Welcome to

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 25, 2026 † 10:55 AM



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*Indicates those able may stand

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Calls Us

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 105:1-2

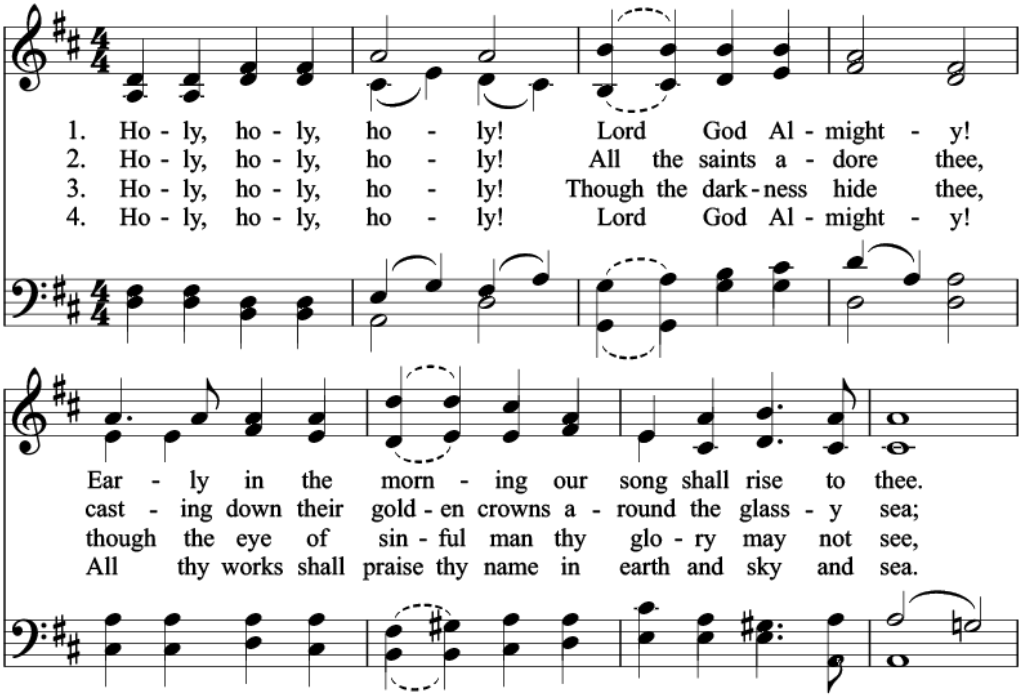
Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;

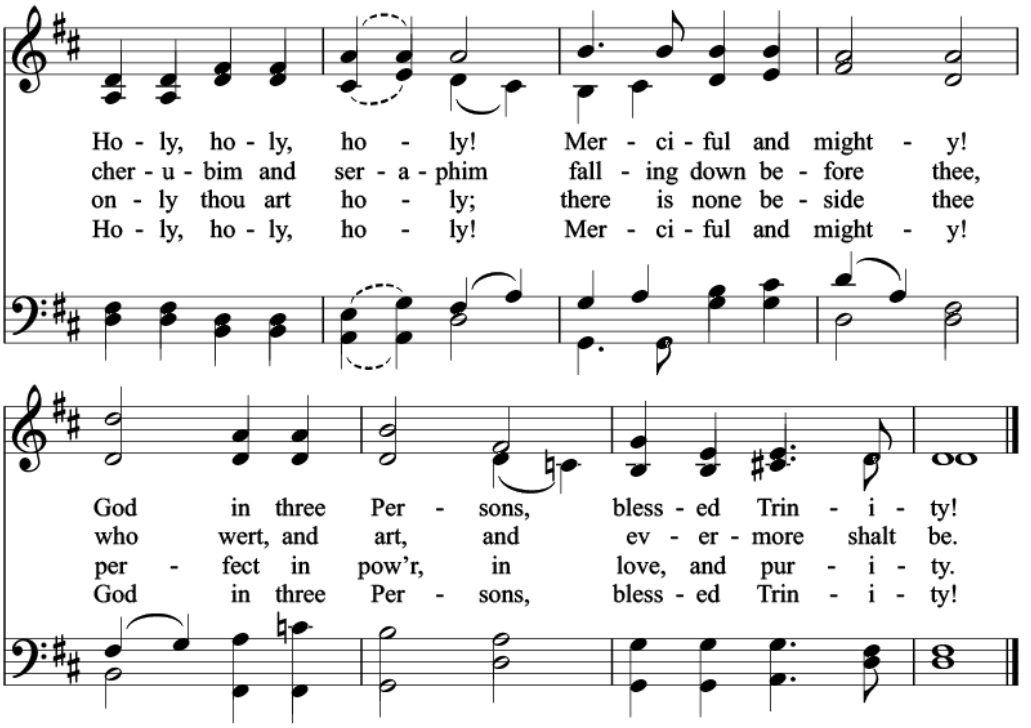
make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Holy, Holy, Holy!"





