Welcome to

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 18, 2026 † 10:55 AM



3601 Halls Ferry Road Vicksburg, Mississippi

wpcvicksburg.com

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Calls Us

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 136:1-3

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

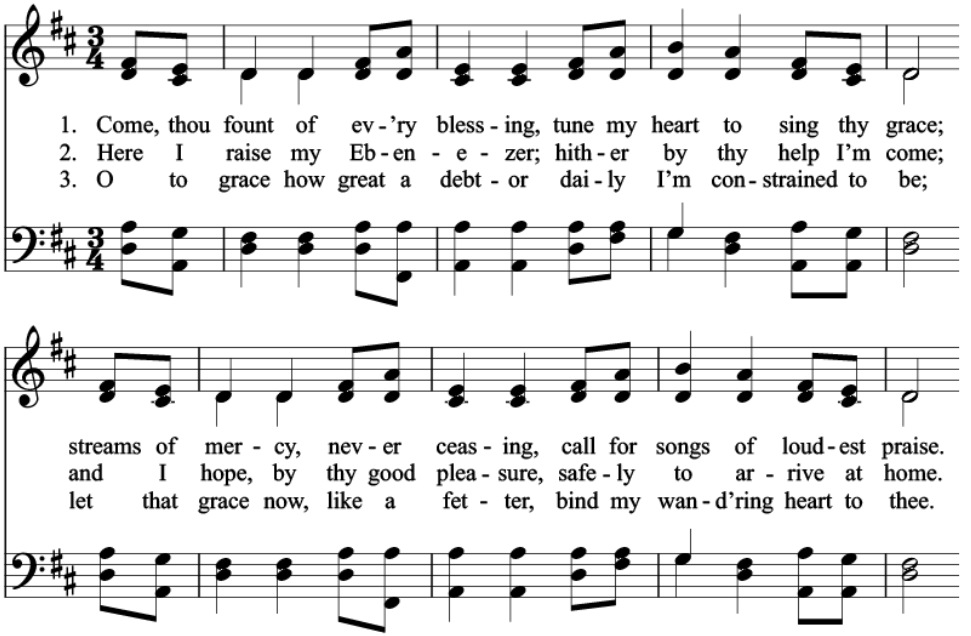
Give thanks to the God of gods,

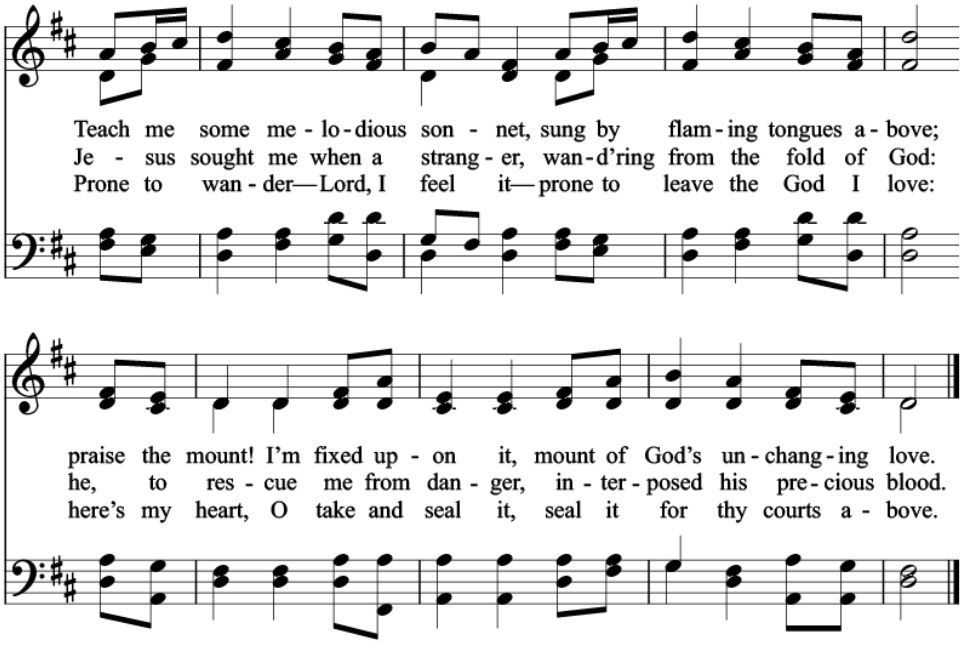
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"





