

Westminster Presbyterian Church
The Lord's Day Morning Worship

September 20, AD 2020

10:55 AM

The Preparation for Worship

Prelude

Let us prepare ourselves for worship. Use this time for silent prayer and meditation on the Word. "Almighty and everlasting God, give to us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which You promise, make us to love that which You command; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Welcome and Announcements

*The Call to Worship

Psalm 90:1,2

Minister: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

All: **Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting You are God.**

Minister: Let us worship God!

The Lord's Praise

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Reiber

*Hymn #81: *O Love of God, How Strong and True* Jerusalem

O love of God, how strong and true! eternal and yet ever new, uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought! O love of God, how deep and great, far deeper than man's deepest hate; self-fed, self-kindled like the light, changeless, eternal, infinite.

O heav'nly love, how precious still, in days of weariness and ill, in nights of pain and helplessness, to heal, to comfort, and to bless! O wide-embracing, wondrous love! We read you in the sky above, we read you in the earth below, in seas that swell, and streams that flow.

We read you best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame; sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die. We read your pow'r to bless and save, e'en in the darkness of the grave; still more in resurrection light we read the fulness of your might.

O love of God, our shield and stay through all the perils of our way! Eternal love, in you we rest, forever safe, forever blest. We will exalt you, God and King, and we will ever praise your name; we will extol you ev'ry day, and evermore your praise proclaim.

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Confession of Sin

The Strassburg Liturgy

Minister: Make confession to God the Lord, and let everyone acknowledge with me his sin and iniquity.

All: **O Lord, God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge most sincerely before Your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption, prone to do evil, incapable of any good, and that in our depravity we transgress Your holy commandments without end or ceasing: Wherefore we purchase for ourselves, through Your righteous judgment, our ruin and perdition. Nevertheless, O Lord, we are grieved that we have offended You: and we condemn ourselves and our sins with true repentance, beseeching Your grace to relieve our distress. O God and Father most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in the Name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And as You blot out our sins and stains, magnify and increase in us day by day the grace of Your Holy Spirit: that as we acknowledge our unrighteousness with all our heart, we may be moved by that sorrow which will bring forth true repentance in us, mortifying all our sins, and producing in us the fruits of righteousness and innocence which are pleasing unto You; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 43:25

Minister: I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins."

All: **Amen**

*Confession of Faith

The Apostle's 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 catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Gifts

Offertory Prayer

Pastor Reiber

*The Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'ly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Hymn #248: *Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended* Jesu

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended, that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee: I crucified thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered: the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered: for man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth, God intercedeth.

For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation: thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee, think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

The Lord's Word

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Reiber

Scripture

I Corinthians 15:3,4

Sermon *Christ Died for our Sins and was Buried*

Our Commitment

*Hymn #468: *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place* Landas

My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed; I trust the ever-living One, his wounds for me shall plead.

Refrain: I need no other argument, I need no other plea, it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt; a sinful soul I come to him, he'll never cast me out. [Refrain]

My heart is leaning on the Word, the written Word of God: salvation by my Savior's name, salvation thro' his blood. [Refrain]

My great Physician heals the sick, the lost he came to save; for me his precious blood he shed, for me his life he gave. [Refrain]

*Benediction

Pastor Reiber

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Morning Worship Sermon Outline

Text: I Corinthians 15:3,4

Title: Christ Died for our Sins and was Buried

Introduction

I. Christ died and was buried is foundational truth of Scripture.

II. What do we mean when we confess that Jesus Christ died and was buried?

A. Why is death so difficult for us to think about?

B. Why must Christ die?

C. Why must Christ be buried?

Lesson: Christ was obedient to death that the obedience of Christ is our righteousness before God. Christ died and was buried that He might destroy death and the power of the one who had the power of death.

Lesson: All who are born of the Spirit and united to Christ by faith are united to Christ in His death and burial.

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. We are delighted to have you with us this Lord's Day.*

Our flowers are given to the glory of God by Bob and Jan Walker in honor of Debbie Cooper, Jan's sister, and Leigh Sherwin, their daughter-in-law, who are both battling cancer.

The Women's Ministry will host a drive thru Wedding Shower for Kelly Gatewood and Stephen Turner at the church this Saturday, September 26th, from 10:00 am-10:30 am. Runners will get your gift from the car. Kelly and Stephen are registered at Sassafras, Cinnamon Tree, Bed, Bath, and Beyond, Williams Sonoma, and Target. Kelly and Stephen want to encourage local people to go to Sassafras and Cinnamon Tree.

If anyone wants to put flowers in the Sanctuary please call the church office at 601-636-4292.

Tithes and Offerings may be given at the collection points on either side of the front and rear of the sanctuary as offering plates will not be passed.

Easy On-line giving to WPC is now available. See the link on our website (www.wpcvicksburg.com). You may also text your gift by texting "Give" + amount (i.e. Give 100 to donate \$100) to 601-207-0484.

Westminster Shorter Catechism #14: *What is sin?* Sin is disobeying or not conforming to God's law in any way.



Homebound

Jackie LaBarre

Pray for those with birthdays: Richard Friesz, 23

Bible Readings: Isa 33:13-50:11; Gal 5:13-Eph 4:32; Ps 64:1-69:18; Prov 23:23-24:6

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