

Welcome to

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 4, 2026 † 10:55 AM



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*Indicates those able may stand

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Calls Us

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Zephaniah 3:14-15

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Worship the King”

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the Soprano part, and the harmony is provided by the other three parts. The score is divided into five measures, each corresponding to a line of lyrics. The lyrics are: 1. O wor-ship the King, all - glo-rious a - bove, and grate-ful - ly sing; 2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light; 3. The earth with its store of won-ders un - told, Al - might - y, thy pow'r; 4. Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the air; 5. Frail chil-dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, in thee do we trust,.

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his won - der - ful love. Our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of
 whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds
 hath found - ed of old; hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de -
 it shines in the light. It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the
 nor find thee to fail. Thy mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the

Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 cree, and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 plain, and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 end, our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Words: Robert Grant, 1826

Music: Joseph Martin Kraus, ca. 1784; harm. William Gardiner, 1815

LYONS
10 10 11 11

*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.

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

The Lord Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN

By Martin Luther

I pray to you heartily to look upon me with the eyes of your mercy, as you did look upon the evildoer, who was hanged upon the cross beside you, and did open his heart that he confessed his sins; and he was mightily afraid of them, but yet despaired not, but confessed and desired your grace and mercy which you gave to him willingly and plentifully. Therefore, dear God and merciful Father, will I strengthen myself so much and more, and doubt nothing thereof. 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.

What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

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

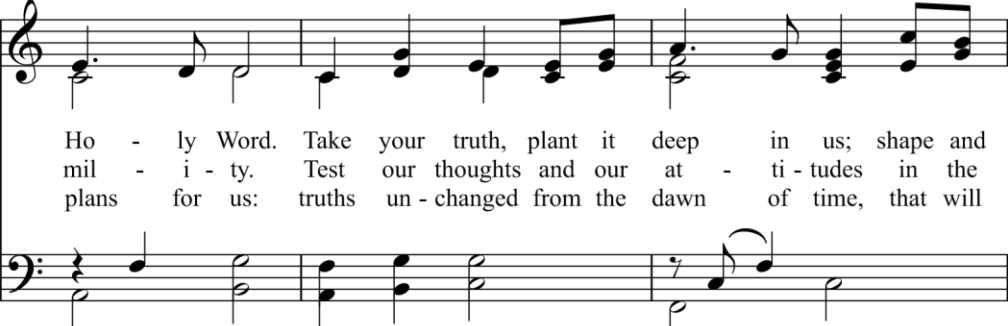
*HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Speak, O Lord”

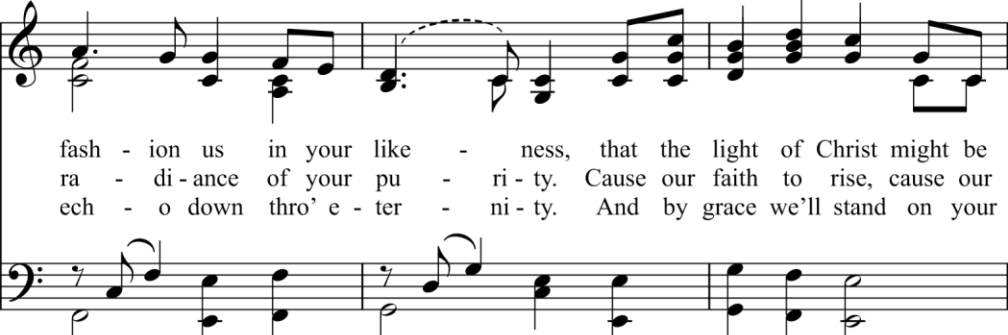
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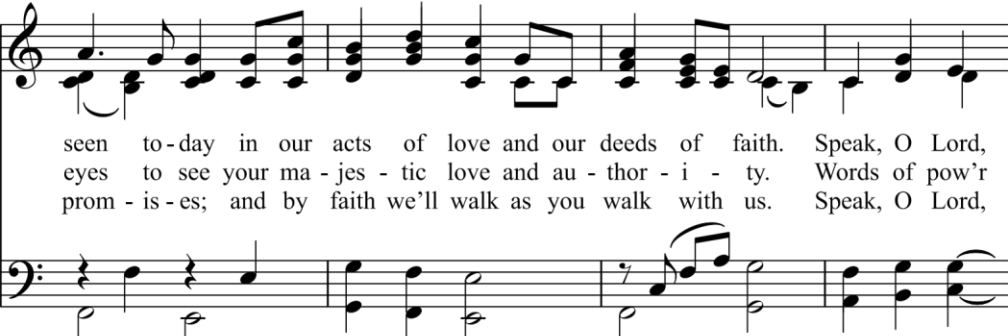
1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food of your
 2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your



Ho - ly Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and
 mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
 plans for us: truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will



fash - ion us in your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
 ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
 ech - o down thro' e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on your



seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord,
 eyes to see your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r
 prom - is - es; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord,



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SPEAK O LORD 8.10.8.10.10.8.10.
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SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 116:1-19

- I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.
- ² Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- ³ The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
- ⁴ Then I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”
- ⁵ Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.
- ⁶ The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.
- ⁷ Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.
- ⁸ For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;
⁹ I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.
- ¹⁰ I believed, even when I spoke: “I am greatly afflicted”;
- ¹¹ I said in my alarm, “All mankind are liars.”
- ¹² What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?
- ¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,
- ¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.
- ¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.
- ¹⁶ O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.
- ¹⁷ I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.
- ¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,
- ¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

SERMON

“How Shall I Live?”