Robert Robinson, 1758

NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.
Asahel Nettleton, 1825

*INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER — Elder Chandler Whitney

…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 Deuteronomy 4:6-9

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

The Lord Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN By Peter Dathenus

Almighty, merciful God, we acknowledge for ourselves and we confess before you that which is the truth; namely, that if you decided to consider our merits and worthiness, we would not be worthy to lift our eyes to heaven and bring our prayer before you. For our consciences accuse us and our sins testify against us. We also know that you are a righteous Judge, who punishes the sins of those who transgress your commandments. But, O Lord, since you commanded us to call upon you in every affliction, and promised in your unspeakable mercy to hear our prayers, not for the sake of our merits – of which there are none – but for the sake of the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom you have set forth as our Mediator and Advocate, so we forsake all other help and take our refuge to your mercy alone. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

*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 Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only-begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty:
from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic[1] church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

[1] THE WORD "CATHOLIC" REFERS TO THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH.

The Lord Feeds Us

OFFERTORY PRAYER

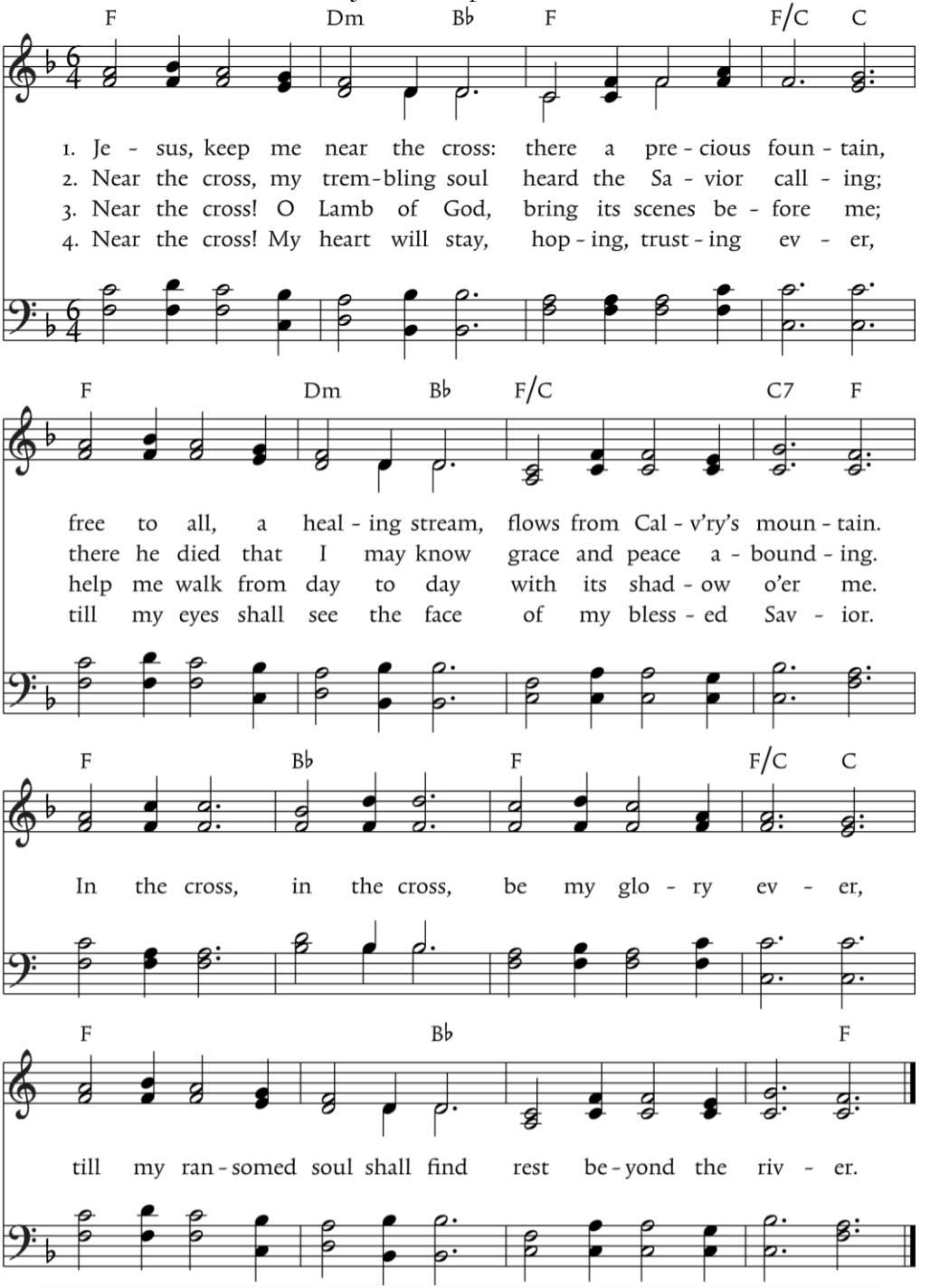
OFFERTORY

*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 " Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"



Words: Fanny Crosby, 1869; alt. Matt Boswell, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty © 2025 Getty Music Publishing / Messenger Hymns
Music: William H. Doane, 1869

NEAR THE CROSS
76 76 with refrain

SCRIPTURE READING James 1:1-18

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion:

Greetings.

[2] Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, [3] for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. [4] And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

[5] If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. [6] But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. [7] For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; [8] he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

[9] Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, [10] and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. [11] For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

[12] Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. [13] Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. [14] But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. [15] Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

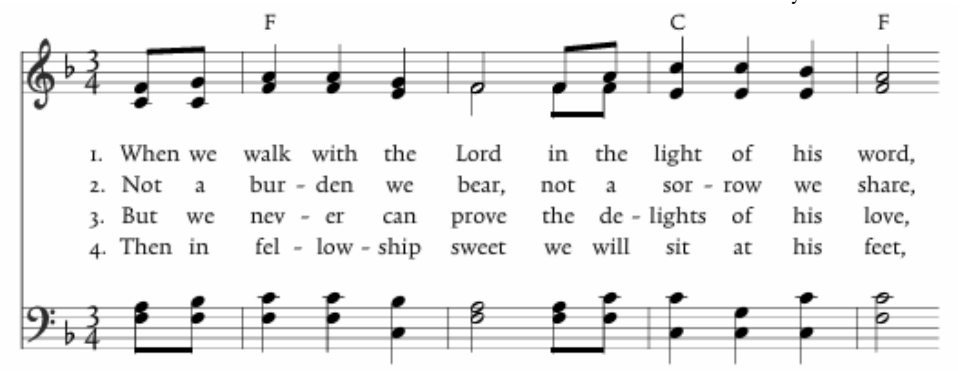
[16] Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. [17] Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. [18] Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

