

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

March 27, AD 2022

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 has made a covenant of unspeakable grace and mercy with us in Christ Jesus, and conveyed to us therein a heavenly inheritance upon sincere obedience to His commands, which is our reasonable service: Grant that we may evermore rejoice in You, and walk worthy of our holy calling; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen."**

Welcome and Announcements

*Minute for Missions*

\*The Call to Worship Psalm 150:1,2

*Leader:* The Stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

*All:* **This was the Lord's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

*Leader:* Save now, I pray, O Lord; O Lord, I pray, send now prosperity.

*All:* **Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.**

*Leader:* Let us worship God!

The Lord's Praise

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Elder Whitney

\*Hymn #710: *God of our Fathers* National Hymn

Confession of Sin *The Strassburg Liturgy*

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

*All:* **Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto Thee that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression all our life. We do not fully believe Thy Word nor follow Thy holy commandments. Remember Thy goodness, we beseech Thee, and for Thy Name's sake be gracious unto us, and forgive us our iniquity which, alas, is great. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon Micah 7:18,19

*Leader:* Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. He will again have

compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

*All:* **Amen.**

Confession of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

Back of Hymnal

The Lord's Gifts

Offertory Prayer

Elder Whitney

\*The Doxology

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\*Hymn #55: *To God Be the Glory*

To God Be the Glory

The Lord's Word

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Whitney

Scripture

Ephesians 1:3-14

Sermon: *An Amazing Truth*

Our Commitment

\*Hymn #107: *Praise Ye the Father!*

Flemming

\*Benediction

Pastor Mills

Postlude

\**Congregation Standing*

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### Morning Worship Sermon Outline

Text: Ephesians 1:3-14

Title: An Amazing Truth

I. Praise

II. Persevere

III. Pray

### Evening Worship

6:00 PM

Prelude

\*Call to Worship

Dr. Gordon Sluis

\*Invocation

\*Hymn #62:

*Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise*

Wesley

Evening Prayer

\*Hymn #699:

*Like a River Glorious*

Wye Valley

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11:35-40

Mr. Nicholas Gerken

Sermon: *The Win-Win Witnesses*

\*Hymn #704: *Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace*

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Closing Prayer

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### Evening Worship Sermon Outline

Text: Hebrews 11:35-40

Title: The Win-Win Witnesses

**Main Question:** What does true faith look like under difficult circumstances?

**Point #1:** True Faith exposes three myths about suffering:

**Myth #1:** Suffering is antithetical/contradictory to/incompatible with Christianity.

**Myth #2:** Christians who suffer are experiencing God's displeasure.

**Myth #3:** There are no positive benefits that come from suffering:

1. Our suffering identifies us with and molds us into the likeness of our savior.
2. Helps us remain humble and dependent.
3. Reminds us of the devastation of sin.
4. Points us to the day when it is made right.
5. Stirs us to yearn for the one who will make us whole again.
6. Creates compassion for the lost and hurting.
7. To Bear Witness to the World the power of God.

**Point #2:** True Faith imitates past witnesses by looking beyond present circumstances to the future promise.

## Announcements

### Today and this week

Sunday	9:45	Education Hour
	10:55	Morning Worship
	6:00	Evening Worship
Monday	6:30	Ping Pong
Wednesday	6:30	Prayer Meeting

### Upcoming Events

**Soup, Salad, Sandwiches and Sweets Lunch**, April 10  
**Good Friday Service w/Communion**, April 15, 7:00 PM

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**Westminster Shorter Catechism #90:** *How is the word to be read and heard in order to become effective for salvation?* For the word to become effective for salvation, we must pay careful attention to it, prepare ourselves, and pray for understanding. We must also receive it with faith and love, treasure it in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

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**This morning we welcome** Pastor Larry Mills to the Westminster Pulpit. Pastor Mills is a servant of the Lord who has ministered on 5 continents. He has served churches in MS, HI, and SC and was the 1<sup>st</sup> Coordinator of MNA of the PCA. He retired from Belhaven University 8 years ago. He and his wife Sally have 4 children.

**We welcome Mr. Nicholas Gerken** to the Westminster Pulpit this evening. Mr. Gerken is an RTS student in Jackson, Mississippi studying for his Master's of Divinity. He has been striving through school and internships for the past 7 years in the hopes of becoming a minister of God's Word and faithfully pastor a church. He is originally from the Chicagoland area in Illinois where the rest of his family lives.

**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. The Adult class will be using the video and discussion series *Assurance of Faith* by Joel Beeke. The Adult class is meeting in the Parlor. The Elementary, Jr. High, and High School classes are meeting in their normal classrooms.

**We will have Hydrangeas** in the sanctuary for Easter. Pink and blue hydrangeas are available for \$18.00 each. We need checks made out to The Flower Center by next Sunday, April 3. Order forms are available at both doors to the Sanctuary.

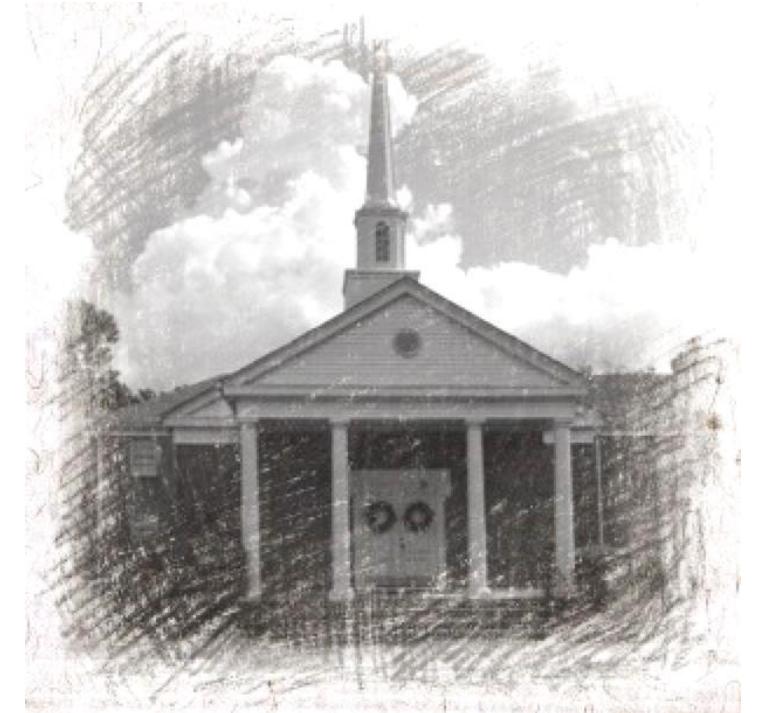
**Tithes and Offerings** may be given at the collection points on either side of the front and rear of the sanctuary as offering plates will not be passed.

**Easy On-line giving** to WPC is available. See the link at [www.wpcvicksburg.com](http://www.wpcvicksburg.com) or text your gift by texting "Give" + amount (i.e. Give 100 to donate \$100) to 601-207-0484.



Missionaries of the Week      Steve and Marion Spencer  
Homebound                              Jackie LaBarre  
Communion:                              April 15  
Pray for those with birthdays: Adam Walker, 29  
Bible Readings: Deut 7:1-22:30; Lk 7:36-10:12; Ps 69:1-74:23; Prov 12:1-11

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