Welcome to

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 1, 2026 † 10:55 AM



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*Indicates those able may stand

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Calls Us

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 67:3-5

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!

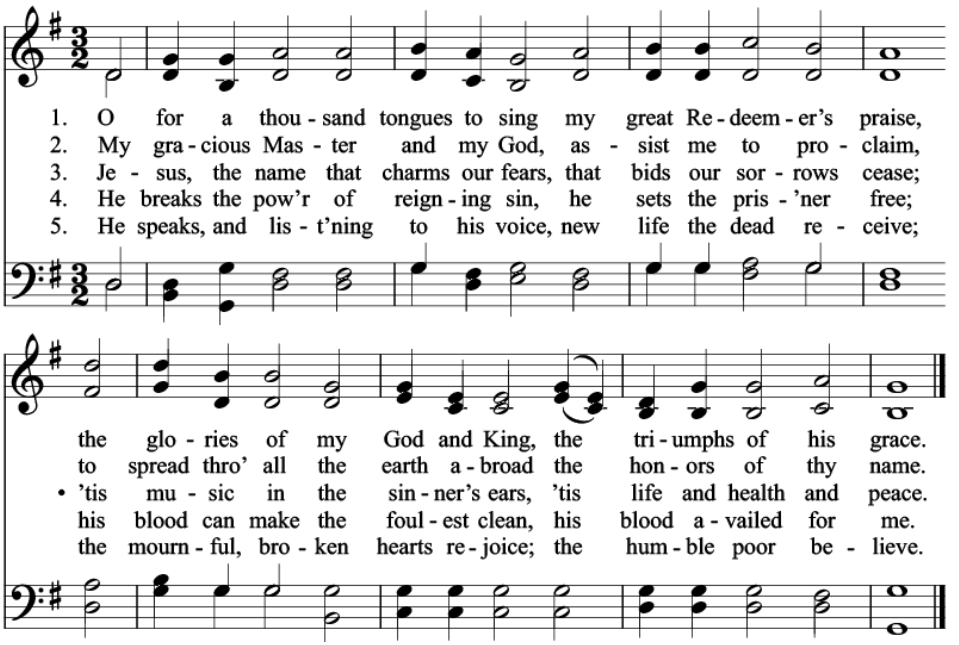
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

For you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!

*HYMN OF PRAISE "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"



6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.
Alt. 1961

7. To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n;
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Gläser, 1828
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

*INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER Elder Terry Warren

…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 1 John 3:16-18

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

The Lord Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN By Martin Luther

O Father, receive again the thing which you have created. O Son, receive the thing which you have governed. O Holy Spirit, fetch the thing which you so bountifully have preserved. Three persons and one very God, I entreat you: remember not my offenses forever. For I cry, Lord God and Father, mercy. Lord God Son, mercy. Lord God Holy Spirit, mercy. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Galatians 6:14-16

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

*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 Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 96

What is the Lord's Supper?

The Lord's Supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment, and growth in grace.