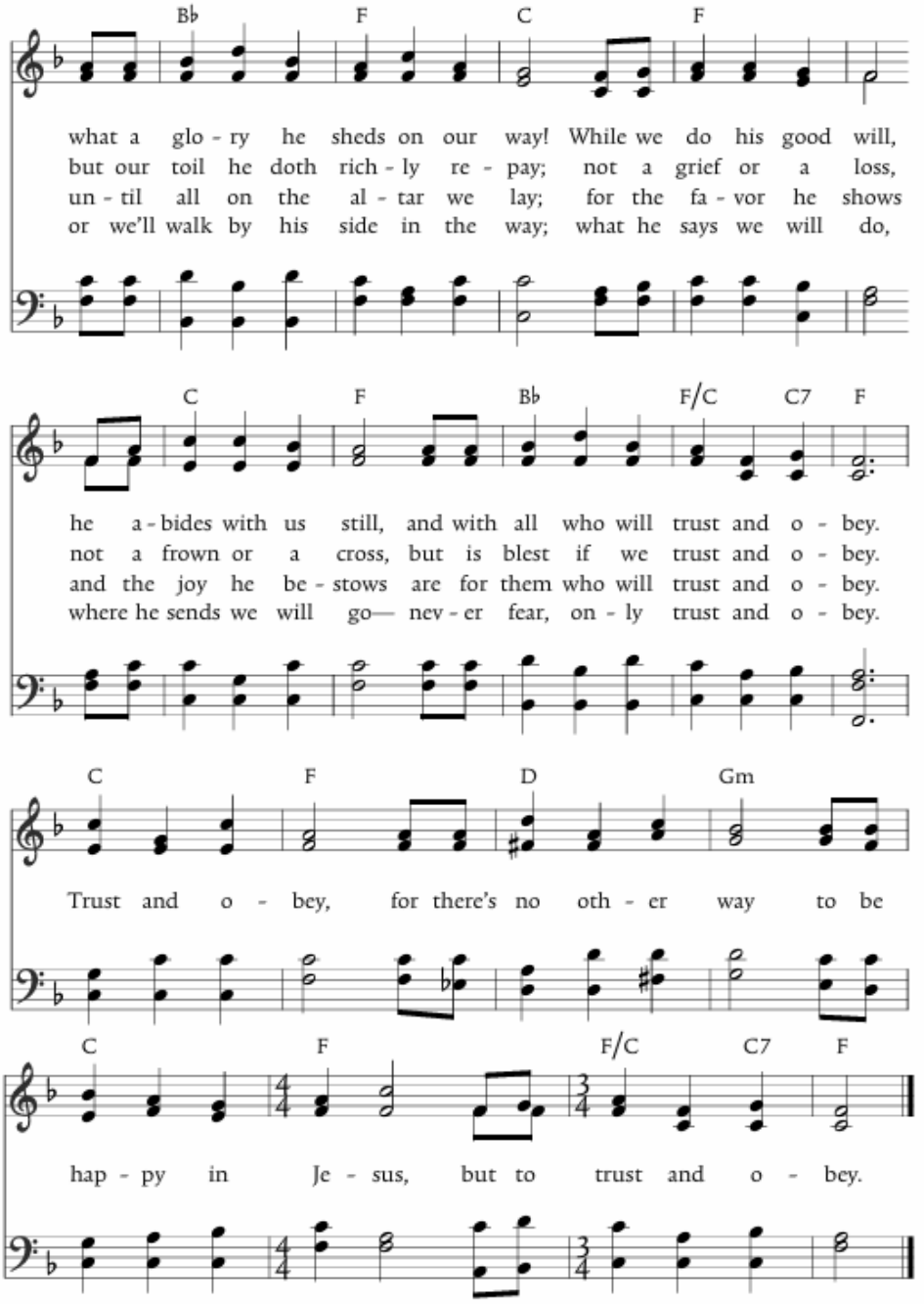
SERMON “The Dilemma of Double-mindedness”

SERMON NOTES

The Lord Sends Us

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING “Trust and Obey”





Words: John H. Sammis, 1887
Music: Daniel B. Towner, 1887

TRUST AND OBEY
669 D *with refrain*

*BENEDICTION 1 Kings 8:57-58

The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers. May he not leave us or forsake us, that he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his rules, which he commanded our fathers.

POSTLUDE



When: Today!
Where: Ronnie and Gayle Neihaus' Home
7686 Fisher Ferry Road
What time: Gather at 4:00 PM
Supper will be at 4:45 PM.
Conclude at dark

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, favorite outside games, bikes, and trikes. Badminton and corn hole will be set up. Tea, hamburgers, and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring side dishes, chips/dips, and desserts.

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 Mr. George Herndon to the Westminster Pulpit. George is originally from Saronville, Nebraska. He moved to Jackson a little over three years ago and has interned at FPC Jackson since arriving here. He met his wife Mary Helen while they worked together in the youth house. She is a Jackson native and currently works as a nurse. George has since moved to working in the minister's office at the church and is hoping to graduate from RTS in May 2027.

Join us for the church picnic today at 4:00 PM at the Neihaus' home! Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, favorite outside games, bikes, and trikes. Badminton and corn hole will be set up. Tea, hamburgers, and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring side dishes, chips/dips, and desserts.

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, salad, 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.

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
	4:00	Church Picnic
Wed	5:30	Wednesday at Westminster
Thurs	6:30	Ping Pong Fellowship

Upcoming Events

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

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes, Due November 8

Pray for those with birthdays: Meredith Anderson, Walker Anderson, 19

Nursery Workers: Today – Laura Wells, Mary Mac Whitney, & Grace LaBarre
Next Week – Jenny Karel, Kinsey Karel, & Kate Farrar