

Welcome to

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

*Sunday, November 16, 2025 † 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**

Deuteronomy 4:36–39; 2 Samuel 7:22

Out of heaven he let you hear his voice, that he might discipline you.

**And because he loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them to give you an inheritance,**

know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.

**You are great, O LORD God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you.**

**\*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

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,  
 2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,  
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
 4. To the great One in Three e - ter - nal prais - es be,

help us to praise. Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
 scat - ter thy foes. Let thine al - might - y aid our sure de -  
 in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in  
 hence ev - er - more. His sov - 'reign maj - est - y may we in

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 fense be made, our souls on thee be stayed; thy won - ders show.  
 ev - 'ry heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.  
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Anon., ca. 1757

TRINITY (ITALIAN HYMN) 6.6.4.6.6.6.4.  
 Felice de Giardini, 1769

READING OF THE LAW

Romans 12:1–2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship

**Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

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# The Lord Cleanses Us

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

**Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON      1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

## \*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      Question 31 & 32

Why is he called “Christ”, that is anointed?

**Because he is ordained of God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Ghost, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; and to be our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of his body, has redeemed us, and makes continual intercession with the Father for us; and also to be our eternal King, who governs us by his word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in that salvation, he has purchased for us.**

But why are you called a Christian?

**Because I am a member of Christ by faith, and thus am partaker of his anointing; that so I may confess his name, and present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to him: and also that with a free and good conscience I may fight against sin and Satan in this life and afterwards I reign with him eternally, over all creatures.**

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

### OFFERTORY

“Take My Life, and Let It Be” (v.1-4)

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed,  
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse  
3. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,  
4. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them  
of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and  
for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with  
I with - hold. Take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry

flow in cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take my self, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

### \*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.**

# CHILDREN'S SERMON

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### The Lord Feeds Us

\*PSALM OF PREPARATION      "Psalm 89" (v.1, 3, 8, 9)

1. My song for - ev - er shall re - cord the ten - der  
2. I sing of mer - cies that en - dure, for - ev - er  
3. Be - hold God's truth and grace dis - played, for he has  
4. "For him my mer - cy shall en - dure, my cov - 'nant  
5. Al - might - y God, your loft - y throne has jus - tice

mer - cies of the Lord; your faith - ful - ness will  
build - ed firm and sure, of faith - ful - ness that  
• faith - ful cov - 'nant made, and he has sworn that  
made with him is sure; his throne and race I  
for its cor - ner - stone, and shin - ing bright be -

I pro - claim, and ev - 'ry age shall know your name.  
nev - er dies, es - tab - lished change - less in the skies.  
• Da - vid's son shall ev - er sit up - on his throne.  
will main - tain for - ev - er, while the heav'ns re - main."  
fore your face are truth and love and bound - less grace.

6. With blessing is the nation crowned  
whose people know the joyful sound;  
they in the light, O Lord, shall live,  
the light your face and favor give.

7. Your name with gladness they confess,  
exalted in your righteousness;  
their fame and might to you belong,  
for in your favor they are strong.

8. All glory unto God we yield,  
the Lord God is our help and shield;  
all praise and honor we will bring  
to Israel's Holy One, our King.

9. Blest be the Lord forevermore,  
whose promise stands from days of yore.  
His word is faithful now as then;  
blest be his name. Amen! Amen!

**8** The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments and the anointing oil and the bull of the sin offering and the two rams and the basket of unleavened bread. <sup>3</sup>And assemble all the congregation at the entrance of the tent of meeting.”

<sup>4</sup>And Moses did as the Lord commanded him, and the congregation was assembled at the entrance of the tent of meeting.

<sup>5</sup>And Moses said to the congregation, “This is the thing that the Lord has commanded to be done.” <sup>6</sup>And Moses brought Aaron and his sons and washed them with water. <sup>7</sup>And he put the coat on him and tied the sash around his waist and clothed him with the robe and put the ephod on him and tied the skillfully woven band of the ephod around him, binding it to him with the band. <sup>8</sup>And he placed the breastpiece on him, and in the breastpiece he put the Urim and the Thummim. <sup>9</sup>And he set the turban on his head, and on the turban, in front, he set the golden plate, the holy crown, as the Lord commanded Moses.

<sup>10</sup>Then Moses took the anointing oil and anointed the tabernacle and all that was in it, and consecrated them. <sup>11</sup>And he sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all its utensils and the basin and its stand, to consecrate them. <sup>12</sup>And he poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron’s head and anointed him to consecrate him. <sup>13</sup>And Moses brought Aaron’s sons and clothed them with coats and tied sashes around their waists and bound caps on them, as the Lord commanded Moses.

<sup>14</sup>Then he brought the bull of the sin offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the bull of the sin offering. <sup>15</sup>And he killed it, and Moses took the blood, and with his finger put it on the horns of the altar around it and purified the altar and poured out the blood at the base of the altar and consecrated it to make atonement for it. <sup>16</sup>And he took all the fat that was on the entrails and the long lobe of the liver and the two kidneys with their fat, and Moses burned them on the altar. <sup>17</sup>But the bull and its skin and its flesh and its dung he burned up with fire outside the camp, as the Lord commanded Moses.

<sup>18</sup>Then he presented the ram of the burnt offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram. <sup>19</sup>And he killed it, and Moses threw the blood against the sides of the altar. <sup>20</sup>He cut the ram into pieces, and Moses burned the head and the pieces and the fat. <sup>21</sup>He washed the entrails and the legs with water, and Moses burned the whole ram on the altar. It was a burnt offering with a pleasing aroma, a food offering for the Lord, as the Lord commanded Moses.

