



**WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN**  
EPC



APRIL 14, 2024

# WELCOME

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Westminster Presbyterian Church is a covenant family of believers called by God to fulfill His purposes here in Laurel, and as a staging ground for worldwide kingdom growth where we seek to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ – to fill the earth with disciples, subdue it redemptively for God’s glory, and worship Him joyfully. We are being redeemed and equipped by the Spirit to build up one another until the Lord returns.

## **MISSIONS MOMENT**

Westminster will be sending a team to Belize on April 29th - May 4th for a Vision Trip.

Please be in prayer for Rachel Sissom, David & Barbara Holt, Mike & Annette Racey, John Carter, and Mike Allen. This Vision trip will help Westminster discover avenues for short term mission service in Belize.

ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION  
OF PUBLIC WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION  
APRIL 14, 2024

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\* Congregation Standing

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Victor Jones, Jr.

**WORD ON WORSHIP**

Rev. Mike Allen

**INVOCATION**

**INTROIT**

Handbells

*“All Creatures of Our God and King”*

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP\***

In the midst of the congregation I will praise You.

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to God’s holy Name!

**I will extol You, my God and King,  
and bless Your Name forever and ever.**

**Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
God’s greatness is unsearchable.**

-Psalm 22:22, 97:12, 145:1, 3

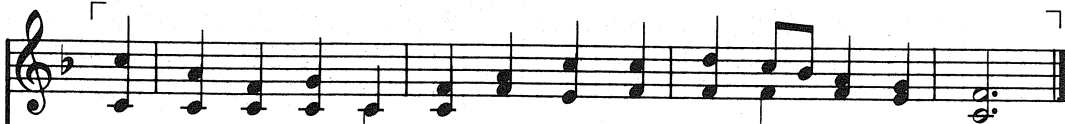
**HYMN OF PRAISE\***

*“Rise Up, O Church of God”*

# RISE UP, O CHURCH OF GOD



- 1. Rise up, O Church of God! Have done with less - er things;
- 2 Rise up, O Church of God! His king-dom tar - ries long;
- 3. Rise up, O sons of God! The Church for you doth wait,
- 4. Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where His feet have trod;



Give heart and mind and soul and strength To serve the King of kings.  
Bring in the day of broth-er - hood And end the night of wrong.  
Her strength un - e - qual to her task, Rise up, and make her great!  
As fol - l'wers of the Son of Man, Rise up, O Church of God!



## PROFESSION OF OUR CHURCH'S FAITH\*

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 at 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.

*(church universal)\**

-The Apostles Creed

## WISDOM READING

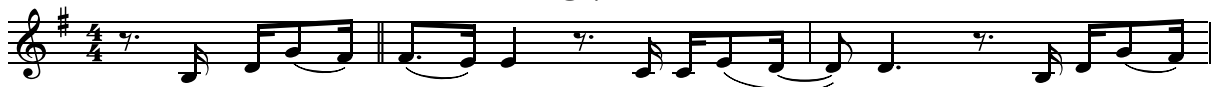
*Proverbs 3: 25 - 35*

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

## HYMN OF DEVOTION\*

*"Above All"*

# ABOVE ALL



1. A - bove all \_ pow - ers, a-bove all \_ kings, a-bove all \_



na - ture and all \_ cre-a - ted things; A-bove all wis - dom \_ and all \_ the ways \_ of man, .



You were here \_ be-fore \_ the world \_ be-gan. \_ 2. A - bove all \_



king - doms, a-bove all \_ thrones, a-bove all \_ won - ders the world \_ has ev - er known; .



\_ A-bove all wealth and treas - ures of \_ the earth, \_



there's no way \_ to meas - ure what \_ You're worth. \_ Cru - ci - fied, \_



laid be - hind \_ the stone; \_ You lived to die, \_ re -



-ject-ed and \_ a - lone; \_ Like a rose, \_ tram-pled on \_ the ground, \_



You took - the fall, \_ and thought of me, \_ a - bove -



all.

## **GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

## **OFFERTORY**

## **DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Handbells

*“Simple Gifts”*

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND READING OF SCRIPTURE\***

*John 10: 31 - 42*

## **SERMON**

*Full of Grace and Truth*  
*“The Damage of Disbelief”*

## **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN**

Ever faithful and most gracious Father,  
You promise blessing to those who trust You without the aid of sight.  
Yet we confess the damage we do because of disbelief.  
Forgive us for doubting Your provision, promises, and plan.  
Pardon us for the times that we have faced our trials  
with cowardice and not courage, with fickleness and not faith.  
Grant us to discover anew in Jesus' death and resurrection  
the reality, immensity, and assurance of Your love.  
For we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(Hear now our silent and individual prayers of confession.)*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts  
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.

