

Welcome to

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

*Sunday, September 7, 2025 † 10:55 AM*



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**Bold** indicates the congregation reads aloud

**\***Indicates those able may stand

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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# The Lord Calls Us

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### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gen. 22:1; 31:11; Ex. 3:4; 1 Sam. 3:4; Isa. 6:8; 43:1

God called Abraham, and he said,

**“Here I am.”**

God called Jacob, and he said,

**“Here I am.”**

God called Moses, Samuel, and Isaiah, and they said,

**“Here I am.”**

And the Lord created you, redeemed you, and calls you by name.

**Here I am, Lord, to worship you.**

### \*INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

### \*PSALM OF PRAISE

“Psalm 110A” (v.1-4)

1. <sup>1</sup>The LORD said to my Lord: “At my right hand take your seat,  
2. <sup>2</sup>The LORD will make your reign ex - tend from Zi - on’s hill;  
3. <sup>3</sup>When you dis - play your pow’r, your peo - ple flock to you;  
4. <sup>4</sup>The LORD has sworn an oath and will not change his mind:  
5. <sup>5</sup>The Lord’s at your right hand, and there will ev - er stay.

un - til I make your en - e - mies a foot - stool for your feet.”  
with might - y scep - ter rule your foes who fight a - gainst your will.  
• at dawn, ar - rayed in ho - li - ness, your youth will come like dew.  
“You are a priest for - ev - er, like Mel - chi - ze - dek in kind.”  
He on his day of wrath will crush the kings who bar his way.

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## The Lord Cleanses Us

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CONFESSION OF SIN

John of the Cross

**O blessed Jesus, give me stillness of soul in You. Let Your mighty calmness reign in me. Rule me, O King of Gentleness, King of Peace. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jeremiah 31:31–34

Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

\*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

\*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

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Larger Catechism

Question 44

How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?

**Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering himself a sacrifice without spot to God, to be reconciliation for the sins of his people; and in making continual intercession for them.**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION

“As the Deer”

*Words and Music by  
Martin Nystrom*

**VERSE**

$\text{♩} = 74$  D A/C# A Bm D/A G A7sus A7 D2sus D

1. As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, so my soul long-eth af-ter Thee.  
2. You're my friend and You are my broth-er e-ven though You are a King.  
3. I want You more than gold or sil-ver. On-ly You can sat-is-fy.

5 A/C# A Bm D/A G A G/A D D/C#

You a-lone are my heart's de-si-re, and I long to wor-ship Thee.  
I love You more than an-y oth-er, so much more than an-y-thing.  
You a-lone are the real joy-giv-er and the ap-ple of my eye.

**CHORUS**

Bm Bm/A G A/G D/F# G Bm/F# Em Em7 F#sus F# F#/E

You a-lone are my strength, my shield; to You a-lone may my spir-it yield.

14 D A/C# A Bm D/A G A G/A D

You a-lone are my heart's de-si-re, and I long to wor-ship Thee.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 8:1-13

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“A Better Way”

**Themes:** Typology, Priesthood, Sin, Atonement.

**Summary:** “Jesus is shown to be the eternal high priest, ministering from heaven in the true tabernacle and enacting the better promises of the new covenant.” – David W. Chapman, Covenant Theological Seminary

1. The *Main* Point

2. An Old Problem

3. The New Solution

\*COMMUNION HYMN

"His Mercy Is More" (v.1-2)

1. What love could re - mem - ber 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 us! His blood was the pay - ment; His

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, the poor. Our  
 life was the cost. We stood neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford. Our

**Chorus**

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.

4  
8  
13  
17

## 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.**

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## The Lord Sends Us

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\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING “His Mercy Is More” (v.3)

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## “A Better Way”

### *Hebrews 8:1-13*

Westminster *An Anchor for the Soul* Devotions (September 8 - 13)

**Monday:** Read Hebrews 8:1-13. 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 8:1-13 and Psalm 110. How does Christ comfort you in your time and place in society right now? \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday:** Read Hebrews 7:1—8:13. When we feel like we’re not good enough for the Lord, how do these verses speak to our feelings of defilement? When you feel like you deserve God’s wrath, what truth do these verses remind you of? \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday:** Read Hebrews 8:1-13 and Jeremiah 31:31-40. Was the Old Covenant a mistake or failure? What was its purpose? \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday:** Read Hebrews 8:1-13, Jeremiah 31:31-40, and Ezekiel 36:22-38. List at least 6 ways the New Covenant is greater. What does this mean to you personally? \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday:** Read Hebrews 9:1-14. What questions do you have regarding this passage? \_\_\_\_\_



Evening Service  
*Sunday, September 7, 2025 † 6:00 PM*

Prelude

\*Call to Worship

\*Invocation

*Hymn	“All Creatures of Our God and King”	#115
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Evening Prayer

*Hymn	“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” (v.1-3)	#521
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Scripture Reading

Exhortation

*Hymn	“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” (v.4)	#521
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Benediction

## Westminster Evening Sermon Notes



PLEASE JOIN US FOR WPC'S


# Women's Ministry Fall Meeting

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**IN THE PARLOR**

All women, members and visitors, are invited to the Women's Ministry Fall Meeting at the church! We will have supper, a devotion, and a planning meeting. Please bring a salad or dessert. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.



## 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.

**Sunday School** has started again at 9:45 AM every Sunday. We have classes for all ages. Bring the family and join us on Sunday mornings!

**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.

**On-line giving is available** at [www.wpcvicksburg.com](http://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	<b>Women’s Ministry Fall Meeting</b> , September 25, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM
	10:55	Morning Worship	
	6:00	Evening Worship	
Mon	6:30	Ping Pong	
Tues	6:30	20s/30s Bible Study	
Wed	6:30	Family Night Supper	

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

**Nursery Workers:** Today – Jennifer Sluis and Meredith Anderson  
Next Week – Laura Wells and Mary Mac Whitney