Reginald Heber, 1783–1826

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John B. Dykes, 1861

*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 1 John 4:7-11

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

The Lord Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN By Anselm

Spirit of love and gentleness, we most humbly implore your assistance. You know our faults, our failings, our necessities, the dullness of our understanding, the waywardness of our affections, the perverseness of our will. When, therefore, we neglect to practice what we know, visit us, we ask you, with your grace; enlighten our minds, rectify our desires, correct our wanderings, and pardon our omissions, so that by your guidance we may be preserved from making shipwreck of faith, and keep a good conscience, and may at length be landed safe in the haven of eternal rest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 51:7-12

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot our all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

*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.

What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth"?

That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (who of nothing made heaven and earth, with all that is in them; who likewise upholds and governs the same by his eternal counsel and providence) is for the sake of Christ his Son, my God and my Father, on whom I rely so entirely, that I have no doubt, but he will provide me with all things necessary for soul and body and further, that he will make whatever evils he sends upon me, in this valley of tears turn out to my advantage; for he is able to do it, being Almighty God, and willing, being a faithful Father.

The Lord Feeds Us

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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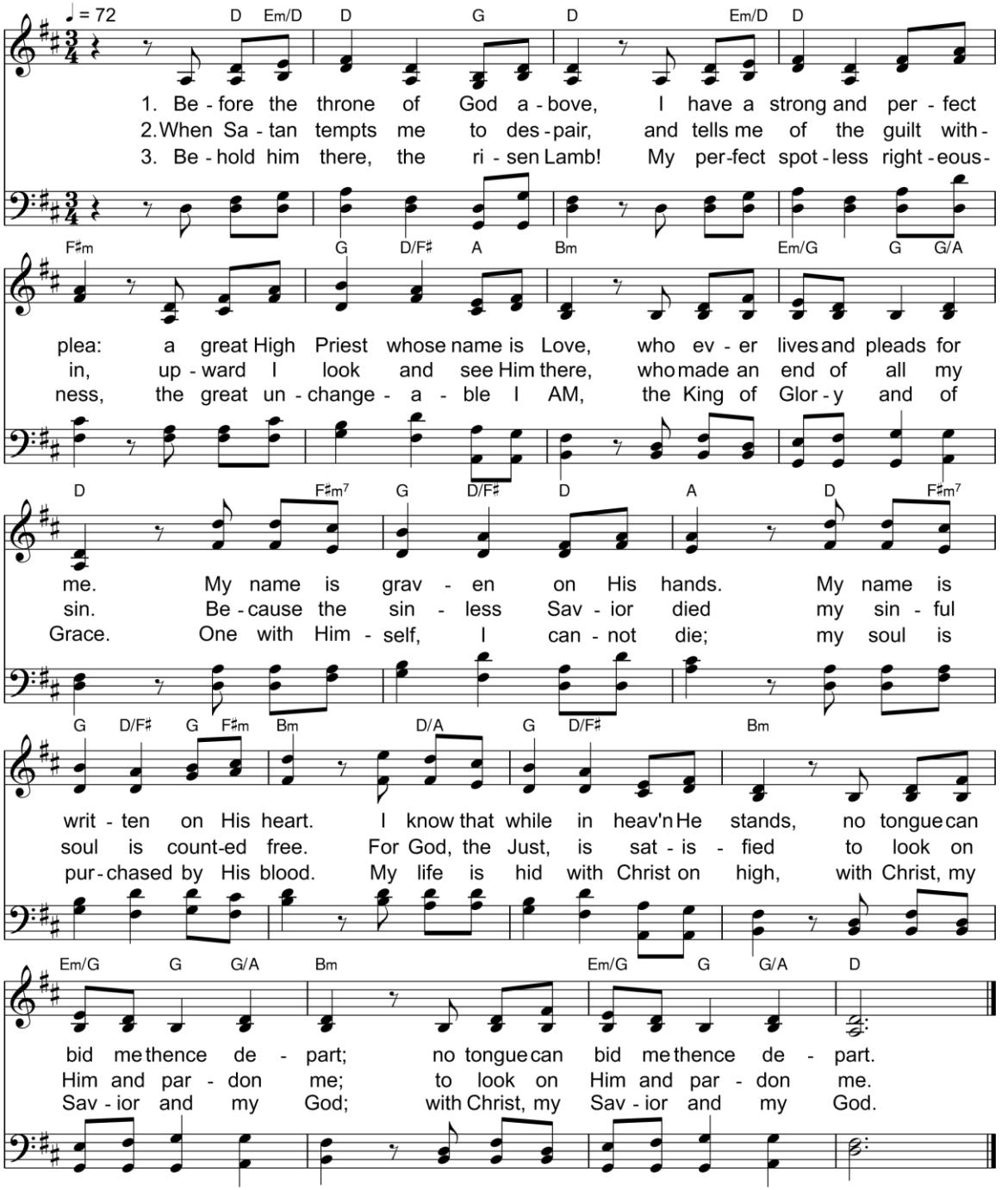
*OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Doxology" #731

