

Welcome to

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 28, 2025 † 10:55 AM



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Pastor Nathaniel Stamper

Bold indicates the congregation reads aloud

*****Indicates those able may stand

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Calls Us

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Exodus 31:12–14; 19:8

And the Lord said, “Keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you. You shall keep the Sabbath, because it is holy for you.”

All that the Lord has spoken we will do.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“O God beyond All Praising”

1. O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day
2. The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
3. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord Most High;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;

for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown—
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,

at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Michael A. Perry, 1982
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Gustav Holst, 1918
Arr. Brian E. Coombs, 2003
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*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord Cleanses Us

READING OF THE LAW

Luke 6:27-28

Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Book of Common Worship

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent; for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 4:24–25

Righteousness will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

*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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“All Glory Be to Christ”

1. Should noth-ing of our ef-forts stand, no leg-a-cy sur-vive;
 2. His will be done, his king-dom come, on earth as is a-bove;
 3. When on the day the great I AM, the Faith-ful and the True;

un-less the Lord does raise the house, in vain its build-ers strive.
 who is him-self our dai-ly bread, praise him the Lord of love.
 the Lamb, who was for sin-ners slain, is mak-ing all things new,

To you who boast to - mor-row's gain, tell me, what is your life?
 Let liv - ing wa - ter sat - is - fy the thirst - y with - out price;
 be - hold our God shall live with us and be our stead - fast light,

A mist that van - ish - es at dawn, all glo - ry be to Christ!
 we'll take a cup of kind - ness yet, all glo - ry be to Christ!
 and we shall e'er his peo - ple be, all glo - ry be to Christ!

All glo - ry be to Christ, our King, all glo - ry be to Christ!

His rule and reign we'll ev - er sing, all glo - ry be to Christ!

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 Music: Traditional Scottish Melody

AULD LANG SYNE
 CMD with refrain

*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

The Lord Feeds Us

*PSALM OF PREPARATION “Psalm 11B”

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 2/2 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a line of the score. The first system contains four verses of lyrics. The second system contains a single line of lyrics. The third system contains four verses of lyrics. The fourth system contains a single line of lyrics. The score ends with a double bar line.

1. ¹The LORD is my ref - uge, how then can you say,
2. ³“When e - vil pre - vails, they foun - da - tions re - move;
3. ⁵The LORD looks on man with his all - search - ing eyes;
4. ⁶The LORD will send judg - ment and pour out hot coals;

“O flee like a bird to your moun - tain a - way.
O what then, O what then, can righ - teous men do?”
his eye - lids ob - serve, and their con - duct he tries.
o’er all the un - god - ly his scorch - ing wind rolls.

²The god - less take aim with their bow and their dart,
⁴Be sure that the LORD in his tem - ple on high,
⁵The LORD tests the righ - teous who walk in his ways;
⁷The LORD, ev - er righ - teous, his jus - tice por - trays;

like sni - pers they shoot at the up - right in heart.
in heav - en en - throned, o - ver men casts his eye.
his soul hates the wick - ed, who ter - ror em - brace.
by grace all the up - right will look on his face.

Why must the Redeemer be truly human?

That in human nature he might on our behalf perfectly obey the whole law and suffer the punishment for human sin; and also that he might sympathize with our weaknesses.

Why must the Redeemer be truly God?

That because of his divine nature his obedience and suffering would be perfect and effective; and also that he would be able to bear the righteous anger of God against sin and yet overcome death.

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 9:23–28

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Blueprint”

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

Summary: “[The Book of Hebrews teachings] have prepared us for this decisive moment in redemptive history, the fulfillment of the Day of Atonement as the Great High Priest enters into the heavenly Most Holy Place.” - Dennis E. Johnson

1. The Heavenly Sanctuary
2. The Heavenly Day of Atonement
3. The Heavenly Destination

The Lord Sends Us

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING “His Mercy Is More”

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The second system has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The third system has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The score includes lyrics and guitar chords.

System 1:

Chords: D, F#, G, D, A, Bm

Lyrics:
 1. What love could re - mem - ber as no wrongs we have done? Om - ni - scient, all know - ing, He
 2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What Fa - ther, so ten - der, is
 3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on His blood was the pay - ment; His

System 2:

Chords: G, A, D, Em7, D, F#, G, D, F#

Lyrics:
 counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore. Our
 call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, af - poor. Our
 life was the cost. We stood neath a debt we could nev - er af - lord. Our

System 3:

Chorus

Chords: G, D, A, D, G, D, A, D, F#

Lyrics:
 sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord, His mer - cy is
 sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.
 sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.
 more. Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn. Our
 sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“The Blueprint”

Hebrews 9:23-28

Westminster *An Anchor for the Soul* Devotions (September 29th – October 4th)

Monday: Read Hebrews 9:23-28. 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? _____

Tuesday: Read Hebrews 9:23-28. What is the relationship between the Old Covenant temple and our salvation in Christ? _____

Wednesday: Read Hebrews 9:23-28 and Leviticus 16. What is the relationship between the Day of Atonement and our salvation in Christ? _____

Thursday: Read Hebrews 9:23-28 and Revelation 19-22. Our destination comforts you how? _____

Friday: Read Hebrews 9:1-28. List 4 truths from this passage that bring you great comfort. How do they comfort you? Pray to God that His Spirit will help you comfort others with these truths. Try to talk to one person and share at least one of these truths.

Saturday: Read Hebrews 10:1-10. What questions do you have regarding this passage?

Evening Service
Sunday, September 28, 2025 † 6:00 PM

Prelude

*Call to Worship

*Invocation

*Hymn	“My Jesus, I Love Thee”	#648
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Evening Prayer

*Hymn	“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (v.1-3)	#164
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Scripture Reading	Psalm 19:1-6
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Exhortation

*Hymn	“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (v.4-6)	#164
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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.

Mark your calendars for the church picnic! The picnic is Sunday, October 19, at 4:00 PM at the Neihaus’ home.

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 next Sunday, October 5th. Shoeboxes will be due back at the church on Sunday, November 9th.

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

<u>Today and this week</u>	<u>Upcoming Events</u>
Sun 9:45 Sunday School	Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes,
10:55 Morning Worship	Available October 5, Due November 9
6:00 Evening Worship	Joint Officer Meeting, October 12, 4:00 PM
Mon 6:30 Ping Pong	Church Picnic, October 19, 4:00 PM, at the
Wed 6:00 Youth	Neihaus’ home

Pray for those with birthdays: David Smith, 28; Valerie Gatewood, 3

Nursery Workers: Today – Valerie Gatewood and Kelly Turner
 Next Week – Frances Warren and Kinsey Karel