

*Westminster Presbyterian Church
The Lord's Day Morning Worship*

November 29, 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 God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious Majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen."

Welcome and Announcements

*The Call to Worship

Psalm 107:15

Minister: Let all give thanks to the Lord for He is goodness,

All: **For His wonderful works to the children of men!**

Minister: Let us worship God!

The Lord's Praise

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Reiber

*Hymn #67: *Not unto Us, O Lord of Heaven*

Gairney Bridge

*Not unto us, O Lord of heav'n, but unto you be glory giv'n;
in love and truth you do fulfill the counsels of your
sovereign will; though nations fail your pow'r to own,
yet you do reign, and you alone.*

*Let Israel trust in God alone, the Lord, whose grace and
pow'r are known; to him your full allegiance yield, and
he will be your help and shield. All those who fear him
God will bless; his saints have proved his faithfulness.*

*All you that fear him and adore, the Lord increase you
more and more; both great and small who him confess,
you and your children he will bless. Yes, we will ever
bless his name; praise you the Lord, his praise proclaim.*

Confession of Sin

from *John Knox Liturgy*

All: **Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into Your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy**

from You, if You dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against You, O Lord, and we have offended You. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge You to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to You. And so we humbly ask You, for the sake of Christ Your Son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By Your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by You. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 44:22

Minister: I have blotted out, like a thick cloud, your transgressions, and like a cloud, your sins. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you.

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 #343: *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* Westminster Abbey

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and
cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the
church in one; holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.*

*All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high, in
exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody; God the One
in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.*

*To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today:
with thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy people as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.*

*Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.*

*Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.*

The Lord's Word

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Reiber

Scripture

Matthew 16:18

Sermon *The Holy Catholic Church I*

Our Commitment

*Hymn #363:

We Gather Together

Kremser

*We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.*

*Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:
Thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glory be thine!*

*We all do extol thee, thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation endure thro' tribulation:
Thy name be ever prais'd! O Lord, make us free!*

*Benediction

Pastor Reiber

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Remember to Prepare Your Hearts For Communion Next Sunday.

Morning Worship Sermon Outline

Text: Matthew 16:18

Title: The Holy Catholic Church I

Introduction

I. What is the Church?

- A. The Church as particular and universal.

- B. The Church as both an organization and organism.

- C. The Church and salvation.

II. What are the Great spiritual qualities of the Church?

- A. The unity or oneness of the Church.

- B. The *catholicity or universality* of the Church.

- C. The *holiness* of the Church.

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.*

Next week is the first Sunday of the month and we will be coming to the Lord's table. Be sure to prepare. LC #171 *How are they that receive the sacrament of the Lord's supper to prepare themselves before they come unto it?* They that receive the sacrament of the Lord's supper are, before they come, to prepare themselves thereunto, by examining themselves of their being in Christ, of their sins and wants; of the truth and measure of their knowledge, faith, repentance; love to God and the brethren, charity to all men, forgiving those that have done them wrong; of their desires after Christ, and of their new obedience; and by renewing the exercise of these graces, by serious meditation and fervent prayer.

Lessons and Carols is December 13 at 6:00 PM. The service includes reading of God's Word about the coming of Christ and the wonderful music of the Christmas season.

The Westminster Session has called a congregational meeting for December 13, 2020, immediately after the morning worship service for the purposes of receiving the report of the 2021 Westminster Budgets and for the election of Deacons from the slate of nominee candidates approved by the Session.

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 #24: *How is Christ a prophet?*
As a prophet, Christ reveals the will of God to us for our salvation by His word and Spirit.



Homebound

Jackie LaBarre

Pray for those with birthdays: Tatum Sherwin, 30; Gayle Neihaus, 1; Lee Kirk, 3; Donnie Cool, 4; Trey Allison, 5

Bible Readings: Dan 6:1-Hos 3:5; II Pet 3:1- I Jn 5:21; Ps 119:129- Ps 124; Prov 28:21-29:8

Welcome
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