The Lord Feeds Us

OFFERTORY PRAYER

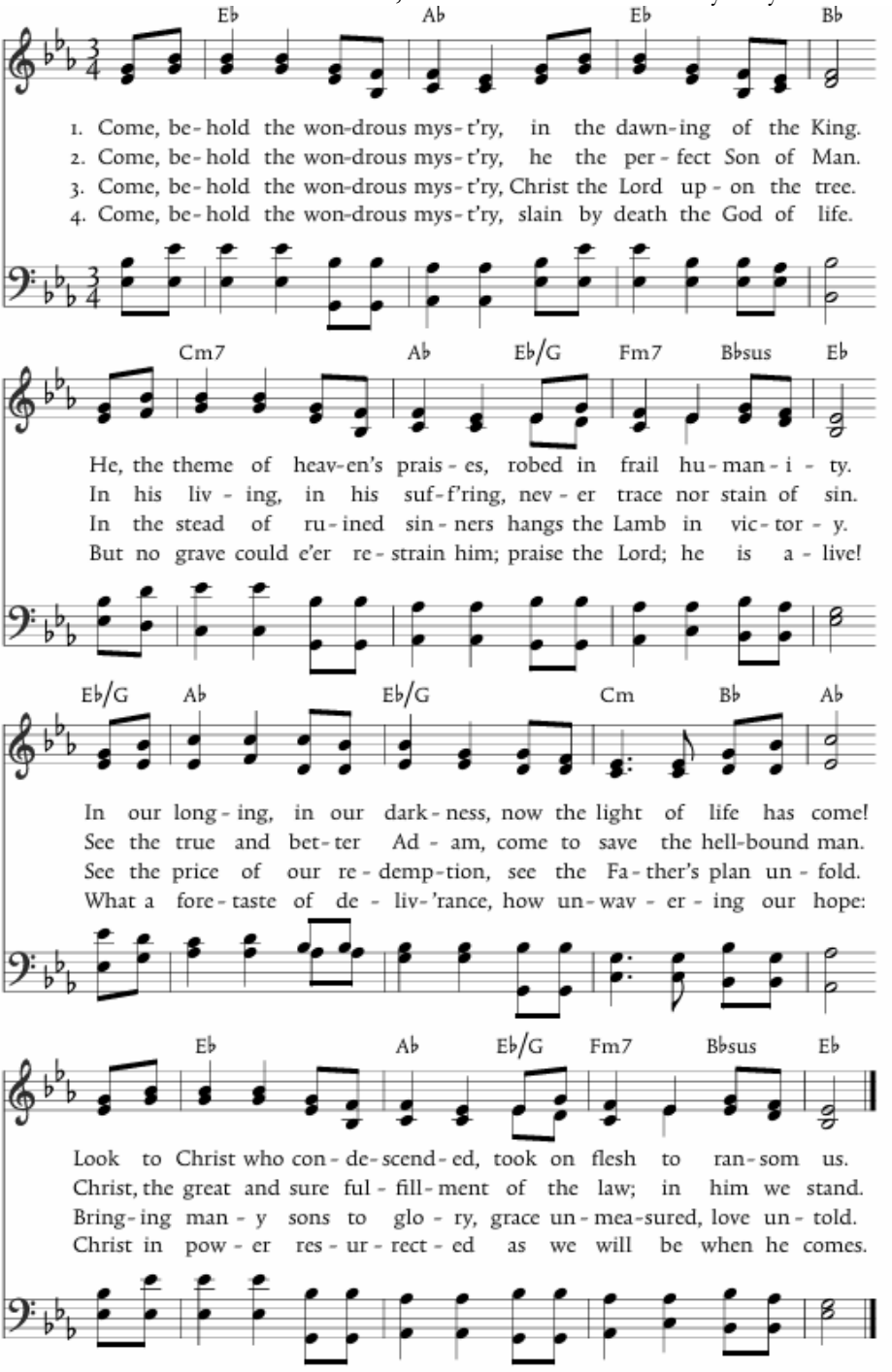
OFFERTORY

*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 "



