

Welcome to

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 4, 2025 † 10:55 AM



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Bold indicates the congregation reads aloud

*Indicates those able may stand

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP 1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race,
a royal priesthood,
a holy nation,
a people for his own possession,
that you may proclaim the excellencies of him
who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" #1

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

(TAKE A MOMENT TO CONFESS YOUR SINS TO GOD PRIVATELY)

CONFESSION OF SIN Book of Common Prayer (1552)

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against your divine Majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. The remembrance of them is grievous to us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever from now on serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

*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:

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary

Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried;

He descended into hell

The third day he rose again from the dead

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic¹ church; the communion of saints;

The forgiveness of sins;

The resurrection of the body;

And the life everlasting. Amen.

¹THE WORD “CATHOLIC” REFERS TO THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH.

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

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

#38

SCRIPTURE READING

Leviticus 2:1-16

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Gratitude”

*COMMUNION HYMN

“Before the Throne of God Above”(v.1-2)

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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.

*COMMUNION HYMN

“Before the Throne of God Above”(v.3)

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Westminster Sermon Notes

Leviticus 2:1-16 - “Gratitude”

Themes: Gratitude, Offering, Faith

Summary: The Book of Leviticus begins by detailing a series of sacrifices in approaching a holy God. After the Burnt Offering, which represents atonement, comes the Grain Offering, which symbolizes our gratitude.

1. How to Prep the Bread

2. How to Offer the Bread

3. How to Receive the Bread

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1863

Music and alt. lyrics by Vikki Cook

$\text{♩} = 72$ D Em/D D G D Em/D D

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a strong and per - fect
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with -
 3. Be - hold him there, the ri - sen Lamb! My per - fect spot - less right - eous -

F#m G D/F# A Bm Em/G G G/A

plea: a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for
 in, up - ward I look and see Him there, who made an end of all my
 ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM, the King of Glor - y and of

D F#m7 G D/F# D A D F#m7

me. My name is grav - en on His hands. My name is
 sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died my sin - ful
 Grace. One with Him - self, I can - not die; my soul is

G D/F# G F#m Bm D/A G D/F# Bm

writ - ten on His heart. I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can
 soul is count - ed free. For God, the Just, is sat - is - fied to look on
 pur - chased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

Em/G G G/A Bm Em/G G G/A D

bid me thence de - part; no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 Him and par - don me; to look on Him and par - don me.
 Sav - ior and my God; with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

“Gratitude”

Leviticus 2:1-16

Westminster *A Relationship with the Lord* Devotions (May 5th – 10th)

Monday: Read Leviticus 2:1-16. 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 Leviticus 2:1-16 & Numbers 18:19. What does the salt mean for this offering? What does it reassure you about God? _____

Wednesday: Read Leviticus 2:1-16 & 1 Corinthians 5:6-8. Why no leaven for this offering? What is God telling us about our lives? _____

Thursday: Read Leviticus 2:1-16. What is your understanding of the priestly portion? What does it mean for today? _____

Friday: Read Leviticus 2:1-16 and John 6:35. I’ve given you one New Testament reference for bread. Find more (use a concordance in the back of your bible). Why does God use bread as a symbol? What is he telling us? _____

Saturday: Read Leviticus 3:1-17. What questions do you have about this passage? _____

Evening Service

Sunday, May 4, 2025 † 6:00 PM

Prelude

*Call to Worship

*Invocation

*Hymn	“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”	#345
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Evening Prayer

*Hymn	“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”	Bulletin p.10
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Scripture Reading

Exhortation

Benediction

Westminster Evening Sermon Notes

JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN

Words by Henry Lyte
Music by Mozart
(alt. by Bill Moore)

CAPO II

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and guitar. The key signature is D major (two sharps) and the time signature is common time (C). The guitar part is indicated by chords above the staff. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves, with some words in parentheses indicating alternative phrasings.

Chords: D, F#m, G, A, Bm, Bm/A.

Lyrics:

1. Je - sus I my cross have and ta ken,
 2. Let the world de - ly - spise and di - leave stress - me,
 3. Man may then earth - ble ly and - and - trea - me,
 4. Go then - - - sure,

3 All to leave and fol sa - low Thee
 They have left my sa - vior Thy
 Twill but drive me to and too
 Come di - sas - ter, scorn thy and breast
 pain

5 Des - ti - tute, de - spised, for - sa - ken
 Hu - man with hearts and looks de - me,
 Life with tri - ser - vice hard may - sa - ceive me,
 In thy ser - vice pain is press plea - sure,

7 Thou from hence my all shalt be
 Thou art will not like them sweet un - true
 Heaven thy thy bring me loss er is rest
 With thy fa - vor gain

9 Per - ish ev - ery fond am - bi - tion,
 Oh while thou dost smile u - pon me,
 Oh I have not called thee A - bba Fa - ther,

11 Bm Bm/A G D

All I've sought or hoped or known
 God While I of thy love wis - dom, love and to might
 I have stayed my heart on thee

13 Bm Bm/A G D

Yet how rich is my con - di - tion,
 Foes may 'twere hate not and in joy friends dis - own me,
 Storms may howl and clouds may charm ga - ther,

15 Em D/F# G A

God and heaven are still my
 Show thy face un - all is
 Were that joy work for mixed good with
 All must work

17 D G D A

own
 bright
 thee
 me

5. Soul then know thy full salvation
 Rise o'er sin and fear and care
 Joy to find in every station,
 Something still to do or bear
 Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
 Think what Father's smiles are thine
 Think that Jesus died to win thee,
 Child of heaven, canst thou repine

6. Haste thee on from grace to glory,
 Armed by faith and winged by prayer
 Heaven's eternal day's before thee,
 God's own hand shall guide thee there
 Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
 Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days
 Hope shall change to glad fruition,
 Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

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.

Diaconate Fund-A donation for the diaconate fund will be received following the Morning Worship Service. These funds go towards mercy ministries. The deacons will be at both exits of the Sanctuary to collect donations at the end of the service.

The deacons are looking for men to volunteer to bring items for the May Family Night Supper on May 14. Please contact one of the deacons if you would like to bring something on this list: 3 dozen rolls and butter, 3 gallons of sweet tea, 1 gallon of unsweet tea, and a half gallon of milk.

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School! VBS will be July 14-18 from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM. Registration forms will be available at the end of the May.

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers for me during my recent surgery. A few weeks ago, during a church service we sang Isaiah 43, and the verses hit home to me. He is my Lord, and He will take care of me. When I went to have the surgery, one of the nurses asked me if I was nervous about having surgery, and I said that I wasn't. The best part of the whole experience was that from the patient's perspective, it was the easiest surgery I have ever had. I know Who did that (the Lord). – Al Mashburn

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Today and this week

Sun	9:45	Education Hour
	10:55	Morning Worship
	6:00	Evening Worship
Mon	6:30	Ping Pong
Tues	9:00	PMV
	6:00	Evening Worship
	6:30	20s/30s Bible Study
Wed	6:00	Youth Group

Upcoming Events

Family Night Supper, May 14, 6:30 PM
VBS, July 14-18

Pray for those with birthdays: Wes Allison, 8; Kayleigh Karel, 9

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