

Welcome to

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 20, 2026 † 10:55 AM



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Bold indicates the congregation reads aloud

*****Indicates those able may stand

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Calls Us

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Psalm 150”

1. ¹Sing hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the LORD! Praise God with - in his
2. Praise God whose maj - es - ty a - bounds! ³O praise him with the
3. ⁵With sound - ing cym - bals praise the LORD! With clash - ing cym - bals

sa - cred courts! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise, praise him
trum - pet sound! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise God with
praise a - loud! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! ⁶Let all that

in his heav'n - ly height! ²Praise, praise him for his deeds of might!
 lute and harp and strings, ⁴with dance and pipe and tam - bou - rine!
 breathes now praise the LORD! O praise the LORD for - ev - er - more!

O praise him! O praise him! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

**...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

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

The Lord Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN

By Martin Bucer

Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto you that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression in all our life. We do not fully believe your word, nor follow your holy commandments. Remember your goodness, we beseech you, and for your name's sake be gracious unto us, and forgive us our iniquity which, alas, is great. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 103:11-12

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

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

Westminster Confession of Faith

Ch. XXI, Parag V

The reading of the Scriptures with godly fear; the sound preaching; and conscionable hearing of the Word, in obedience unto God with understanding, faith, and reverence; singing of psalms with grace in the heart; as, also, the due administration and worthy receiving of the sacraments instituted by Christ; are all parts of the ordinary religious worship of God: besides religious oaths, vows, solemn fastings, and thanksgivings upon several occasions; which are, in their several times and seasons, to be used in an holy and religious manner.

The Lord Feeds Us

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Doxology”

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**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

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

A A/C# D D E A

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
 2. Those he saves are his de - light; Christ will hold me fast;
 3. For my life he bled and died— Christ will hold me fast;

A A/C# D D E A

when the tempt-er would pre - vail, he will hold me fast.
 pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, he will hold me fast.
 jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; he will hold me fast.

F#m E/G# A/C# D D C# F#m

I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
 He'll not let my soul be lost; his prom - is - es shall last;
 Raised with him to end - less life— he will hold me fast,

F#m E/G# A/C# D D E A

for my love is of - ten cold: he must hold me fast.
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.
till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last!

D E F#m F#m E/G# A

He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast;

A Bm7 A/C# D D E A

for my Sav - ior loves me so— he will hold me fast.

²³ So he invited them in to be his guests.

The next day he rose and went away with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him. ²⁴ And on the following day they entered Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. ²⁵ When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. ²⁶ But Peter lifted him up, saying, “Stand up; I too am a man.” ²⁷ And as he talked with him, he went in and found many persons gathered. ²⁸ And he said to them, “You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean. ²⁹ So when I was sent for, I came without objection. I ask then why you sent for me.”

³⁰ And Cornelius said, “Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing ³¹ and said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. ³² Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.’ ³³ So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord.”

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

SERMON

“Great Gospel Expectations”

SERMON NOTES

The Lord Sends Us

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING “How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”

1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all mea - sure,
2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his shoul - ders;
3. I will not boast in an - y-thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom;

The first system of musical notation is in 5/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody is in F major, with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment.

that he should give his on - ly Son to make a wretch his trea - sure.
a - shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call out a-mong the scoff - ers.
but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, his death and res - ur - rec - tion.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment.

How great the pain of sear-ing loss— the Fa-ther turns his face a - way
It was my sin that held him there un - til it was ac-com - plished;
Why should I gain from his re - ward? I can-not give an an - swer;

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment.

as wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
his dy-ing breath has brought me life— I know that it is fin - ished.
but this I know with all my heart— his wounds have paid my ran - som.

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the piece. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment.

*BENEDICTION

Zephaniah 3:17

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

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 49 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. His wife Adrienne is a watercolor artist. They have two daughters, one son, and six grandchildren.

We have several open dates to provide flowers for the Sanctuary in September, October, and November. Please sign up on the Women's Ministry bulletin board.

Westminster is collecting nonperishable foods items (canned goods, cereal, canned chicken or tuna, rice, etc.) for the local food pantries until October 4. There are boxes to collect food donations in the foyer outside the door to the Sanctuary. Please contact Al Mashburn (601-831-2008) or Martha Mashburn (601-831-2007) if you have any questions.

The MS Valley Presbytery Women's Ministry invites all women to Coffee and Connection in Yazoo City on October 3. Please let Jennifer Sluis know if you are going. There will be a group leaving from the church at 8:00 AM.

The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley's Encounter Retreat for 7th-9th grade youth is November 12–15 at Twin Lakes Summer Camp in Florence, Mississippi. The cost of the retreat is \$130 per student. Please let the church office know by October 4th if you are interested.

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 Hamburgers, chips, salad, roll, and dessert. Sign up for the meal on the bulletin board or contact the church office by noon Tuesday.

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.

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

Food Pantry Collection, Sept 20 – Oct 4
Church Workday, Oct. 10, 8:00-11:00AM

Nursery Workers: Today – Grace LaBarre, Corley Woodson, & Sadie LaBarre
Next Week – Gayle Neihaus, Amy Warren, & Tatum Sherwin