

Westminster Presbyterian Church
The Lord's Day Morning Worship

December 19, 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 Lord, who has given us cause for perpetual joy by the coming of Your Son our Savior among us; Raise up Your power, we pray, and possess us with a mighty sense of Your wonderful love; that whereas through the cares of this life we are sorely impeded and hindered in running the race that is set before us, we may be anxious for nothing, but thankfully commending ourselves in everything to Your bountiful grace and mercy, the peace of You our God, which passes all understanding, may keep our hearts and minds; through the satisfaction of Your Son our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, world without end. Amen."

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship *Creation Sings*

*The Call to Worship Micah 5:2,4

Minister: But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me, the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from the days of eternity.

All: **And He shall stand and feed His flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the Name of the Lord His God; And they shall abide, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth; and this One shall be peace.**

Minister: Let us worship God!

The Lord's Praise

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Pastor Reiber

*Hymn #214: *Angels We Have Heard on High* Gloria

Confession of Sin from *John Knox Liturgy*

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

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 Galatians 3:13

Minister: Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree").

All: **Amen.**

Confession of Faith: *The Nicene Creed* p.846

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

The Lord's Gifts

Offertory Prayer Pastor Reiber

Offertory *All Praise to Thee* Choir

*The Doxology p. 731

*Hymn #207: *Good Christian Men, Rejoice* In Dulci Jubilo

The Lord's Word

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Reiber

Scripture Luke 1:26-45

Sermon *The Good News of the Birth of the Son of God*

Our Commitment

*Hymn #216: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* W Zlobie Lezy

*Benediction Pastor Reiber

Postlude

**Congregation Standing*

Remember to Prepare Your Hearts For Communion Christmas Eve.

Morning Worship Sermon Outline

Text: Luke 1:26-45

Title: The Good News of the Birth of the Son of God

Introduction

- I. The Announcement of the Birth of the Messiah
 - A. What was the announcement given by the angel of the Lord?
 - B. What was the reception of this announcement?
 - C. The Announcement of the Miraculous Conception
- II. What is the result of this miraculous conception? The Holy One shall be born!
 - A. Who is the Holy One who was born?
 - B. What is the great central work embodied in the Name - Jesus?

Evening Worship

6:00 PM

Prelude

*Call to Worship Pastor Reiber

*Invocation

*Hymn #197: *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* Thirsting

Evening Prayer

*Hymn #261: *What Wondrous Love Is This* Wondrous Love

Scripture Reading: I Peter 1:5-11 Mr. Josh Covington

Sermon: *Effectual Call*

*Hymn #239: *Who is This, So Weak and Helpless* Eifionydd

Closing Prayer

Evening Worship Sermon Outline

Text: I Peter 1:5-11

Title: Effectual Call

I. Introduction: Man's capacity for self-deception and four categories.

II. Understanding Effectual Calling and the Genuine Christian

A. Those who are not Christians and they know they are Christians.

B. Those who think they are Christians but they are not Christians.

C. Those who are Christians and know they are Christians.

D. Those who are Christians but don't know for sure they are Christians.

III. Conclusion

Today and this week

Sunday	9:45	Education Hour
	10:55	Morning Worship
	6:00	Evening Worship
Friday	5:30	Christmas Eve Service

Upcoming Events

Retirement Reception for Pastor Reiber, January 7 at 6:00 PM

Potluck Supper w/Lee and Emma, January 23 at 6:00 PM

Westminster Shorter Catechism #79: *What is the tenth commandment? The tenth commandment is: You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.*

We will be coming to the Lord's table on Christmas Eve. 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.

Announcements

Welcome to Westminster – *The Westminster family extends a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning and this evening. We pray that God's rich blessings in Christ may be yours. Please complete the Registry which is found at the end of each pew. We are delighted to have you with us this Lord's Day.*

Adult and Youth Education Opportunities – Make Sunday School a priority. Adult – *Redemption Accomplished and Applied* by John Murray (Reiber). The Adult class is meeting in the Sanctuary. The Elementary, Jr. High, and High School classes are meeting in their normal classrooms.

Join us this Friday Evening for the Christmas Eve Worship Service with Communion at 5:30 PM.

Sunday School classes have been canceled for December 26. Classes will resume January 2, 2022.

Prayer Meeting/Bible Study will not meet December 22 and 29 and all of January.

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.

To view WPC's past and current livestreams of services, go to youtube.com and search for "wpcvick".



Homebound
Communion: Jackie LaBarre
December 24
Pray for those with birthdays: Patsy Faulk, Emily Hendrix, 24
Bible Readings: Zep 1:1-Zec 8:23; Rev 10:1-16:21; Ps 138-144; Prov 30:11-31

Welcome
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