

Westminster Presbyterian Church
The Lord's Day Morning Worship

May 23, 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 Eternal God, who, according to Your faithful promise, sent the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Savior, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen."

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Missions

*The Call to Worship

Psalm 100:1-3

Minister: Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.

All: **Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.**

Minister: Let us worship God!

The Lord's Praise

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Reiber

*Hymn #1: *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

Old 100th

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; him serve with fear, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed; without our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto; praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good, his mercy is forever sure; his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us pray together, confessing our sins before the Lord:

All: O Lord, we openly acknowledge that You have searched us and known us. You know our sitting down and our rising up; You understand our thoughts afar off and are acquainted with all our ways. There is nowhere that we can flee from Your presence. Therefore, we ask that You discover to us our sins so that we may humble ourselves again in Your presence and seek Your forgiveness and grace. We openly acknowledge that we have tolerated sinful thoughts, committed sins of omission leaving off what we ought to have done and sins of commission transgressing Your holy law. But we seek Your mercy and cleansing from our sins by the blood of Christ Jesus our Lord. We thank You for Your Spirit who enables us to walk in holiness and obedience. Give us by Your grace and Spirit that we may love, obey, and please You this day and forever. In the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:8,10-12

Minister: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy... He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

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

Offertory

*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 #529: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Beecher

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down: fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown: Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest: take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be: let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

The Lord's Word

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Reiber

Scripture

Titus 1:5-9

Sermon *The Church Reformed, and Always Reforming*

Our Commitment

*Hymn #353: *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

St. Thomas

I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode, the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God: her walls before thee stand, dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend; to her my cares and toils be giv'n, till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heav'nly ways, her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

Jesus, thou Friend divine, Our Savior and our King, thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe shall great deliv'rance bring.

Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be giv'n the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heav'n.

*Benediction

Pastor Reiber

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Morning Worship Sermon Outline

Text: Titus 1:5-9

Title: The Church Reformed, and Always Reforming

Introduction

I. Laboring for Amendment and Reformation

II. The Difficulty of Building the Church

A. Practical Difficulties

B. Spiritual Difficulties

III. Pastors, Elders are ordained and charged to engage in their great work supported by all God's people.

A. Who are these men and how are they chosen and ordained?

B. Why such an office and such a process?

1. The Calling of Sinner's to Christ

2. The Equipping of God's People

3. The Defense of Christ's People and Honor

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: "To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen." I Timothy 1:17

The Session would like to inform the Westminster Congregation of the decision to support Mr. Josh Covington during his seminary training at the Reformed Theological Seminary through their 'Church Partnership Scholarship'. This will involve redirecting current Benevolence allocation to RTS and additional support in which RTS matches 1/3 of the student's tuition cost to help support Mr. Covington. Please be in prayer for Josh.

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

A dessert social honoring Anna Faloon, who is moving to North Carolina, will be Sunday, June 6, at 6:30 PM at the church.

Vacation Bible School- Please let Frances or Amy Warren know if you can help with VBS. We also need the names and ages of kids who will be attending VBS.

Easy On-line giving to WPC is available. See the link at 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 #49: *What is the second commandment?* The second commandment is: You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand (generations) of those who love me and keep my commandments.



Missionaries of the Week
Homebound

Jim & Mary Alice Patterson
Mildred Coleman

Communion: June 6
Pray for those with birthdays: Aiden Walker, 24; Sheila Stone, 26
Bible Readings: II Sa 2:12-15:22; Jn 13:1-18:24; Ps 119:1-112;
Prov 15:29-16:9

Welcome
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