

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

December 4, 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. "Blessed Lord, who has caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ.. Amen."**

Welcome and Announcements

\*The Call to Worship

Psalm 111:1-6

*Leader:* Praise the Lord! I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation. The works of the Lord are great, studied by all who have pleasure in them. His work is honorable and glorious, and His righteousness endures forever.

***All:* He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; The Lord is gracious and full of compassion. He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant. He has declared to His people the power of His works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

*Leader:* Let us worship God!

The Lord's Praise

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Elder Warren

\*Hymn #194: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Veni Emmanuel

\*Reading of the Law of God

Front of the Hymnal

Confession of Sin

*The Book of Common Prayer, 1552*

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

***All:* Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge that we were conceived and born in iniquity, and mourn our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, time and again, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Your Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we**

**may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life; to the honor and glory of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

I John 1:8,9

*Leader:* If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*All:* Amen.

The Lord's Gifts

Offertory Prayer

Elder Warren

\*The Doxology

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\*Hymn #162 (Hymn of the Month): *Of The Father's Love Begotten*

The Lord's Word

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Warren

Scripture

Ezra 9:1-15

Sermon: *Ezra: A Discerning Prayer*

Dr. Bob Penny

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

\*Hymn #251: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus (v.1-2)* St. Christopher

The Lord's Supper

\*Hymn #251: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus (v.3)* St. Christopher

\*Benediction

Dr. Penny

Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

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### Morning Worship Sermon Outline

Text: Ezra 9:1-15

Title: Ezra: A Discerning Prayer

I. The Presence of Sin in the World Should Not Surprise Us.

II. The Power of Sin May Surprise Us.

III. The Habitual Nature Should Shock and Warn Us.

IV. The Source of Sin Should Shame Us.

V. The Quality of Sin Should Humiliate Us.

Conclusion: Are We Wary of the Power of Sin?

### Evening Worship

6:00 PM

Prelude

\*Call to Worship

Mr. Chandler Whitney

\*Invocation

\*Hymn #201:

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

St. Louis

Evening Prayer

\*Hymn #205:

*Away in a Manger*

Cradle Song

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:25-35

Dr. Mike Ahlberg

Sermon: *Simeon, the Receiver and Giver of Blessings*

Closing Prayer

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### Evening Worship Sermon Outline

Text: Luke 2:25-35

Title: Simeon, the Receiver and Giver of Blessings

A. 25-27 - Simeon was a model of godliness for us to follow.

1. Simeon was righteous and devout.

2. Simeon trusted in God and His Word

3. The Holy Spirit was upon Simeon.

B. 27-32 - God blesses His people that we may bless others.

1. God blesses us that we may have the joy of blessing Him.

2. God blesses us that we may be able to bless others.

C. 34-35 - God blesses His people that we may help those who are in need.

1. God blessed Simeon that he might bless Mary.

2. Who might we be able to bless?

## Today and this week

Sunday	9:45	Education Hour
	10:55	Morning Worship
	6:00	Evening Worship
Monday	6:30	Ping Pong
Tuesday	6:30	20s/30s Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30	Choir Rehearsal

## Upcoming Events

**Congregational Meeting**, December 11, 12:00 PM

**Christmas Family Night Supper**, December 14, 6:30 PM

**Ladies Prayer Group**, December 15, 9:30AM-10:30 AM

**Christmas Eve Service**, December 24, 5:00 PM

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**Westminster Shorter Catechism #15:** *By what sin did our first parents fall from their original condition?* Our first parents' sin was eating the forbidden fruit.

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**This morning we welcome Dr. Bob Penny** to the Westminster Pulpit. Dr. Penny was born in Baton Rouge. He received degrees from Belhaven College, RTS, and Harding University, School of Religion. He has been a minister in the Presbyterian Church for 51 years and has served as pastor of several PCA churches in MS. He has also been a Christian school administrator and university instructor. Dr. Penny retired from RTS in 2013 and is currently an Adjunct Professor at African Bible College. His wife Adrienne is a watercolor artist, and they have 2 daughters, 1 son, and 6 grandchildren.

**We welcome Dr. Mike Ahlberg** this evening. Mike and his wife Robin are from Colorado. Mike graduated from RTS, Jackson, in 1982, where he later received a Dr. of Divinity Degree. He has served as a PCA pastor for the last 40 years, mostly in MS, and now preaches regularly in various PCA churches. Mike is looking for a call. Mike and Robin both lost their first spouses a number of years ago and married each other in 2005. Both have two children from their first marriages, and are now raising a 13-year-old grandson.

## 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. The Adult class is using the video and discussion series *No Other Gospel: Paul's Letter to the Galatians* by Derek Thomas.

**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.

**Hannah Circle** will not meet in December. They will resume meeting in January.

**The Westminster Session has called a congregational meeting for next Sunday, December 11, 2022**, immediately after the morning worship service for the purposes of receiving the report of the 2023 Westminster Budgets and for the election of Elders and Deacons from the slate of nominee candidates approved by the Session.

**Christmas Family Night Supper** is next Wednesday, December 14, at 6:30 PM. There is a sign-up sheet on the Women's Ministry bulletin board. There will be special music and Chandler Whitney will be speaking about The Foundry.

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Homebound

Communion:

Pray for those with birthdays: Donnie Cool, 4; Trey Allison, 5

Bible Readings: Dan 11:36-Amos 3:15; 1 Jn 4:1-Rev 2:17; Ps 123-129; Prov 29:2-20

Fred Oxford

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