

Welcome to

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 15, 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 Psalm 95:1-4

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs
of praise!

**For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the
depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

*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.**

G C G G C Dsus G

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!

G C G G C Dsus G

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!

G C D G Am7 D

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;

G C D G C Dsus G

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!

The words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven...

You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect...

Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven...

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you...

So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

The Lord Cleanses Us

I, poor sinner, confess myself before God Almighty, that I have gravely sinned by the transgression of his commandments; that I have done many things which I should have left undone, and I have left undone that which I should have done, through unbelief and distrust in God and weakness of love toward my fellow servants God knows the guilt I have incurred, for which I am grieved. Be gracious to me, Lord. Be merciful to me, a poor sinner. Amen.

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

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

OFFERTORY

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

1. Come, thou fount of ev-'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

“How Firm a Foundation” (v.1-4)

1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your
3. "When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of
4. "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-suf-

faith in his excellent Word! What more can he say than to
God, and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and
sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be with you, your
ficient, shall be your supply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, om-nip-o-tent hand.
troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.
on - ly de - sign your dross to consume and your gold to re - fine.

SCRIPTURE READING

James 1:12–15

12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. 14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Trials & Temptations”

Themes: Suffering, God’s Special Providence, Trials, Temptations

Summary: James opens up to us a window of insight into our trials.

1. A Promise

2. A Warning

The Lord Sends Us

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING “He Will Hold Me Fast”

A A/C# D D E A

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those he saves are his de - light; Christ will hold me fast;
3. For my life he bled and died— Christ will hold me fast;

A A/C# D D E A

when the tempt-er would pre - vail, he will hold me fast.
pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, he will hold me fast.
jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; he will hold me fast.

F#m E/G# A/C# D D C# F#m

I could nev-er keep my hold through life's fear-ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; his prom - is - es shall last;
Raised with him to end - less life— he will hold me fast,

F#m E/G# A/C# D D E A

for my love is of - ten cold: he must hold me fast.
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.
till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last!

D E F#m F#m E/G# A

He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast;

A Bm7 A/C# D D E A

for my Sav - ior loves me so— he will hold me fast.

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*BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:13

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.

Wednesday at Westminster resumes this Wednesday! Join us 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 red beans and rice, green beans, roll, and dessert. Sign up for the meal on the bulletin board in the Education Wing or contact the church office by noon Tuesday.

You’re invited to Westminster’s Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28, at 11:00 AM! The Easter Egg Hunt begins at exactly 11:00! Show up early, don’t be late! Lunch will be provided. Bring lawn chairs and picnic blankets, and enjoy a time of fellowship and fun outdoors after the big event! Ronnie and Gayle Neihaus will host the Easter Egg Hunt at their home (7686 Fisher Ferry Road).

There is a VBS Planning Meeting Sunday, March 29, at 4:30 PM. This meeting 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.

The flower list sign-up sheet for 2026 is on the Women’s Ministry bulletin board. Please sign up to provide flowers for the Sanctuary on one of the dates available. Contact Lexine Cool or Laura Wells if you have any questions.

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
Mon	6:30	Ping Pong
Wed	5:30	Wednesday at Westminster

Upcoming Events

Easter Egg Hunt , March 28, 11:00 AM
VBS Planning Meeting , March 29, 4:30 PM

Pray for those with birthdays: George Stubblefield, 9; Bob Walker, 10

Nursery Workers: Today – Frances Warren and Kinsey Karel

Next Week – Amy Warren and Gayle Neihaus