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WONDROUS MYSTERY
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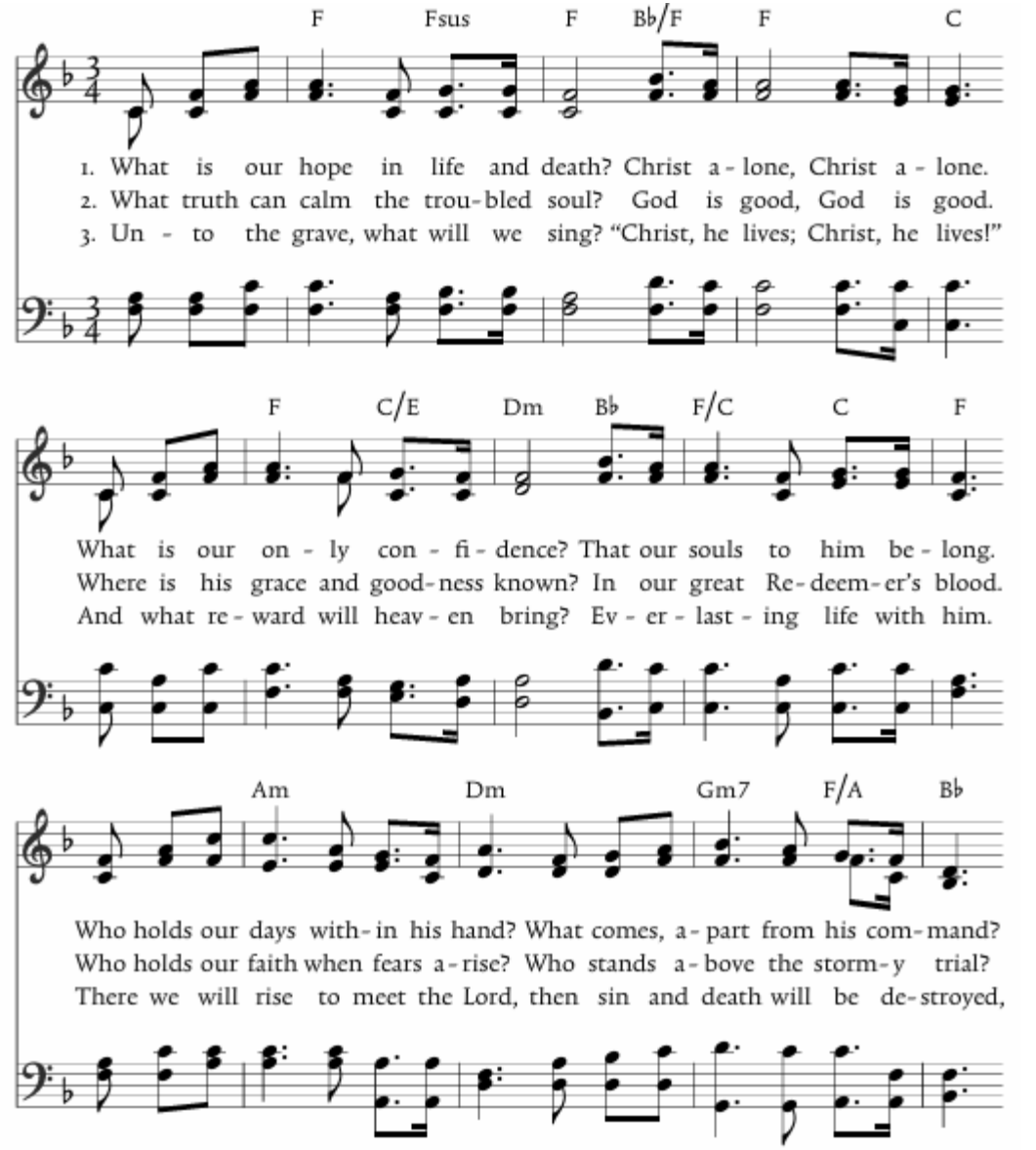
SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 2:11-22

