

Welcome to

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 6, 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 47:1-2, 5-6

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, key of D major. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear; now to his
gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
dai - ly at - tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al -
guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad a - do - ra - tion.
sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!

*INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Elder George Stubblefield

...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

Romans 12:1-3

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

The Lord Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN

From *The Worship Sourcebook*

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 judgement. 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

Isaiah 44:21-22

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

*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.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Belgic Confession Article 1

**We all believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths that there is a single and simple spiritual being, whom we call God—
eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, unchangeable, infinite, almighty; completely wise, just, and good, and the overflowing source of all good.**

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

“Be Thou My Vision”



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er
 3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach



else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought by
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,
 • dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,
 her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,
 heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -



day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 • thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 ev - er be - fall, still be my vis - ion, O Rul - er of all.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent.
 Tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
 Vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

SLANE 10.10.10.10.
 Traditional Irish melody
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When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ²Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” ⁵They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷So he asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁸Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go.” ⁹This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: “Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one.” ¹⁰Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.) ¹¹So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?”

SERMON

“Do You Believe That Jesus is the Christ?”

SERMON NOTES

G D G A D/F# G Asus

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my
 2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less
 3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the pow'r of Christ in

D G D G A D/F#

song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm thro' the
 babe, this gift of love and righ - teous - ness, scorned by the
 slain. Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day— up from the
 me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com -

G Asus D D/F# G D/F#

fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
 ones he came to save. Till on that cross as Je - sus
 grave he rose a - gain! And as he stands in vic - to -
 mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of

Asus D/F# G Bm7 Asus G

peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease! My com-fort-died, the wrath of God was sat-is-fied. For ev-'ry-ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am man can ev-er pluck me from his hand. Till he re-

D G A D/F# G Asus D

er, my all in all— here in the love of Christ I stand. sin on him was laid— here in the death of Christ I live. his and he is mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ. turns or calls me home: here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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IN CHRIST ALONE
LMD

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

“In Christ Alone” (v.4)

*BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

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. David Irving to the Westminster Pulpit. Dr. Irving is President and Assistant Professor of Church History and Pastoral Theology at Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, MS. Prior to RTS, he served as the Pastor of Woodland Presbyterian Church (2019-2025) and Raymond Presbyterian Church (2015-2019). He is a graduate of the University of Mississippi (PhD, 2023), Reformed Theological Seminary (MDiv, 2015), and Dartmouth College (BA, 2011) and the author of *Devote Yourself to Prayer: A Call to Pastors* (RHB, 2023). David and his wife, Sarah Grafton, have four children.

Officer Nominations close today. Officer Qualification Lists and Nomination forms are available at both doors to the Sanctuary. Nominations may be submitted to the church through an elder or the church office. Elders currently serving are Mark Monroe, Chandler Whitney, Gordon Sluis, Terry Warren, Bob LaBarre, and George Stubblefield. Deacons currently serving are Al Mashburn, Gil Smith, Danny McPhearson, Phil Kirk, Stephen Turner, and Philip LaBarre. The terms of Elder Terry Warren and Deacons Al Mashburn and Gil Smith will expire at the end of this year.

Wednesday at Westminster resumes this Wednesday, September 9, from 5:30-7:00. Dinner is served at 5:30, followed by children’s classes, youth group, and adult studies. Dinner is \$5/person (max of \$20/family) and can be paid by cash or check. The menu for this week is spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert. Sign up for the meal on the bulletin board in the Education Wing 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. 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
Mon	6:30	Ping Pong Fellowship
Wed	5:30	Wednesday at Westminster

Upcoming Events

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

Pray for those with birthdays: Judy Monroe, 6; Jerry Walker, 9; Grace LaBarre, 11; Ella Walker, 12

Nursery Workers: Today – Laura Wells, Mary Mac Whitney, & Laura Box
Next Week – Frances Warren, Kinsey Karel, & Kate Farrar