICTION

1 Corinthians 1:8

May God sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

POSTLUDE

“I Give You My Word”

Matthew 5:33-37

Westminster *The Man of Fulfillment* Devotions (March 2nd-7th)

Monday: Read Matthew 5:33-37. Review your notes from yesterday’s sermon. What was most helpful to you about yesterday’s sermon? _____

How could living with greater integrity in your words impact your relationships this week? _____

Tuesday: Read Matthew 5:27-37. How does Jesus’ expansion of the commandment against adultery (focusing on inner desires) parallel His teaching on oaths, emphasizing the heart’s trustworthiness over external vows? _____

Wednesday: Read Matthew 5:33-37. In a society where misinformation and casual promises are common, how does Jesus’ call for simple, honest speech challenge prevailing cultural norms? _____

Thursday: Read Matthew 5:33-37. Why does Jesus critique the Pharisees’ system of oaths and insist that our “yes” be yes and “no” be no? What does it reveal about God’s character as truth? _____

Friday: Read Matthew 5:33-37. Reflect and pray on the reliability of your commitments. How might embracing words that reflect God’s unchanging truth redirect your habits of speech and decision-making for the long term? _____

Saturday: Read Matthew 5:38-48. 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 hamburgers, chips, and dessert. Sign up for the meal on the bulletin board in the Education Wing or contact the church office by noon Tuesday.

Ladies, you are invited to a sprinkle honoring Meredith Anderson at 3:00 PM today at Corley Woodson’s home! RSVP to Corley at 662-590-3889. Meredith is registered on Amazon.

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
	3:00	Anderson Sprinkle
Mon	6:30	Ping Pong
Tues	6:00	Hannah Circle
	6:30	20s/30s Bible Study
Wed	5:30	Wednesday at Westminster

Upcoming Events

Wednesday at Westminster,
5:30-7:00
VBS Planning Meeting, March 29,
4:30 PM

Nursery Workers: Today – Valerie Gatewood and Kelly Turner
Next Week – Kelsey Stamper and Tatum Sherwin