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 "Before the Throne of God Above"

Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1863 Music and alt. lyrics by Vikki Cook



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SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 9:1-8

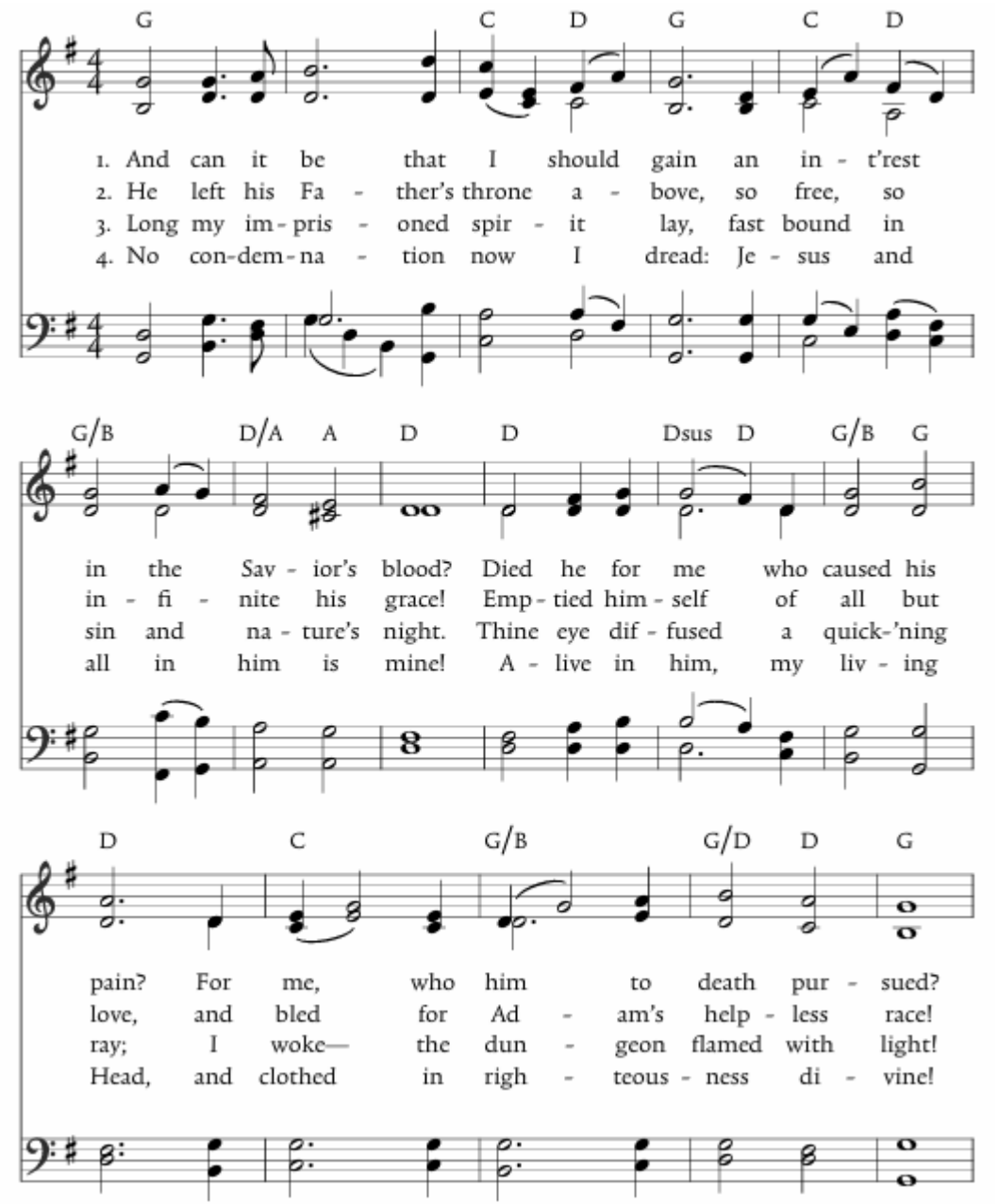
And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city. [2] And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." [3] And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." [4] But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? [5] For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? [6] But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Rise, pick up your bed and go home." [7] And he rose and went home. [8] When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

