

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

December 6, 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. "Blessed Lord, who has caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. 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 #194: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Veni Emmanuel

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.*

Refrain:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes,
on Sinai's height, in ancient times didst give the
law in cloud and majesty and awe. [Refrain]*

*O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's
tyranny; from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. [Refrain]*

*O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by
thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight. [Refrain]*

*O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our
heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. [Refrain]*

Confession of Sin from *Book of Common Prayer, 1552*

All: Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promise declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 44:22

Minister: Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: *Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and He will have compassion on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.*

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 #347:

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word:*

*from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

*Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food.
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.*

*Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.*

*The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
to guide, sustain and cherish, is with her to the end;
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.*

The Lord's Word

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Reiber

Scripture

Matthew 16:18

Sermon *The Holy Catholic Church II*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Hymn #213:

What Child Is This (v.1-2)

Greensleeves

*What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch
are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds
guard and angels sing: haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.*

*Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word
is pleading. Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the
cross be borne for me, for you: hail, hail the Word
made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.*

The Lord's Supper

*Hymn #213:

What Child Is This (v.3)

Greensleeves

*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to
own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts
enthroned him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her
lullaby: joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.*

*Benediction

Pastor Reiber

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Morning Worship Sermon Outline

Text: Matthew 16:18

Title: The Holy Catholic Church II

Introduction

I. The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ has been and will be engaged in a battle until the end of the world.

II. What does this mean for the Church? True and False Churches

III. How may the true church be distinguished from the false?
By the *Marks of the True Church*.

A. The pure preaching and teaching of the Gospel, the Word of God.

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.*

The Lord's Supper at Westminster is for all those who have received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, who do now repent, endeavor to live a holy life, and have publicly professed their faith through membership in an evangelical church. Children who have not publicly confessed Christ by being received by the Session into communicant Church membership should refrain from the Sacrament and learn by reverent observation; this, even though they may already have received Christ privately. Those without personal saving faith in Jesus Christ are to refrain from the Sacrament and are urged to repent and receive Him by faith.

The Westminster Session has called a congregational meeting for next Sunday, December 13, 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.

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

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 #25: *How is Christ a priest?*
As a priest, Christ offered Himself up once as a sacrifice for us to satisfy divine justice and to reconcile us to God, and He continually intercedes for us.



Homebound

Bible Readings: Hos 4:1-Amos 9:15; II Jn 1:1-Rev 3:22; Ps 125-131; Prov 29:9-23

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