

Welcome to
**Westminster
Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, March 22, 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 95:6-7; Isaiah 33:17

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Your eyes will behold the king in his beauty;

They will see a land that stretches afar.

*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 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - sored from the fall,
3. Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe on this ter - res - trial ball,
4. Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

G D G D/F# Em Asus D

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all maj - es - ty as - crite, and crown him Lord of all!
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G D G/B C G/D D G

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Words: Edward Perronet, 1779; rev. John Rippon, 1787
 Music: Oliver Holden, 1793; harm. Lowell Mason, 1832, alt.

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READING OF THE LAW

The Law

Exodus 20 & Matthew 22:37-40

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself a carved image...

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain...

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy...

Honor your father and your mother...

You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet...

Hear also the words of our Lord Jesus when he 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

Wilhelm Loehe

Lord Jesus Christ, you carry the lost sheep back into the fold in your arms, and deign to hear the confession of the publican—gracious remit all my guilt and sin. Lord, you hear the penitent thief, you have set a heritage of mercy for your saints, and have not withheld pardon from the sinner—hear the prayers of your servants according to your mercy. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 4:4–5

Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.

*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

John Owen’s Greater Catechism

Q&A 6

How doth the law drive us unto Christ?

Divers ways; as, first, by laying open unto us the utter disability of our nature to do any good; secondly, by charging the wrath and curse of God, due to sin, upon the conscience; thirdly, by bringing the whole soul under bondage to sin, death, Satan, and hell,—so making us long and seek for a Saviour.

The Lord Feeds Us

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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“Psalm 24” (v.1-3)

1. ¹The earth and its rich - es a - bun - dant - ly stored,
2. ³O who shall the mount of the LORD God as - cend?
3. ⁵Yes, he from the LORD shall a bless - ing re - ceive;
4. ⁷O gates, lift your heads! An - cient doors, lift them high!
5. ⁹O gates, lift your heads! An - cient doors, lift them high!

the world and its dwell - ers be - long to the LORD.
And who in the place of his ho - li - ness stand?
• the God of sal - va - tion shall righ - teous - ness give.
The great King of glo - ry to en - ter draws nigh!
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²For he on the seas its foun - da - tions has laid,
⁴The man of pure heart and of hands with - out stain,
• ⁶Thus look - ing to him is a whole bless - ed race;
⁸O who is the King that in glo - ry draws near?
¹⁰This great King of glo - ry, O who can he be?

and firm on the wa - ters its pil - lars has stayed.
who swears not to i - dols, nor serves what is vain.
• all those who, like Ja - cob, are seek - ing your face.
The LORD, might - y LORD of the bat - tle, is here!
The LORD God of hosts, King of glo - ry is he!

**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 THE MONTH

“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.

11 And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying to them, 2 “Speak to the people of Israel, saying, These are the living things that you may eat among all the animals that are on the earth. 3 Whatever parts the hoof and is cloven-footed and chews the cud, among the animals, you may eat. 4 Nevertheless, among those that chew the cud or part the hoof, you shall not eat these: The camel, because it chews the cud but does not part the hoof, is unclean to you. 5 And the rock badger, because it chews the cud but does not part the hoof, is unclean to you. 6 And the hare, because it chews the cud but does not part the hoof, is unclean to you. 7 And the pig, because it parts the hoof and is cloven-footed but does not chew the cud, is unclean to you. 8 You shall not eat any of their flesh, and you shall not touch their carcasses; they are unclean to you.

9 “These you may eat, of all that are in the waters. Everything in the waters that has fins and scales, whether in the seas or in the rivers, you may eat. 10 But anything in the seas or the rivers that does not have fins and scales, of the swarming creatures in the waters and of the living creatures that are in the waters, is detestable to you. 11 You shall regard them as detestable; you shall not eat any of their flesh, and you shall detest their carcasses. 12 Everything in the waters that does not have fins and scales is detestable to you.

13 “And these you shall detest among the birds; they shall not be eaten; they are detestable: the eagle, the bearded vulture, the black vulture, 14 the kite, the falcon of any kind, 15 every raven of any kind, 16 the ostrich, the nighthawk, the sea gull, the hawk of any kind, 17 the little owl, the cormorant, the short-eared owl, 18 the barn owl, the tawny owl, the carrion vulture, 19 the stork, the heron of any kind, the hoopoe, and the bat.

20 “All winged insects that go on all fours are detestable to you. 21 Yet among the winged insects that go on all fours you may eat those that have jointed legs above their feet, with which to hop on the ground. 22 Of them you may eat: the locust of any kind, the bald locust of any kind, the cricket of any kind, and the grasshopper of any kind. 23 But all other winged insects that have four feet are detestable to you.

24 “And by these you shall become unclean. Whoever touches their carcass shall be unclean until the evening, 25 and whoever carries any part of their carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening. 26 Every animal that parts the hoof but is not cloven-footed or does not chew the cud is unclean to you. Everyone who touches them shall be unclean. 27 And all that walk on their paws, among the animals that go on all fours, are unclean to you. Whoever touches their carcass shall be unclean until the evening, 28 and he who carries their carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening; they are unclean to you.

