

Welcome to

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 13, 2026 † 10:55 AM



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*Indicates those able may stand

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Calls Us

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From Revelation 15:3-4

Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Across the Lands”

1. You're the Word of God the Fa-ther from be-fore the world be-gan;
2. Yet you left the gaze of an-gels, came to seek and save the lost,
3. With a shout you rose vic-to-rious, wrest-ing vic-t'ry from the grave,

ev-'ry star and ev-'ry plan-et has been fash-ioned by your hand.
and ex-changed the joy of heav-en for the an-guish of a cross.
and as-cend-ed in-to heav-en, lead-ing cap-tives in your wake.

D G D A

All cre - a - tion holds to-geth-er by the pow - er of your voice;
 With a prayer you fed the hun-gry, with a word you calmed the sea,
 Now you stand be-fore the Fa-ther, in - ter - ced - ing for your own;

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let the skies de-clare your glo-ry; let the land and seas re - joice!
 yet how si - lent - ly you suf-fered, that the guilt - y may go free!
 from each tribe and tongue and na-tion you are lead-ing sin - ners home!

D/F# G D/F# G

You're the Au - thor of cre - a - tion, you're the Lord of ev - 'ry

Bm G D/A A D

man, and your cry of love rings out a - cross the lands.

**...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

Luke 9:23-26

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels."

The Lord Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN

Zacharias Ursinus

I, a poor sinner, confess before you, my God and Creator, that I have sinned gravely and in various ways against you, not only with outward gross sins, but much more with internal, innate blindness, unbelief, doubts, faintheartedness, impatience, pride, evil greed, secret envy, hatred and jealousy, as well as other evil emotions. You, my Lord and God, recognize this in me very well, but sadly I cannot recognize them sufficiently. I feel sorrow and regret for them and wholeheartedly desire grace through your dear Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“The Gloria Patri”

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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

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father
by whom all things were made.
Who for us and for our salvation,
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into
heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

¹THE WORD “CATHOLIC” REFERS TO THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH.

1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your

2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your

3. "When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of

4. "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-suf-

faith in his ex-cel-lent Word! What more can he say than to
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength-en you, help you, and
 sor-row shall not o-ver-flow; for I will be with you, your
 fi-cient, shall be your sup-ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

you he has said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 cause you to stand, up - held by my righ-teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep-est dis - tress.
 on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
 my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
 and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
 like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.
6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

John Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787; alt.
 Mod.

FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11.
 Joseph Funk, *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, 1832
 Harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985
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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

The Lord Sends Us

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING “Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me”

1. What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - deem - er; there is no
 2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my
 3. No fate I dread; I know I am for - giv - en; the fu - ture
 4. With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has

more for heav-en now to give. He is my joy, my righ-teous-ness and
 side, the Sav - ior, he will stay. I la-bor on in weak-ness and re-
 sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf-fered for my
 said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re-

G D/A Asus A D

free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace.
 joic - ing, for in my need his pow - er is dis - played.
 par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave.
 new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne.

G D D/F# G

To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus, for my life is
 To this I hold: my Shep - herd will de - fend me; through the deep - est
 To this I hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed; Je - sus now and
 To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus; all the glo - ry

D/F# A D Em7

whol - ly bound to his. Oh, how strange and di - vine, I can
 val - ley he will lead. Oh, the night has been won, and I
 ev - er is my plea. Oh, the chains are re - leased, I can
 ev - er - more to him. When the race is com - plete, still my

D/F# G D/A A D

sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 shall o - ver - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 lips shall re - peat: yet not I, but through Christ in me.

*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. 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.

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 BBQ chicken, mac and cheese, salad, roll, and dessert. Sign up for the meal on the bulletin board in the Education Wing or contact the church office by noon Tuesday.

The Secret Sisters Kickoff is this Saturday, September 19, from 10:30 AM – Noon. All women (ages 16 and up) are invited! Please join us for a time of sweet fun and fellowship as we introduce the program, discuss guidelines, complete questionnaires, randomly select Secret Sisters, and enjoy light tea-time refreshments. Please RSVP to Carol McPhearson at 601-831-5655.

There will be a church workday Saturday, October 10, from 8:00 AM-11:00 AM. Tools needed are pressure washers, gardening tools, hedge trimmers, and power tools. Please contact Philip LaBarre if you have any questions.

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
Sat	10:30	Secret Sisters Kickoff

Upcoming Events

Secret Sisters Kickoff, Sept. 19, 10:30 AM
Church Workday, Oct. 10, 8:00-11:00AM

Pray for those with birthdays: Susan LaBarre, Byron Sherwin, 17

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