

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

January 17, AD 2021

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 Almighty God, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings has ordained strength, and made infants to glorify You; Mortify and kill all vices in us, that by the innocence of our lives, and constancy of our faith even unto death, we may glorify Your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."**

Welcome and Announcements

\*The Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1,2

*Minister:* Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

*All:* **Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your disease, who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

*Minister:* Let us worship God!

The Lord's Praise

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Elder Whitney

\*Hymn #2:

*O Worship the King*

Lyons

*O worship the King all-glorious above, O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.*

*O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.*

*The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old; has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.*

*Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain; and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.*

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!*

*O measureless Might! Ineffable Love! While angels delight to hymn you above, the humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.*

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

Titus 3:4,6

*Minister:* But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

*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

Elder Whitney

\*The Doxology

p. 731

*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 #37:

*All That I Am I Owe to Thee*

Federal Street

*All that I am I owe to thee; thy wisdom, Lord, has fashioned me. I give my Maker thankful praise, whose wondrous works my soul amaze.*

*Ere into being I was brought, thine eye did see, and in thy thought my life in all its perfect plan was ordered ere my days began.*

*Thy thoughts, O God, how manifold, more precious unto me than gold! I muse on their infinity, awaking I am still with thee.*

*The wicked thou wilt surely slay; from me let sinners turn away. They speak against the name divine; I count God's enemies as mine.*

*Search me, O God, my heart discern; try me, my inmost thought to learn; and lead me, if in sin I stray, to choose the everlasting way.*

The Lord's Word

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Whitney

Scripture

Matthew 5:13-16

Sermon

*Have You Seen the Elephant?*

Our Commitment

\*Hymn #600: *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!* He Leadeth Me

*He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught! Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.*

*Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me: his faithful foll'wer I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.*

*Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom, by waters calm, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. [Refrain]*

*Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur  
nor repine; content, whatever lot I see,  
since 'tis my God that leadeth me. [Refrain]*

*And when my task on earth is done, when, by thy grace, the  
vict'ry's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
since God through Jordan leadeth me. [Refrain]*

\*Benediction Pastor Herring

Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

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### Morning Worship Sermon Outline

Text: Matthew 5:13-16

Title: Have You Seen the Elephant?

I. A City Set Upon a Hill

II. The Lamp For Those In The House

### 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 Scott and Gwen Reiber in thankfulness for the faithful congregation of believers at Westminster.***

**This morning we welcome Pastor Wayne Herring** to the Westminster Pulpit. Wayne Herring is a native of Brandon, MS and a graduate of Mississippi State University and Reformed Theological Seminary. He has been a Presbyterian Minister for almost 50 years. He is married to Dr. Dena Gibson and they live on a farm outside of Raymond, MS. Between them, they have 21 grandchildren.

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**Westminster Shorter Catechism #31:** *What is effective calling?* Effective calling is the work of God's Spirit, Who convinces us that we are sinful and miserable, Who enlightens our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and Who renews our wills. This is how He persuades and makes us able to receive Jesus Christ, Who is freely offered to us in the gospel.



Homebound

Mildred Coleman

Pray for those with birthdays: Mark Monroe, 18; Jennifer Sluis, 20

Bible Readings: Gen 35:1-47:31; Mt 12:1-15:28; Ps 15:1-25:15; Prov 3:21-4:19

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