#### Welcome to

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 21, 2025 † 10:55 AM



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#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### The Lord Calls Us

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Exodus 15:13; 1 Chronicles 16:29

You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness





\*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### The Lord Cleanses Us

READING OF THE LAW

John 15:9-12

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Book of Common Worship

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

\*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.

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood" (v.1-2, 4-5)



"Doxology"

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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS & MEMBERSHIP VOWS

PASTORAL PRAYER

#### The Lord Feeds Us



5. Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true; Cast me not away from thee, Let thy Spirit dwell in me; Thy Salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** 

"Living Will"

Themes: Blood Sacrifice, Covenant, Atonement, Forgiveness, Purification

**Summary:** Christ's blood-shedding has achieved what the old covenant with its priesthood and sacrifices was incapable of achieving, namely, the purification of the conscience from dead works to serve the living God; *therefore*, by reason of this, *he is the mediator of a new covenant*—new not only in that it is different from the old covenant but also in that it supersedes it. – Philip Edgcumbe Hughes

1. There Will Be Blood

2. There Will Be Covenant Succession

3. There Will Be Judgment or Forgiveness, Expulsion or Purification

#### The Lord Sends Us



#### \*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

### "Living Will" *Hebrews 9:15-22*

Westminster An Anchor for the Soul Devotions (September  $22^{nd} - 27^{th}$ )

Monday: Read Hebrews 9:15-22. Review your notes from yesterday's sermon. What was most helpful to you about yesterday's sermon?				
What difference will it make in your life?				
<u>Tuesday</u> : Read Hebrews 8:1-13; 9:15-22 and 1 Timothy 2:5-6. What does it mean that Christ is a "mediator?" Between whom is he mediating?				
Wednesday: Read Hebrews 9:15-22 and Westminster Confession of Faith chapter VII. What is the relationship between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant? How does this affect the way you read the Old Testament?				
<b>Thursday:</b> Read Exodus 24; Matthew 26:26-29; Hebrews 9:15-22. What is required to ratify each covenant? How does this add to your understanding of Christ's work for you?				
<b>Friday:</b> Read Hebrews chapters 8-10. Meditate on what Jesus has done for you and list all the ways Christ has fulfilled Old Testament offices, practices, and promises.				
Saturday: Read Hebrews 9:23-28. What questions do you have regarding this passage?				

## Evening Service Sunday, September 21, 2025 † 6:00 PM

Prelude		
*Call to Worship		
*Invocation		
*Hymn	"We Gather Together"	#363
Evening Prayer		
*Hymn	"The Church's One Foundation" (v.1-3)	#347
Scripture Reading		
Exhortation		
*Hymn	"The Church's One Foundation" (v.4-6)	#347
Benediction		

#### Westminster Evening Sermon Notes

#### **Announcements**

**Welcome to Westminster** – The Westminster family extends a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning and this evening. 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.

The Women's Ministry Fall Meeting is this Thursday, September 25, from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the parlor. All women, members and visitors, are invited! We will have supper, a devotion, and a planning meeting. Please sign-up on the bulletin board to bring a salad or dessert. A nursery will be provided.

Westminster needs volunteers to serve on Wednesday nights this fall. We need leaders for the Children and Adult Ministry Programs and volunteers to cook and serve a meal on Wednesday nights. Please contact a member of the Outreach Committee if you can help.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes** will be available Sunday, October 6th. Shoeboxes will be due back at the church on Sunday, November 9.

On-line giving is available at www.wpcvicksburg.com by clicking on the On-Line Giving link.

Today and this week			Upcoming Events		
Sun	9:45	Sunday School	Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes,		
	10:55	Morning Worship	Available October 6, Due November 9		
	6:00	Evening Worship			
Mon	6:30	Ping Pong			
Tues	6:30	20s/30s Bible Study			
Wed	6:00	Youth			
Thurs	6:00	Women's Fall Meeting			

Nursery Workers: Today – Macey Orman and Grace LaBarre

Next Week - Valerie Gatewood and Kelly Turner