

Welcome to  
**Westminster  
Presbyterian Church**

*Sunday, May 10, 2026 † 10:55 AM*



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**Bold** indicates the congregation reads aloud  
\*Indicates those able may stand

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## The Lord Calls Us

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\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96:1–4

Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Let us declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

\*PSALM OF PRAISE

“Psalm 100”

1. <sup>1</sup>All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing  
2. <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD is God in - deed; he  
3. <sup>4</sup>O en - ter then his gates with joy, with -  
4. <sup>5</sup>Be - cause the LORD our God is good, his

to the LORD with cheer - ful voice. <sup>2</sup>Serve him with joy, his  
formed us all with - out our aid. We are the flock he  
in his courts his praise pro - claim! Let thank - ful songs your  
mer - cy is for - ev - er sure. His faith - ful - ness at

prais - es tell, come now be - fore him and re - jice!  
 sure - ly feeds, the sheep who by his hand were made.  
 tongues em - ploy. O bless and mag - ni - fy his name!  
 all times stood and shall from age to age en - dure.

William Kethe, 1561; alt.

GENEVAN 134 (OLD HUNDREDTH) L.M.  
Louis Bourgeois, 1551

**\*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**

Matthew 22:37–40

The words of our Lord Jesus Christ,

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.”

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## The Lord Cleanses Us

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### CONFESSION OF SIN

**Holy Father, You see us as we are and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of Your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from You and that to You all life returns. We have not sought to do Your will with our whole hearts. We have not lived as grateful children, nor lived as Christ loves us. Apart from You, we are nothing. Only Your grace can sustain us. Lord, in Your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin and restore us to the joy of Your salvation now and evermore. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON      Isaiah 40:1–2

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

### \*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.**

### CONFESSION OF FAITH      The New City Catechism      (Q&A 38 & 39)

What is prayer?

**Prayer is pouring out our hearts to God in praise, petition, confession of sin, and thanksgiving.**

With what attitude should we pray?

**With love, perseverance, and gratefulness; in humble submission to God's will, knowing that, for the sake of Christ, he always hears our prayers.**

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## The Lord Feeds Us

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### OFFERTORY PRAYER

## OFFERTORY

## "The Church's One Foundation" (v. 1-2)

1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
 4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;

from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 a - gainst both foe and trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

Samuel J. Stone, 1866

AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.  
Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

## \*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

## \*HYMN OF PREPARATION “Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

1. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, in the dawn-ing of the King.  
2. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, he the per-fect Son of Man.  
3. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, Christ the Lord up-on the tree.  
4. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, slain by death the God of life.

He, the theme of heav-en's prais-es, robed in frail hu-man-i-ty.  
In his liv-ing, in his suf-f'ring, nev-er trace nor stain of sin.  
In the stead of ru-ined sin-ners hangs the Lamb in vic-tor-y.  
But no grave could e'er re-strain him; praise the Lord; he is a-live!

In our long-ing, in our dark-ness, now the light of life has come!  
See the true and bet-ter Ad-am, come to save the hell-bound man.  
See the price of our re-demp-tion, see the Fa-ther's plan un-fold.  
What a fore-taste of de-liv-'rance, how un-wav-er-ing our hope:

Look to Christ who con-de-scend-ed, took on flesh to ran-som us.  
Christ, the great and sure ful-fill-ment of the law; in him we stand.  
Bring-ing man-y sons to glo-ry, grace un-meas-ured, love un-told.  
Christ in pow-er res-ur-rect-ed as we will be when he comes.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It features a vocal line and a bass line. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line: Eb, Ab, Eb, Bb, Cm7, Ab, Eb/G, Fm7, Bbsus, Eb, Eb/G, Ab, Eb/G, Cm, Bb, Ab, Eb, Ab, Eb/G, Fm7, Bbsus, Eb.

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1:1–11

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:  
2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. 7 It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. 8 For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. 9 And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, 10 so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Themes:** Joy, Prayer, Identity, Community

**Summary:** Paul, imprisoned for defending the gospel, can genuinely thank God and rejoice in his deep partnership with the Philippians, who have supported his missionary work from the start and continue to encourage him.

1. Our Identity in Christ

2. Our Gratitude in Christ

3. Our Affections in Christ

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# The Lord Sends Us

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\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3. We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4. When we are called to part, it gives us in - ward pain;

the fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
but we shall still be joined in heart and hope to meet a - gain.

5. This glorious hope revives  
our courage by the way,  
while each in expectation lives  
and waits to see that day.

6. From sorrow, toil, and pain  
and sin, we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign  
through all eternity.

John Fawcett, 1782

DENNIS S.M.  
Hans G. Nägeli, 1773–1836  
Arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

\*BENEDICTION

Philippians 4:19

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

POSTLUDE

“Christian Affections For Each Other”

*Philippians 1:1-11*

Westminster Devotions (May 11<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>)

**Monday:** Read Philippians 1:1-11. 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 Philippians 1:1-11. What significance is identity to you? What does Paul’s writing speak to you about your identity? \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday:** Read Philippians 1:1-11 and John 15:1-17. Where does our perseverance and growth come from? How do we persevere and grow? \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday:** Read Philippians 1:1-11. Mediate on Paul’s focus on love. Read Romans 5:1-5; 1 Corinthians 13:13; Galatians 5:5-6; Ephesians 4:2-5; 1 Thessalonians 1:3, 5:8. Why is love so significant in the life of a Christian? Why does love matter? \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday:** Read Philippians 1:1-11. How are you growing in knowledge and wisdom? Where do any Proverbs speak to this? \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday:** Read Philippians 1:12-18. 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.

**Our flowers** are given to the glory of God by Chris and Laura Wells in memory of their mothers Norvelle Wells and Evelyn Schmidt.

**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 a BBQ meal and dessert. Sign up for the meal on the bulletin board in the Education Wing or contact the church office by noon Tuesday.

**The Center for Pregnancy Choices** baby bottle fundraiser has begun. Bottles are due back at the church on June 4. The CPC is a crisis pregnancy center here in Vicksburg. They are supported entirely by donations from individuals and churches.

**Westminster’s Kid’s Club** will have their first adventure of the summer Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, at the Wild Country Safari in Epps, LA! Cost per child is \$4, children 3 and under are free, and adults are \$6. Please let Jennifer Sluis know if you are going or if you have any questions. More details will be available soon.

**We will have** an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, May 24, at 5:00 PM at the church. Please join us for this wonderful time of fellowship!

**Online giving is available** at [www.wpcvicksburg.com](http://www.wpcvicksburg.com) by clicking on the Online Giving link.

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### Today and this week

Sun	9:45	Sunday School
	10:55	Morning Worship
Mon	6:30	Ping Pong
Wed	5:30	Wednesday at Westminster

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### Upcoming Events

**VBS**, June 29-July 2, 9:00-11:30 AM  
**Ice Cream Social**, May 24, 5:00 PM  
**Kid’s Club**, Safari Park, May 29

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**Pray for those with birthdays:** Sam Kirk, Iris Stamper, Jonah Whitney, 16

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**Nursery Workers:** Today – Amy Warren and Kelsey Stamper

Next Week – Jennifer Sluis