SERMON NOTES

*COMMUNION HYMN

“Behold the Lamb” (v.1-3)

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G/B

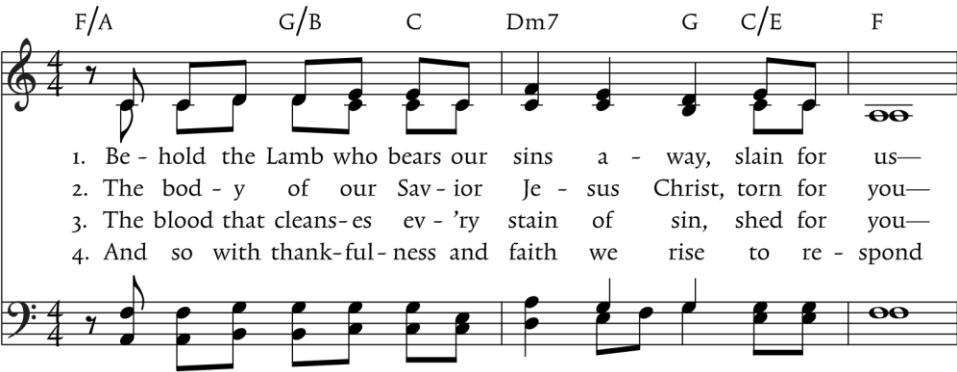
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Dm7

G

C/E

F



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us—
2. The bod - y of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, torn for you—
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you—
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond

G/G Gsus G F/A G/B C Dm7 G

and we re-mem-ber the prom-ise made that all who come in faith
eat and re-mem-ber; the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
drink and re-mem-ber he drained death's cup that all may en-ter in
and to re-mem-ber our call to fol-low in the steps of Christ

C/E F Gsus C C/E F C/E G

find for-give-ness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life,
paid the price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life,
to re-ceive the life of God. So we share in this bread of life,
as his bod-y here on earth. As we share in his suf-fer-ing,

C/E F C/E G C/E F

and we drink of his sac-ri-fice as a sign of our
and we drink of his sac-ri-fice as a sign of our
and we drink of his sac-ri-fice as a sign of our
we pro-claim Christ will come a-gain! And we'll join in the

C/E Gsus F/A G C

bonds of peace a-round the ta-ble of the King.
bonds of love a-round the ta-ble of the King.
bonds of grace a-round the ta-ble of the King.
feast of heav'n a-round the ta-ble of the King.

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

“Behold the Lamb” (v.4)

*BENEDICTION

Isaiah 60:19-20

The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give you light; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.

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 Dr. Robert Penny to the Westminster Pulpit. Dr. Penny was born in Baton Rouge, LA and served as a minister in the Presbyterian Church for 56 years. He served as pastor of several PCA churches in MS. He was also a Christian school administrator and university instructor. He retired from RTS in 2013 and from African Bible College in Kampala, Uganda in 2022. His wife Adrienne is a watercolor artist. They have two daughters, one son, and six grandchildren.

A Retiring Offering for the Diaconate Fund will be received following the Morning Worship Service. These funds go towards mercy ministries. The deacons will be at both exits of the Sanctuary to collect donations at the end of the service.

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

There is no Wednesday at Westminster this week due to fall break. It will resume next Wednesday, October 14.

There will be a church workday for men and women this Saturday, Oct. 10, from 8:00 AM-11:00 AM. Tools needed are pressure washers, gardening tools, hedge trimmers, & power tools.

Westminster is collecting nonperishable foods items (canned goods, cereal, canned chicken or tuna, rice, etc.) for the local food pantries. The deadline has been extended until next Sunday, October 11. There are boxes to collect food donations in the foyer.

Our Presbytery’s Encounter Retreat for 7th-9th grade youth is November 12–15 at Twin Lakes Summer Camp in Florence. Please let the church office know by today if you are interested.

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
Thurs	10:30	Hannah Circle
	6:30	Ping Pong Fellowship
Sat	8:00	Church Workday

Upcoming Events

Food Pantry Collection, Sept 20 – Oct 11
Women’s Fall Gathering, Oct. 13, 6:00 PM in the parlor
Church Picnic, Oct. 18, 4:00 PM, at the Neihaus’ home

Pray for those with birthdays: Susan Orman, 5; Paul Register, 6; Taylor Rouch, 8; Corley Woodson, Mary Mac Whitney, 9

Nursery Workers: Today – Jennifer Sluis, Meredith Anderson, & Crosby Hicks
Next Week – Valerie Gatewood, Kelly Turner, & Kendall Smith