## HOLY COMMUNION

Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

### **Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup**

*The center of each bread tray contains gluten-free bread.*

*The outer ring of each cup tray contains wine, the inner rings contain juice.*

## BENEDICTION\*

## HYMN OF REFLECTION\*

*“Doxology”*

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Amen.**



**Full of Grace and Truth**  
***“The Damage of Disbelief”***  
**John 10:31-42**  
**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
**04/14/24**

**I. The D of Disbelief vv. 31-38**

**II. The T of True Belief vv. 39-42**

**Sources Consulted:**

Accordance Bible Software - ESV - Message - Greek Analysis; Calvin Commentaries - Volume 17; Willson, Sandy - John sermon series; Kruse, Colin G. - Tyndale Commentary; Hendrickson - New Testament Commentary - John; Cole, Steven - John 10; Ridderbos, Herman - The Gospel of John; Piper, John - sermon series on John 10; Bloomberg, Craig - Jesus and the Gospels; Carson, D.A. - The Gospel According to John; Pink, Arthur - Gospel of John; Hendrickson, William - New Testament Commentary - John; Ryle, J.C. - Expository Thought on the Gospel of John

Rev. Mike Allen

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Youth Fellowship will meet tonight** at the home of Victor and Rachel Jones (732 N. 6th Avenue) at 5:30. Dinner provided - bring a friend!

**Westminster's WIM Dinner and a Craft event is next Sunday afternoon,** April 21 at 5:30 PM in the Gym. Cost for your craft will be \$15 and your dinner will be provided. If you plan to attend, please note that **sign up ends today!** You may sign up at the WIM Connection Table or contact Annette (228-860-5049).

**Our Belize Vision Trip Team will be taking along supplies** for the Dorcas House in Corazol. They are a home which ministers to and takes care of battered women and children for a time. When asked what we could do to help, they mentioned Departure Baskets that they send along with their clients when they are ready to leave their help and protection. If you would like to help, we still need **small** toys/supplies for children. They specifically asked for things like story books, puzzles, color books, crayons, and markers. **If you wish to help, bring your gifts to the church office by next Sunday, April 21.**

**Save the date! Our VBS will be June 3rd-7th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM** for rising K4-6th grade. Registration forms will be available starting this week in the church office, foyer, and atrium! Additionally, if you would like to volunteer to help with preparation, leading, teaching, or providing snacks during VBS week, please contact Kristen Graves (601-606-7845).

To give online, please go to [www.wpclaurel.com](http://www.wpclaurel.com) and click "Give."

## ***THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER***

### **Sunday, April 14th**

9:00 - Sunday School  
-K3-K5: Room 9  
-1st-3rd Grade: Room 7  
-4th-6th Grade: Room 11  
- Parables of Jesus: Room 33  
- The Word Speaks - Mark: Fellowship Room  
10:00 - Fellowship  
10:30 - Worship Service

You can also watch us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Westminster-Presbyterian-Church-Laurel-MS-615653491790483/>

Or on Youtube:

<https://tinyurl.com/wpclaurel>

### **Monday, April 15th**

No Activities Planned

### **Tuesday, April 16th**

7:30 - 3:30 - Mother's Morning Out

### **Wednesday, April 17th**

7:00 - Voices from the Past Bible Study  
with Mike Allen in the Conference Room  
5:30 - Dinner (Tokyo)  
6:10 - K3-K5 Choir with  
Portia Alexander & Sharon Graeser  
-1st - 3rd Grade The Gospel Project with Kristen Graves  
-4th - 6th Grade Catechism Class  
with Darron and Lindsay Dodd  
-Youth and Adult Class in the Worship Center  
with Mike Allen  
- Adult Handbells  
7:00 - Adult Choir

### **Thursday, April 18th**

7:30 - 3:30 - Mother's Morning Out

### **Friday, April 19th**

No Activities Planned

### **Saturday, April 20th**

No Activities Planned

## **Officers of the Week**

Apr. 14 - Apr. 20

Apr. 21 - Apr. 27

Elder: Mike Racey Mark Henderson  
Deacon: Chris Holland Josh Jones

## **Westminster Officers & Staff:**

### **Elders**

Mark Henderson  
Victor Jones Jr.  
John Lowery  
Hardie Perritt  
Mike Racey

### **Deacons**

Austin Buehler  
David Callen  
Chase Edwards  
Jordan Graves  
Chris Holland  
Josh Jones  
Danny Martin  
Eric Roberts  
Eric Surret  
Mike Windham

### **Church Staff**

Rev. Mike Allen, Pastor  
Lisa Badley, Pianist  
John Carter, Church Facilitator  
Dave Graeser, Music Ministries Director  
Kristen Graves, Director of Communications  
Gail Smith, Nursery Coordinator

### **Nursery Staff**

Danielle Brady  
Sheila Clark  
Kim Graves  
Crystle Harvey  
Jan Jacobo  
Pam Smith  
Keegan Wilson  
Bella Grace Wooten  
Jaycee Wooten

### **Instrumentalists**

Federico Franco, violin  
Christian Danilo Avila Villegas, viola  
Mauricio Unzueta, cello

## WELCOME!

If you are a visitor and would like more information about our church, please fill out the contact information below and place in the offering plate as it passes:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names & Ages \_\_\_\_\_

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Add me to the email list.

## Prayer Requests

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## Wednesday Night Meal: Tokyo

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