<sup>22</sup> Then he presented the other ram, the ram of ordination, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram. <sup>23</sup> And he killed it, and Moses took some of its blood and put it on the lobe of Aaron's right ear and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot. <sup>24</sup> Then he presented Aaron's sons, and Moses put some of the blood on the lobes of their right ears and on the thumbs of their right hands and on the big toes of their right feet. And Moses threw the blood against the sides of the altar. <sup>25</sup> Then he took the fat and the fat tail and all the fat that was on the entrails and the long lobe of the liver and the two kidneys with their fat and the right thigh, <sup>26</sup> and out of the basket of unleavened bread that was before the Lord he took one unleavened loaf and one loaf of bread with oil and one wafer and placed them on the pieces of fat and on the right thigh. <sup>27</sup> And he put all these in the hands of Aaron and in the hands of his sons and waved them as a wave offering before the Lord. <sup>28</sup> Then Moses took them from their hands and burned them on the altar with the burnt offering. This was an ordination offering with a pleasing aroma, a food offering to the Lord. <sup>29</sup> And Moses took the breast and waved it for a wave offering before the Lord. It was Moses' portion of the ram of ordination, as the Lord commanded Moses.

<sup>30</sup> Then Moses took some of the anointing oil and of the blood that was on the altar and sprinkled it on Aaron and his garments, and also on his sons and his sons' garments. So he consecrated Aaron and his garments, and his sons and his sons' garments with him.

<sup>31</sup> And Moses said to Aaron and his sons, "Boil the flesh at the entrance of the tent of meeting, and there eat it and the bread that is in the basket of ordination offerings, as I commanded, saying, 'Aaron and his sons shall eat it.' <sup>32</sup> And what remains of the flesh and the bread you shall burn up with fire. <sup>33</sup> And you shall not go outside the entrance of the tent of meeting for seven days, until the days of your ordination are completed, for it will take seven days to ordain you. <sup>34</sup> As has been done today, the Lord has commanded to be done to make atonement for you. <sup>35</sup> At the entrance of the tent of meeting you shall remain day and night for seven days, performing what the Lord has charged, so that you do not die, for so I have been commanded." <sup>36</sup> And Aaron and his sons did all the things that the Lord commanded by Moses.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

## “The First Ordination”

Themes: Sin, Priesthood, Purification

Summary: Aaron is ordained as the high priest, and his sons as priests. A ceremony for their ordination, full of rites from Exodus and Leviticus, is described. What can we learn from this event?

1. Washed

2. Clothed

3. Anointed

4. Sacrificed

5. Wait

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# The Lord Sends Us

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\*HYMN OF THE MONTH

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”

Chords: E, A, E, E

1. On Jor - dan's storm - y banks I stand, and cast a  
2. All o'er those wide ex - tend - ed plains shines one e -  
3. No chill - ing winds nor poi-son-ous breath can reach that  
4. When shall I reach that hap - py place, and be for -

Chords: B, E, A, E

wish - ful eye to Ca-naan's fair and hap - py land, where  
ter - nal day. There God the Son for - ev - er reigns, and  
health-ful shore; there sick-ness, sor - row, pain, and death are  
ev - er blest? When shall I see my Fa - ther's face, and

Chords: E/B, Bsus, E, E, B

my pos - ses - sions lie.  
scat - ters night a - way. I am bound, I am bound,  
felt and feared no more.  
in his bos - om rest?

A B E E

I am bound for Prom-ised Land. I am bound,

B A B E

I am bound, I am bound for Prom-ised Land.

\*BENEDICTION

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

POSTLUDE

## Announcements

**Welcome to Westminster** – The Westminster family extends a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning and this evening. 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.

**The Westminster Session** has called a congregational meeting for December 14, immediately after the morning worship service for the purposes of receiving the report of the 2026 Westminster Budgets and for the election of Elders and Deacons from the slate of nominee candidates approved by the Session.

**Westminster’s Thanksgiving Worship Service** is next Sunday evening, November 23, at 6:00. There will be a time of Public Testimonies to the Goodness of the Lord for anyone who would like to share what they are thankful for.

**Pastor Stamper** will be teaching a Communicant’s Class for the next rotation of Sunday School.

**The Women of Westminster** are invited to a Christmas Gathering/Cookie & Candy Swap on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm! Invitations with more information are available at both doors to the Sanctuary. Please call or text Amy Warren by November 30 if you plan to come. The cookie & candy swap is optional! Please feel free to come and fellowship!

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

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### Today and this week

Sun	9:45	Sunday School
	10:55	Morning Worship
Mon	6:30	Ping Pong
Tues	6:00	20s/30s Bible Study
Wed	6:00	Youth Group
Thurs	6:00	Session

### Upcoming Events

**Thanksgiving Worship Service**, Nov. 23, 6:00 PM  
**Christmas Cookie & Candy Swap**, Dec. 4, 6:00 PM  
**Christmas Family Night Supper**, Dec. 10, 6:30 PM  
**Congregational Meeting**, Dec. 14, 12:00 PM

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**Pray for those with birthdays:** Morgan Smith, 22

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**Nursery Workers:** Today – Valerie Gatewood and Kelly Turner  
Next Week – Frances Warren and Kinsey Karel

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