



**WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN**  
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APRIL 28, 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

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 28, 2024

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\* Congregation Standing

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Victor Jones, Jr.

**WORD ON WORSHIP**

Rev. Mike Allen

**INVOCATION**

**INTROIT**

Choir

*“When I Look into Your Holiness”*

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP\***

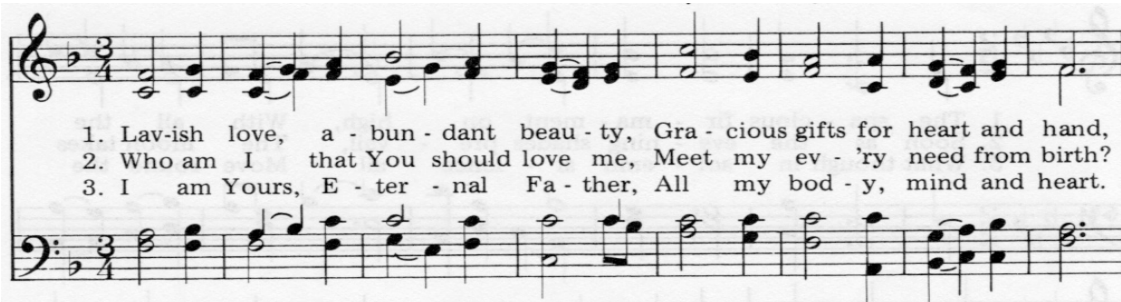
This is the day the LORD has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

—Psalm 118:24

**HYMN OF PRAISE\***

*“Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty”*

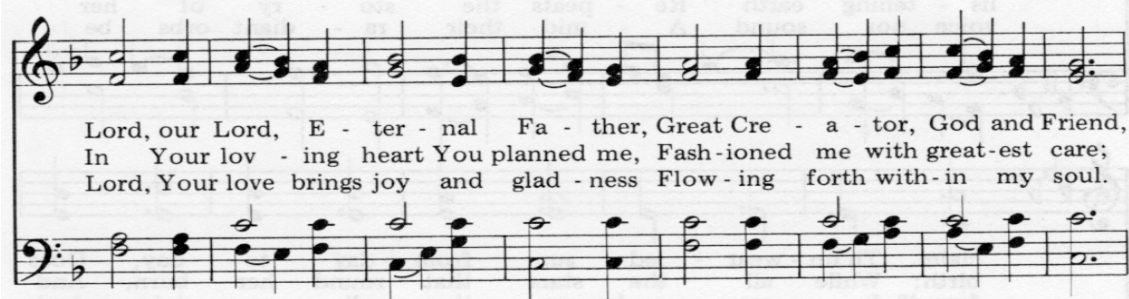
## LAVISH LOVE, ABUNDANT BEAUTY



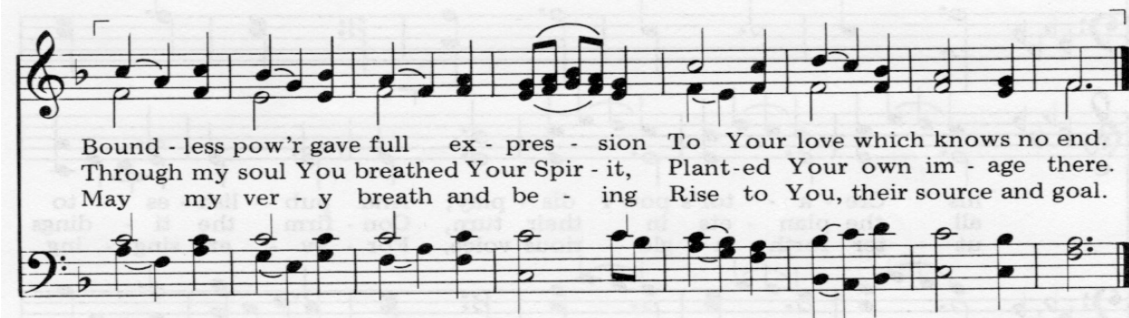
1. Lav-ish love, a - bun - dant beau - ty, Gra - cious gifts for heart and hand,  
2. Who am I that You should love me, Meet my ev - 'ry need from birth?  
3. I am Yours, E - ter - nal Fa - ther, All my bod - y, mind and heart.