29 “And these are unclean to you among the swarming things that swarm on the ground: the mole rat, the mouse, the great lizard of any kind, 30 the gecko, the monitor lizard, the lizard, the sand lizard, and the chameleon. 31 These are unclean to you among all that swarm. Whoever touches them when they are dead shall be unclean until the evening. 32 And anything on which any of them falls when they are dead shall be unclean, whether it is an article of wood or a garment or a skin or a sack, any article that is used for any purpose. It must be put into water, and it shall be unclean until the evening; then it shall be clean. 33 And if any of them falls into any earthenware vessel, all that is in it shall be unclean, and you shall break it. 34 Any food in it that could be eaten, on which water comes, shall be unclean. And all drink that could be drunk from every such vessel shall be unclean. 35 And everything on which any part of their carcass falls shall be unclean. Whether oven or stove, it shall be broken in pieces. They are unclean and shall remain unclean for you. 36 Nevertheless, a spring or a cistern holding water shall be clean, but whoever touches a carcass in them shall be unclean. 37 And if any part of their carcass falls upon any seed grain that is to be sown, it is clean, 38 but if water is put on the seed and any part of their carcass falls on it, it is unclean to you.

39 “And if any animal which you may eat dies, whoever touches its carcass shall be unclean until the evening, 40 and whoever eats of its carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening. And whoever carries the carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening.

41 “Every swarming thing that swarms on the ground is detestable; it shall not be eaten. 42 Whatever goes on its belly, and whatever goes on all fours, or whatever has many feet, any swarming thing that swarms on the ground, you shall not eat, for they are detestable. 43 You shall not make yourselves detestable with any swarming thing that swarms, and you shall not defile yourselves with them, and become unclean through them. 44 For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. You shall not defile yourselves with any swarming thing that crawls on the ground. 45 For I am the LORD who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.”

46 This is the law about beast and bird and every living creature that moves through the waters and every creature that swarms on the ground, 47 to make a distinction between the unclean and the clean and between the living creature that may be eaten and the living creature that may not be eaten.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Themes: Holiness, Defilement, Purification

Summary: This chapter of Leviticus outlines the list of unclean and clean animals. The rationale behind this has long puzzled theologians.

1. Purity

2. Identity

3. Cleansing

The Lord Sends Us

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING “O Church Arise”

VERSE

♩ = 58 A7sus D G/B A/C# D/F# G Asus A

1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mour on; Hear the call of Christ our Cap -
 2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to rage a - gainst the cap -
 3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the Son of God is strick -
 4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give grace for ev - 'ry hur -

4 D A7sus D G/B A/C# D/F# G Asus A

tain. For now the weak can say that they are strong, in the strength that God has giv -
 tor; And with the sword that makes the wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val -
 en; Then see His foes lie crushed be - neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris -
 dle; That we may run with faith, to win the prize of a serv - ant, good and faith -

8 D D/F# G D/F# A D/F# G D/F# Bm

en. With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's
 our. When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the out - come is se -
 en. And as the stone is rolled a - way and Christ e - merg - es from the
 ful. As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His

12 A A7sus D G/B A/C# D/F# G Asus A

lies; An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle cry is Love, reach - ing out to those in dark -
 cure. And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an in - her - it - ance of na -
 grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see
 grace, we hear their calls, and hun - ger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glo -

16 D Dsus D

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*BENEDICTION

Philippians 4:7

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

POSTLUDE

“Unclean”

Leviticus 11:1-47

Westminster *A Relationship with the Lord* Devotions (March 23rd – 28^h)

Monday: Read Leviticus 11. Review your notes from yesterday’s sermon. What part of the purity laws or the repeated command “be holy, for I am holy” stood out to you the most?

How might learning to obey God even when you don’t fully understand His reasons strengthen your trust this week? _____

Tuesday: Read Leviticus 11 and Matthew 15:10-20. How do the detailed Old Testament rules about clean/unclean foods and contact with death prepare the way for Jesus’ teaching that defilement comes from the heart, ultimately pointing us to true cleansing in Christ?

Wednesday: Read Leviticus 11. In a world that often dismisses rules without explanations, blurs the holy with the common, or treats every desire as valid, how does God’s call to be set apart through everyday practices (like eating) offer a counter-cultural invitation to live under His Lordship in every area of life? _____

Thursday: Read Leviticus 11. Why does God root the command to holiness in both His sovereign authority (“I am the LORD”) and His gracious redemption (“who brought you up out of Egypt”)? What does this reveal about the kind of obedience He desires?

Friday: Read Leviticus 11. Think and pray about one area of your life where obedience feels unclear or costly. How can viewing these ancient laws as a gracious pointer to Christ’s cleansing, your new identity as His holy people, and God’s desire to be with you reshape the way you pursue purity and holiness going forward? _____

Saturday: Read 1 Peter 1:13-16. What questions or fresh insights do you have about this New Testament echo of Leviticus 11? _____

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 meat loaf, mashed potatoes, butter 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.

Easter hydrangea orders are due today. Order forms are available at both doors to the Sanctuary. Pink and blue hydrangeas are available for \$24 each. Checks should be made out to The Flower Center.

You’re invited to Westminster’s Easter Egg Hunt this 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.

There is a VBS Planning Meeting next 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
Tues	6:30	20s/30s Bible Study
Wed	5:30	Wednesday at Westminster
Thurs	6:00	Session
Sat	11:00	Easter Egg Hunt

Upcoming Events

VBS Planning Meeting, March 29,
4:30 PM

Pray for those with birthdays: Linda Lutz, 26

Nursery Workers: Today – Amy Warren and Gayle Neihaus
Next Week – Jennifer Sluis and Meredith Anderson