

Welcome to

Westminster Presbyterian Church

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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

2 Corinthians 4:5–6

For what we proclaim is not ourselves,

but **Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.**

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,”

has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“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.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the two systems.

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.

Robert Robinson, 1758

NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.
 Asahel Nettleton, 1825

*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.

Hear, O Israel:

The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart

and with all your soul and with all your might.

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

You shall teach them diligently to your children,

and shall talk of them when you sit in your house,

and when you walk by the way,

and when you lie down, and when you rise.

You shall bind them as a sign on your hand,

and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The Lord Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN

— Adapted from Richard Baxter

O most great, most just and gracious God; you are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity. You condemn the ungodly, unrepentant, and unbelievers; but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all who repent and believe in him. Therefore we confess that we are sinful by nature and have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused your holy worship and your holy name. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. You have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ and offered us pardon and salvation in him; but we have turned away. We have run into temptation; and we have committed the sin that we should have hated. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. We confess you alone are our hope. Make us your children and give us the Spirit of your Son, our only Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

*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 Heidelberg Catechism

(Q&A 1 & 2)

What is thy only comfort in life and death?

That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto him.

How many things are necessary for thee to know, that thou, enjoying this comfort, mayest live and die happily?

Three; the first, how great my sins and miseries are; the second, how I may be delivered from all my sins and miseries; the third, how I shall express my gratitude to God for such deliverance.

The Lord Feeds Us

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all mea - sure,
2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his shoul - ders;
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom;

The first system of music is in 5/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It features a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. Chord symbols F, F/A, Bb, F, and C are placed above the vocal line.

that he should give his on - ly Son to make a wretch his trea - sure.
a - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scoff - ers.
but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, his death and res - ur - rec - tion.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. Chord symbols F, F/A, Bb, F/C, C7, and F are placed above the vocal line.

How great the pain of sear - ing loss— the Fa - ther turns his face a - way
It was my sin that held him there un - til it was ac - com - plished;
Why should I gain from his re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer;

The third system of music concludes the piece. Chord symbols F, Bb, F/A, F, and C are placed above the vocal line.

F F/A B \flat F/C C7 F
 as wounds which mar the Cho-sen One bring man-y sons to glo-ry.
 his dy-ing breath has brought me life— I know that it is fin-ished.
 but this I know with all my heart—his wounds have paid my ran-som.

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*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

“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 Lord Sends Us

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING “Facing a Task Unfinished”

D G A D

1. Fac - ing a task un - fin - ished that drives us to our knees,
2. Where oth - er lords be - side thee hold their un - hin - dered sway,
3. We bear the torch that, flam - ing, fell from the hands of those
4. O Fa - ther who sus - tained them, O Spir - it who in - spired,

The first system of music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

D/F# G Em D A

a need that, un - di - min - ished, re - bukes our sloth - ful ease.
where forc - es that de - fied thee de - fy thee still to - day,
who gave their lives, pro - claim - ing that Je - sus died and rose.
Sav - ior, whose love con - strained them to toil with zeal un - tired,

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

D G D/F# Bm B/D# Em

We who re - joice to know thee re - new be - fore thy throne
with none to heed their cry - ing for life, and love, and light,
Ours is the same com - mis - sion, the same glad mes - sage ours;
from cow - ard - ice de - fend us, from leth - ar - gy a - wake!

The third system of music continues the melody and bass line from the second system. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

D G Asus D

the sol - emn pledge we owe thee to go and make thee known.
 un - num - bered souls are dy - ing and pass in - to the night.
 fired by the same am - bi - tion, to thee we yield our pow'rs.
 Forth on thine er - rands send us to la - bor for thy sake.

A G/A D A G/A D

We go to all the world with king - dom hope un - furled;

G A/G F#m7 Bm Em7 Asus D

no oth - er name has pow'r to save, but Je - sus Christ the Lord!

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AURELIA / FACING A TASK
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*BENEDICTION

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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.

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

Please join us for a hot dog cookout and ice cream social this Sunday at 5:00 PM at the church! Hot dogs, ice cream, and drinks will be provided. If you want to contribute, you may bring chips, cookies, or brownies.

There is a VBS Meeting this Tuesday, May 26, at Noon for all teachers and helpers. Please let Jennifer Sluis know if you want to help but cannot be at the meeting.

Westminster’s Kid’s Club will have their first adventure of the summer this Friday, May 29th, at the Wild Country Safari in Epps, LA! Cost per child is \$4, children 3 and under are free, and adults are \$6. They will meet at the church at 8:45 AM. Everyone needs to bring their own sack lunch and drinks. Please let Jennifer Sluis (601-630-7383) or Susan LaBarre (662-310-0410) know if you are going or if you have any questions.

We will be disposing of old tapes in the church library in 2 weeks. These are free for the taking if anyone wants them. Please let Linda Lutz know if you want any or have any questions.

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.

The Mashburn and Warren families want to invite everyone to a 90th Birthday Celebration honoring Martha Mashburn on Tuesday, June 2, from 5:00-7:00 in the church parlor. Please RSVP to Amy Warren at 601-415-2610.

Online giving is available at www.wpcvicksburg.com by clicking on the Online Giving link.

Today and this week

Sun	10:15	Coffee/Pastries Fellowship
	10:55	Morning Worship
	5:00	Ice Cream Social
Mon	6:30	Ping Pong
Tues	12:00	VBS Meeting
Fri	8:45	Westminster Kid’s Club

Upcoming Events

VBS, June 29-July 2, 9:00-11:30 AM

Pray for those with birthdays: Nathaniel Stamper, Sheila Stone, 26; Elijah Stamper, 28

Nursery Workers: Today – Laura Wells and Tatum Sherwin
Next Week – Macey Orman and Grace LaBarre