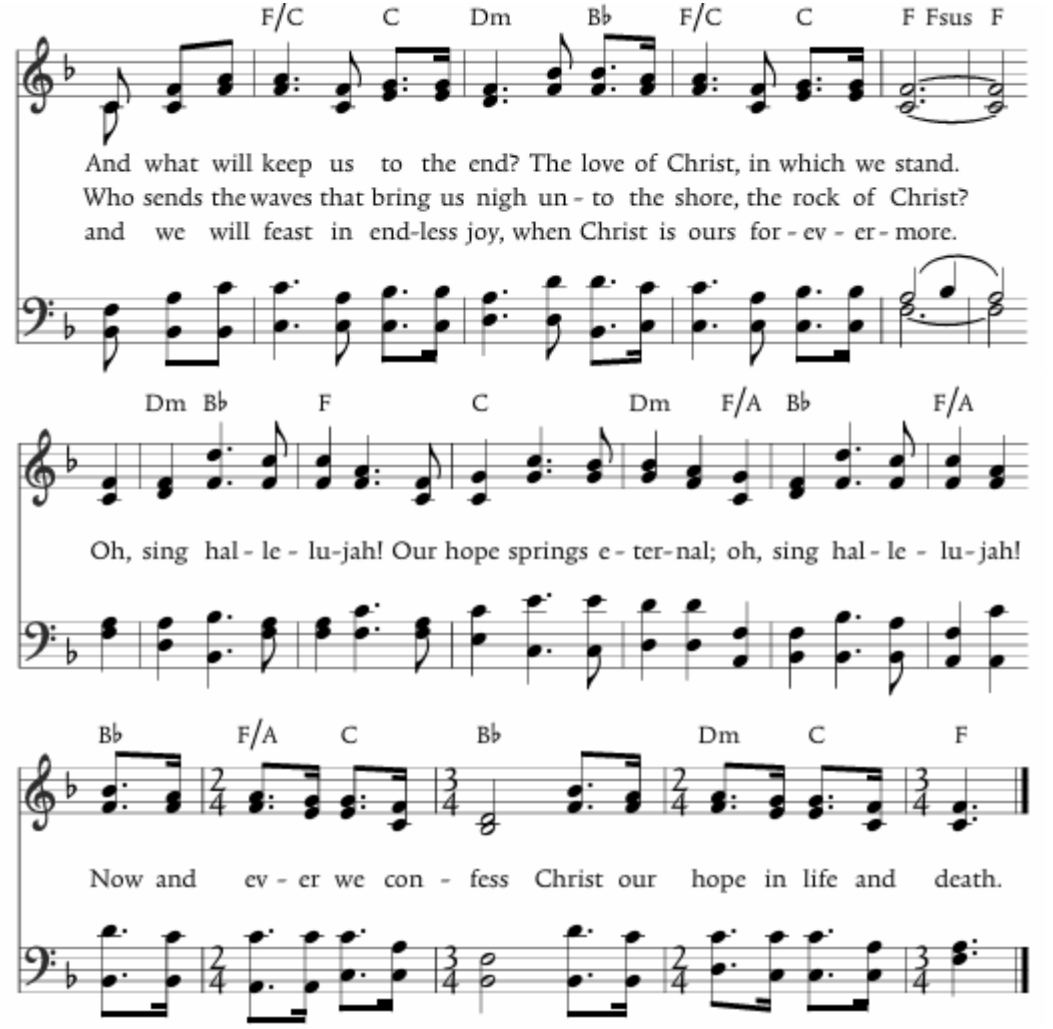
[11] Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— [12] remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. [13] But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. [14] For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility [15] by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, [16] and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. [17] And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. [18] For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. [19] So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, [20] built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, [21] in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. [22] In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

SERMON "The Power of the Cross"

SERMON NOTES

*COMMUNION HYMN "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death" (v.1-2)





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CHRIST, OUR HOPE
83 88 88 88 *with refrain*

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 "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death" (v.3)

*BENEDICTION John 14:26-27

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

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.

This morning we welcome Rev. Nathan Stevenson to the Westminster Pulpit. Nathan has been married to his wife Adrienne for 18 years, and they have two sons: Jaquan and Steven. He graduated from RTS in Jackson, MS, with a Master of Divinity in 2023. Since then, he has transferred his licensure and ordination into the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley and is now embarking on a new chapter of his life as the church planter for Sojourner Church in Jackson, MS. His vision for this church is to be a thriving, reformed, multiethnic, and multicultural community that will extend hope and support to all who need God's Word—thereby fulfilling God's great commission to advance the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.

Hannah Circle will meet this Thursday at 10:30 AM at the church.

Soups, Salads, Sandwiches, and Sweets Lunch is next Sunday, November 8, following the Morning Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish and join us!

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 chicken tenders, macaroni and cheese, green beans, roll, and dessert. Sign up for the meal on the bulletin board or contact the church office by noon Tuesday.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are available at both doors to the Sanctuary. The cost to ship each box is $10. Shoeboxes are due back at the church on Sunday, November 8. Make checks payable to Samaritan's Purse with a note on the memo line that the donation is for Operation Christmas Child. Please note that soap cannot be put in boxes this year.

The Women's Ministry needs coordinators for different ministries and events. There is a sign-up sheet on the Women's Ministry bulletin board if you want to volunteer.

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
Wed	5:30	Wednesday at Westminster
Thurs	10:30	Hannah Circle
	6:30	Ping Pong Fellowship

Upcoming Events

Soups, Salads, Sandwiches, and Sweets Lunch, November 8

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes, Due November 8

Pray for those with birthdays: Crosby Hicks, 1; John Faulk, 3; Evelyn Harrison, 7

Nursery Workers: Today – Grace LaBarre, Corley Woodson, & Sadie LaBarre
Next Week – Gayle Neihaus, Amy Warren, & Tatum Sherwin