

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

April 25, 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. "Almighty God, who shows to them that be in error the light of Your truth, to the intent that they may return to the way of righteousness; Grant to all those that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that as strangers and pilgrims they may abstain from fleshly lusts, and follow all such things as are agreeable to their holy profession; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Missions

*The Call to Worship

Psalm 145:10

Minister: All Your works shall praise You, O Lord,

All: **And Your saints shall bless You.**

Minister: Let us worship God!

The Lord's Praise

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Reiber

*Hymn #165: *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* Lyons

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name; the name, all victorious, of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save; and still he is nigh— his presence we have. The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud and honor the Son. The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right, all glory and pow'r, and wisdom and might, all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

Confession of Sin

All: **O Father, we are gathered before You, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite of heart, to confess that we have sinned in thought and**

word and deed; we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, we have not loved You with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. Purge us from selfishness, the fear of man, and the love of praise. In Your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With You, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love You with a holy love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:5,6

Minister: But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

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 #140:

O Word of God Incarnate

Munich

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky, we praise thee for the radiance that from the hallowed page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from her dear Master received the gift divine, and still that light she lifteth o'er all the earth to shine. It is the golden casket, where gems of truth are stored; it is the heaven-drawn picture of Christ, the living Word.

It floateth like a banner before God's host unfurled; it shineth like a beacon above the darkling world; It is the chart and compass that, o'er life's surging sea, 'mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.

O make thy church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold, to bear before the nations thy light, as of old.

O teach thy wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace, till, clouds and darkness ended, they see thee face to face.

The Lord's Word

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Reiber

Scripture

Titus 1:1-4

Sermon *The Faith of God's Elect and the Acknowledgment of the Truth*

Our Commitment

* Hymn #94:

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word! What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your God, and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply; the flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

*"E'en down to old age all my people shall prove my sovereign,
eternal, unchangeable love; and when hoary hairs shall their
temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.*

*"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not
desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor
to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake."*

*Benediction Pastor Reiber

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Remember to Prepare Your Hearts For Communion Next Sunday.

Morning Worship Sermon Outline

Text: Titus 1:1-4

Title: The Faith of God's Elect and the Acknowledgment of
the Truth

Introduction

I. An Apostle of Jesus Christ

II. The Importance of the Apostle to the faith of the elect of God and
the acknowledgment of the truth.

III. Now that inspired written Apostolic Word is proclaimed to you.

A. There are those who are looking for the worldly
trappings of 'spirituality.'

B. There are those who refuse any teaching and the
demands of Christ if such impinges on what they want to
do!

C. Let us examine ourselves: Christians are humble to obey
what we are taught and submit to it without dissent.

IV. The Faith of God's Elect *that is* The Knowledge of the Truth
which Accords with Godliness.

A. The Saving Faith of God's Elect has definite knowledge
content.

B. We should be warned against of every idea that equates
biblical faith with personal opinion and feeling.

C. Faith is not grounded in changing probabilities, but holds
what is true from God who is truth and cannot lie.

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.*

Prayer Meeting/Bible Study will meet at 6:30 pm Wednesday in
the Sanctuary.

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.

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 #45: *What is the first
commandment? The first commandment is: You shall have no other
gods before me.*



Missionaries of the Week
Homebound
Communion:

Carl & Becky Chaplin
Mildred Coleman
May 2

Pray for those with birthdays: Al Mashburn, 28

Bible Readings: Judg 4:1-14:20; Lk 22:35-Jn 1:51; Ps 94:1-102:28;
Prov 14:3-16

Welcome
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