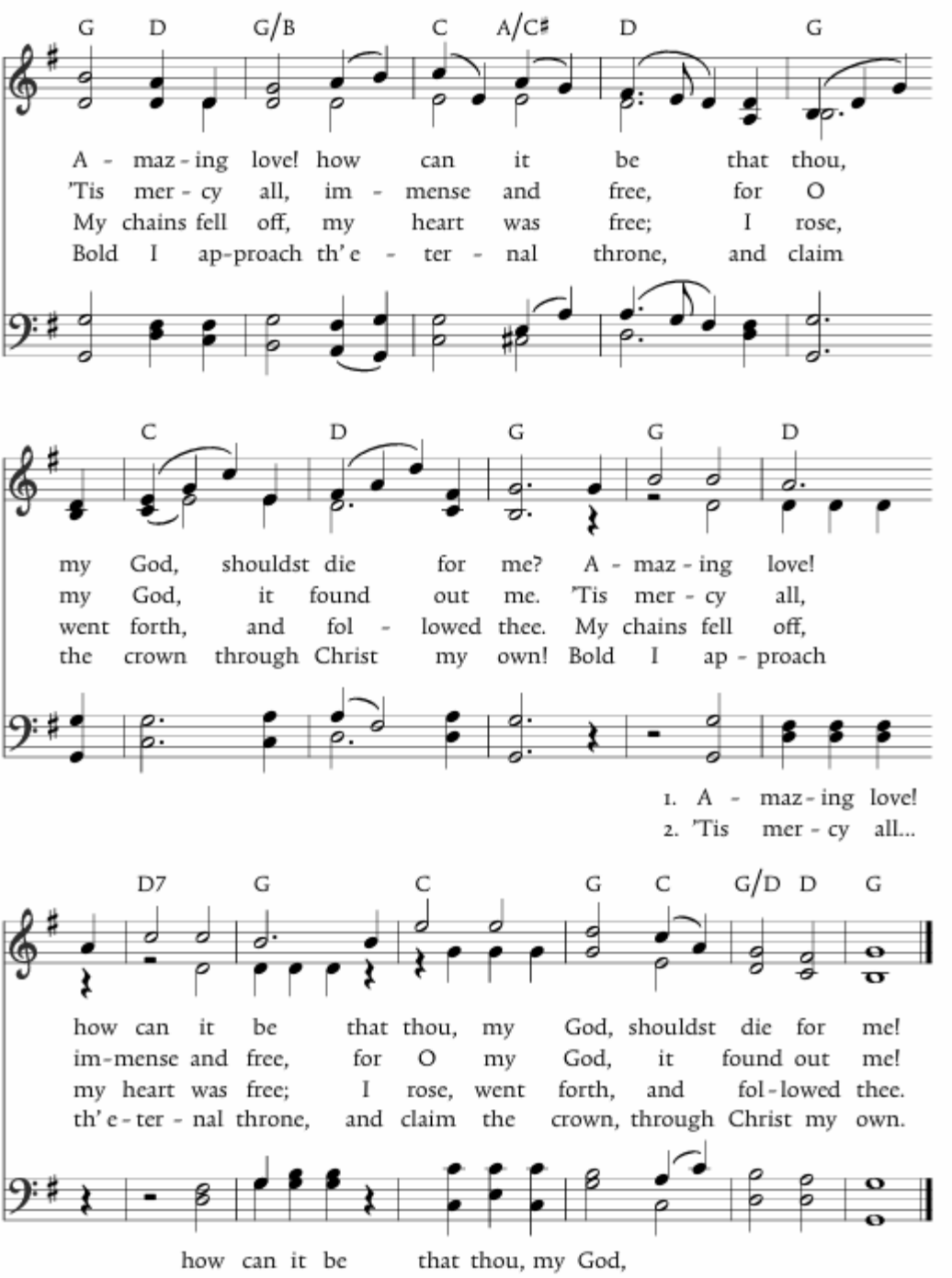
SERMON "Which is Easier?"

SERMON NOTES

The Lord Sends Us

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING "And Can It Be?"





Words: Charles Wesley, 1738
Music: Thomas Campbell, 1825; harm. *Song Companion to the Scriptures*, 1911

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*BENEDICTION Jude 20-21

But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

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. Chandler Rowlen to the Westminster Pulpit. Chandler is in his second year with RUF at MC, having served 6 years before with RUF at Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City, Tennessee. He and his wife Leah have 3 kids - Judson (8), Ford (5), and Lizzie Mae (2). He is originally from Brandon, MS and Leah is from Laurel.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the church picnic last Sunday and to everyone who cooked, helped set up and cleanup, brought sides and desserts, and to the Neihaus' for hosting!

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 smothered chicken, squash dressing, 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.

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	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: Kelsey Stamper, 26; Maisy Walker, 27

Nursery Workers: Today – Jenny Karel, Kinsey Karel, & Kate Farrar
Next Week – Grace LaBarre, Corley Woodson, & Sadie LaBarre