

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

December 13, 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. "O Lord Jesus Christ, who at Your first coming sent Your messenger to prepare Your way before You; Grant that the ministers and stewards of Your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Your sight, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen."

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Missions

***The Call to Worship**

I Timothy 3:16

Minister: And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:

All: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory.

Minister: Let us worship God!

The Lord's Praise

***Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

Pastor Reiber

***Hymn #195: Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come Antioch**

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Confession of Sin

from *Calvin's Liturgy*

Minister: My brethren, let each of you present himself before the face of the Lord, and confess his faults and sins, saying together with me:

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

Micah 7:18,19

Minister: Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

All: Amen.

***Confession of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is

seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 #201:

O Little Town of Bethlehem

St. Louis

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie; above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by: yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth! And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

The Lord's Word

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Reiber

Scripture

Luke 1:26-38; Isaiah 9:1-7

Sermon *The Throne of His father David*

Our Commitment

*Hymn #225: *Once in Royal David's City* Irby

*Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.*

*He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall: with the
poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.*

*And through all his wondrous childhood he would honor and
obey, love and watch the lowly maiden in whose gentle arms he
lay: Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.*

*And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming
love; for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above,
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.*

*Benediction Pastor Reiber
Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Morning Worship Sermon Outline

Text: Luke 1:26-38; Isaiah 9:1-7

Title: The Throne of His father David

Introduction

I. Comfort in the Messiah

- A. The house of David wearying God?
- B. What was the command for a sign?
- C. What is the sign?

II. The prophesied birth of the Child born of a virgin

- A. A child born for us - given for us
- B. This Child born, given, the King who rules is Wonderful.
- C. This Child born, given, the King who rules is Counselor
- D. This Child born, given, the King who rules is Mighty God
- E. This Child born, given, the King who rules is Everlasting Father Prince of Peace.

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 Westminster Session has called a congregational meeting today, 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 this evening at 6:00 in the Sanctuary. The service includes reading of God's Word about the coming of Christ and the wonderful music of the Christmas season by the choir and instrumentalists.

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 #26: *How is Christ a king?* As a king, Christ brings us under His power, rules and defends us, and restrains and conquers all His and all our enemies.



Missionaries of the Week David and Jan
Homebound Jackie LaBarre
Pray for those with birthdays: Alison Whitney, 15;
Madeline Walker, 18
Bible Readings: Oba 1:1-Zep 3:20; Rev. 4:1-10:11; Ps 139-145; Prov 29:24-30:14

Welcome
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