

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

May 2, 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 alone can order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant to Your people, that they may love the thing which You command, and desire that which You promise; so that, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Welcome and Announcements

\*The Call to Worship

Psalm 57:9-11

*Minister:* I will praise You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing to You among the nations.

*All:* **For Your mercy reaches unto the heavens, and Your truth unto the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; Let Your glory be above all the earth.**

*Minister:* Let us worship God!

The Lord's Praise

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Reiber

\*Hymn #57: *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul* Ripley

*Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.  
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;  
he shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.*

*Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid;  
he is blessed whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God is stayed.  
Heav'n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;  
he delivers from oppression, righteousness he will maintain.*

*Food he daily gives the hungry, Sets the mourning prisoner free,  
raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless  
eye to see. Well Jehovah loves the righteous,  
and the stranger he befriends, helps the fatherless  
and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.*

*Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.  
Over all God reigns forever, through all ages he is King;  
unto him, your God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.*

Confession of Sin

Psalm 51:1-10

*Minister:* Make confession to God the Lord, and let everyone acknowledge with me his sin and iniquity.

*All:* **Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Joel 2:12,13

*Minister:* "Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the LORD, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster."

*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 #558:

*That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God*

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*That man is blest who, fearing God, from sin restrains his feet,  
who will not stand with wicked men, who shuns the scorners' seat.*

*Yea, blest is he who makes God's law his portion and delight,  
and meditates upon that law with gladness day and night.*

*That man is nourished like a tree set by the rivers' side;  
its leaf is green, its fruit is sure, and thus his works abide.*

*The wicked like the driven chaff are swept from off the land;  
they shall not gather with the just, nor in the judgment stand.*

*The Lord will guard the righteous well, their way to him is known;  
the way of sinners, far from God, shall surely be o'erthrown.*

The Lord's Word

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Reiber

Scripture

Titus 1:1-4

Sermon *The Truth which Accords with Godliness*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

\*Hymn #257: *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted* (v.1-3) O Mein Jesu

*Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see him dying on the tree!  
'Tis the Christ by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!  
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;  
by his Son God now has spoken: 'tis the true and faithful Word.*

*Tell me, ye who hear him groaning, was there ever grief like his?  
Friends thro' fear his cause disowning, foes insulting his distress;  
many hands were raised to wound him, none would interpose to  
save; but the deepest stroke that pierced him  
was the stroke that Justice gave.*

*Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great  
here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.  
Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load;  
'tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.*

The Lord's Supper

\*Hymn #257: *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted* (v.4) O Mein Jesu

***Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost;  
Christ's the Rock of our salvation, his the name of which we boast.  
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt!  
None shall ever be confounded who on him their hope have built.***

\*Benediction Pastor Reiber

Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

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### Morning Worship Sermon Outline

Text: Titus 1:1-4

Title: The Truth which Accords with Godliness

Introduction

I. The Truth which Accords with Godliness

A. Godliness is the Christian Life in its essence.

B. Godliness is what you must pray for in our nation.

C. Godliness is what you must pursue.

D. Godliness is great gain.

E. Godliness has value for all things “having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.”

II. Is it OK for the Christian to have Christ and His benefits as an incentive to perseverance in godliness?

### 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.

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

**If anyone wants to put flowers** in the Sanctuary please call the church office at 601-636-4292.

**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](http://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 #46:** *What does the first commandment require?* The first commandment requires us to know and recognize God as the only true God and our God, and to worship and glorify Him accordingly.



Homebound

Jackie LaBarre

Communion:

Today

Pray for those with birthdays: Bob LaBarre, 4; Wes Allison, 8

Bible Readings: Judg 15:1-I Sa 4:22; Jn 2:1-5:47; Ps 103:1-106:12;

Prov 14:17-31

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