Life that fills the soul and sen - ses— All burst forth at Your com-mand.  
Why in - vest Your-self so ful - ly In a crea - ture made of earth?  
Take and use me to Your glo - ry, Form Your-self in ev - 'ry part.



Lord, our Lord, E - ter - nal Fa - ther, Great Cre - a - tor, God and Friend,  
In Your lov - ing heart You planned me, Fash - ioned me with great - est care;  
Lord, Your love brings joy and glad - ness Flow - ing forth with - in my soul.



Bound - less pow'r gave full ex - pres - sion To Your love which knows no end.  
Through my soul You breathed Your Spir - it, Plant - ed Your own im - age there.  
May my ver - y breath and be - ing Rise to You, their source and goal.

## 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

## BELIZE TEAM COMMISSIONING

*Mike Allen  
John Carter  
David & Barbara Holt  
Mike & Annette Racey  
Rachel Sissom*

## HYMN OF DEVOTION\*

*"Power of the Cross" (vs. 1 - 3)*

# POWER OF THE CROSS



1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark-est day. Christ on the road to  
 2. Oh to see the pain writ-ten on Your face, bear-ing the awe-some  
 3. Now the day-light flees, now the ground be - neath quakes as its Mak - er



Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en then  
 weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry e - vil deed  
 bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life.



nailed to a cross of wood. 1, 2, 3. This the pow'r of the cross. Christ be-  
 crown - ing Your blood-stained brow.  
 "Fin-ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.



-came sin for us. Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand for-giv-en at the



cross. \_\_\_\_\_

## **GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

## **OFFERTORY**

## **DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Handbells

*“Come, Thou Almighty King”*

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

*John 11: 17 - 27*

## **SERMON**

*Full of Grace and Truth  
“The Seventh Sign Part 2”*

## **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\*

*“Power of the Cross” (vs. 4)*

**Oh to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suff'ring I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live won through Your selfless love!**

*(Chorus)*

*This the pow'r of the cross. Son of God slain for us. What a love, what a cost.  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*



**Full of Grace and Truth**  
***“The Seventh Sign Part 2”***

**John 11:17-27**

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**

**04/28/24**

**F** - \_\_\_\_\_ **Days**

**A** - \_\_\_\_\_ **Our Circumstances**

**I** - \_\_\_\_\_

**T** - \_\_\_\_\_ **in God’s Promises**

**H** - \_\_\_\_\_ **Focused**

**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

**The Children's Ministry End of the Year Party will be at 5:30 on May 1st** in the Gym. Pizza, drinks, and jumps all provided. Please make plans to close out the year with us!

**Our Baccalaureate Service will be next Sunday, May 5th.** This year, our graduating seniors are: Cooper Kennedy, Josiah Nobles and Moriah Pierce.

**Promotion Sunday for our children will be Sunday, June 2nd.** On this day, all our children will, "promote" into their new grades and classes for the coming year. If you have any questions about this, please contact Kristen.

**Our Children's Sunday School classes are an important ministry to our families!** We are looking for new teachers for this Sunday school quarter starting June 2nd. Our curriculum is straightforward and easy to prepare. Please speak with Kristen or Mike if you are interested.

**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).

**Mother's Morning Out will be closed** June 3rd-7th due to VBS.

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

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

### **Sunday, April 28th**

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

You can also watch us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/>

[Westminster-Presbyterian-Church-](https://www.facebook.com/Westminster-Presbyterian-Church-Laurel-MS-615653491790483/)

[Laurel-MS-615653491790483/](https://www.facebook.com/Westminster-Presbyterian-Church-Laurel-MS-615653491790483/)

Or on Youtube:

<https://tinyurl.com/wpclaurel>

### **Monday, April 29th**

No Activities Planned

### **Tuesday, April 30th**

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

### **Wednesday, May 1st**

5:30 - End of the Year Party (Pizza)

### **Thursday, May 2nd**

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

### **Friday, May 3rd**

No Activities Planned

### **Saturday, May 4th**

No Activities Planned

## **Officers of the Week**

Apr. 28 - May 4

May 5 - May 11

Elder: Victor Jones, Jr.

John Lowery

Deacon: Danny Martin

Eric Roberts

## **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 Surrent

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

Ana Sofia Suarez, 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:  
End of the Year Party - Pizza**

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