



**WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN**
EPC



APRIL 21, 2024

WELCOME

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

John 4:35 says, “Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest?’ Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.” As we ponder these words of Jesus, we are reminded of our upcoming Vision Trip to Belize from April 29 - May 5. Please pray for discernment for future ministry opportunities, for safe and smooth travel, for good health for the team members, for Tim Tam with Word at Work and those leading us on the Vision Trip, and for Westminster as we move forward towards the, “harvest fields,” both far and near.

ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION
OF PUBLIC WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION
APRIL 21, 2024

* Congregation Standing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Henderson

WORD ON WORSHIP

Rev. Mike Allen

INVOCATION

INTROIT

Lisa Badley and String Trio

“Hallelujah, Praise the Lamb”

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Sing to God, sing praises to His Name;

lift up a song to Him Who rides through the deserts;

His name is the LORD;

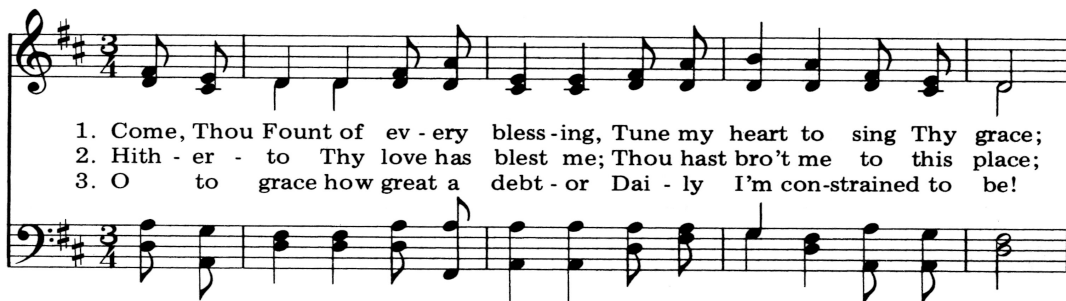
rejoice before Him!

-Psalm 68:4

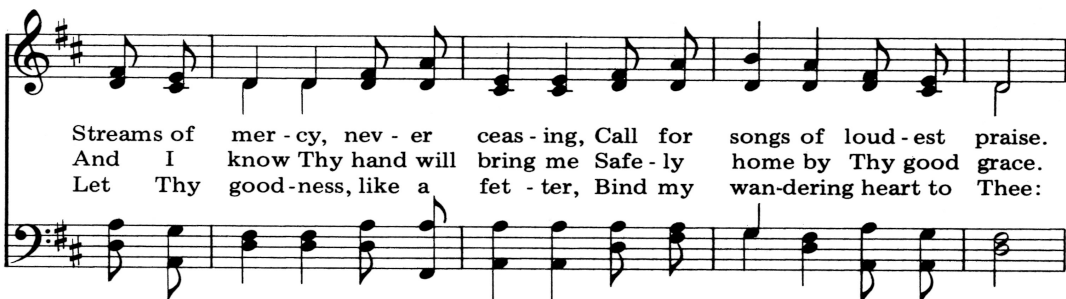
HYMN OF PRAISE*

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

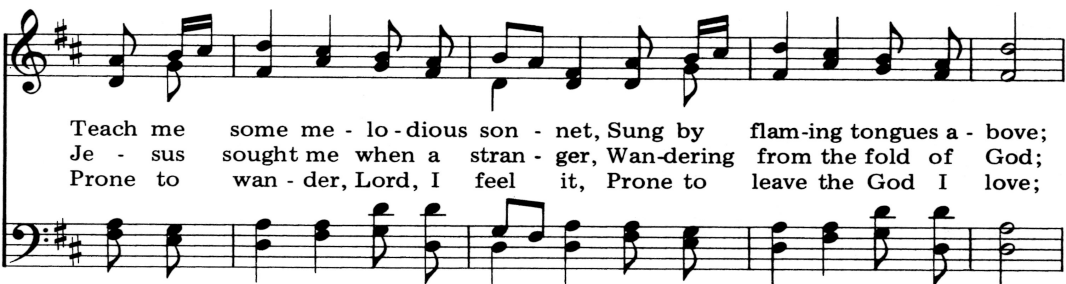
COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING



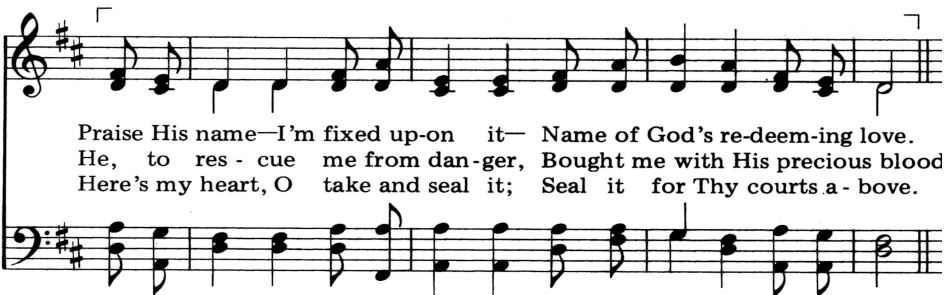
1. Come, Thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
2. Hith - er - to Thy love has blest me; Thou hast bro't me to this place;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise.
And I know Thy hand will bring me Safe - ly home by Thy good grace.
Let Thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - dering heart to Thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;



Praise His name—I'm fixed up - on it— Name of God's re - deem - ing love.
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, Bought me with His precious blood
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

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 4: 1 - 9

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

HYMN OF DEVOTION*

"Wonderful, Merciful Savior" (vss. 1 - 2)

WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR



1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious Re - deem - er and
2. Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we long to em -



Friend;
-brace; Who would have thought that a Lamb could res - cue the
You of - fer hope when our hearts have hope - less - ly



souls of men? Oh, You res - cue the souls of men.
lost the way. Oh, we hope - less - ly lost the way.



You are the One that we praise, You are the



One we a - dore. You give the heal - ing and grace our



hearts al - ways hun - ger for, oh, our hearts al - ways hun - ger



for.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

Christian Villegas, viola

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND READING OF SCRIPTURE*

John 11: 1 - 16

SERMON

*Full of Grace and Truth
“The Seventh Sign Part 1”*

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy Father, You have shown us the way of life
through Your Son, Jesus Christ,
yet we confess with humble hearts our slowness to learn of Him,
our failure to trust Him, and our reluctance to bear His cross.

Forgive us for all the times

we have lived selfishly for our kingdoms, and our glory.

In Your grace, awaken our hearts and open our eyes
to the beauty, glory, and power of Your Son.

Transform us by Your Spirit so that we may live
as fully-devoted disciples of Jesus, our King.

It is in His name, we pray.

(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*

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior” (vs. 3)

**Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne.
Oh, we’re falling before Your throne.**

(Chorus)

*You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our
hearts always hunger for, oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Full of Grace and Truth
“The Seventh Sign Part 1”

John 11:1-16

Westminster Presbyterian Church

04/21/24

I. The *P*_____ of Suffering vv. 1-6

II. The *P*_____ of Suffering vv. 7-15

III. The *P*_____ of Suffering v. 16

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 11; Ridderbos, Herman - The Gospel of John; Piper, John - sermon series on John 11; 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

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, the deadline to bring your gifts to the church office is today!**

Westminster's Annual Crawfish Boil will be Saturday, April 27th at 5:00 PM. Bring your family and enjoy crawfish, hamburgers and hotdogs! We will also have jumps in the gym for the kids. We are asking that families bring their favorite desserts.

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).

Dear WPC Family,

We appreciate the lovely flowers, texts, calls, visits and food that we received after my recent surgery. Thank you for the love, and support, and prayers from each of you.

Much love,
Barbara and David Holt

To give online, please go to www.wpclaurel.com and click "Give."

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, April 21st

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 - Luke: Fellowship Room
10:00 - Fellowship
10:30 - Worship Service
5:30 - WIM Craft Event in the Gym

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 22nd

No Activities Planned

Tuesday, April 23rd

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

Wednesday, April 24th

7:00 - Voices from the Past Bible Study
with Mike Allen in the Conference Room
5:30 - Dinner (Smokehouse)
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 25th

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

Friday, April 26th

No Activities Planned

Saturday, April 27th

No Activities Planned

Officers of the Week

Apr. 21 - Apr. 27

Apr. 28 - May 5

Elder: Mark Henderson Victor Jones, Jr.
Deacon: Josh Jones Danny Martin

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 _____

Phone Number _____

Children's Names & Ages _____

Add me to the email list.

Prayer Requests

Wednesday Night Meal: Smokehouse

Westminster Presbyterian Church (EPC)
1200 Highway 15 North
Laurel, Mississippi
(601) 649-8033
www.wpclaurel.com