



**WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN**
— EPC —



APRIL 7, 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

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 7, 2024

* Congregation Standing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Henderson

WORD ON WORSHIP

Rev. Mike Allen

INVOCATION

INTROIT

Lisa Badley and Strings

“Great Are You, Lord”

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!

**The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

- Psalm 46:10-11

HYMN OF PRAISE*

“And Can It Be?” (vss. 1 - 3)

AND CAN IT BE?



1. And can it be that I should gain An in - t'rest in
2. He left His Fa - ther's throne a - bove, So free, so in -
3. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay Fast bound in sin



the Sav - ior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain?
fi - nite His grace! Emp - tied Him - self of all but love,
and na - ture's night. Thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning ray:



For me, who Him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!
And bled for Ad - am's help - less race! 'Tis mer - cy all,
I woke - the dun - geon flamed with light! My chains fell off,



how can it be That Thou, my God shouldst
im - mense and free, For, O my God, it
my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and



die for me?
found out me. A - maz - ing love! how can it
fol - lowed Thee.



be That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

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

Hardie Perritt

Proverbs 3: 19 - 24

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

HYMN OF DEVOTION*

"Every Promise"

EVERY PROMISE



1.From the break - ing of the dawn to the set - ting of the _
 (2.When I) stum - ble and I sin, con - dem - na - tion press - ing _
 (3.When I'm) faced with an - gushed choice, I will lis - ten for Your
 (4.Hope that) lifts me from de - spair; Love that casts out ev - 'ry _



sun, I will stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your word.
 in, I will stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your word.
 voice, and I'll stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your word.
 fear, as I stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your word.



Words of pow - er, strong to save, that will nev - er pass a -
 You are faith - ful to for - give, that in free - dom I might
 Through this dark and trou - bled land, You will guide me with Your
 Not for - sak - en, not a - lone, for the Com - fort - er has _



way; I will stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your word.
 live. So I'll stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your word.
 hand, as I stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your word.
 come; And I stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your word.



For Your cov - e - nant is sure, and on this I am se -
 Guilt to in - no - cence re - stored; You re - mem - ber sins no
 And You've prom - ised to com - plete ev - 'ry work be - gun in
 Grace suf - fi - cient, grace for me; Grace for all who will be -



cure: I can stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your word. 2.When I
 more. So I'll stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your word. 3.When I'm
 me. So I'll stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your word. 4.Hope that
 lieve. We will stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your word.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

String Trio

“Blessed Assurance”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND READING OF SCRIPTURE*

John 10: 22 - 30

SERMON

*Full of Grace and Truth
“The Gift of Eternal Life”*

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**Almighty Father,
Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
we confess our struggle to rest in the victory of our triumphant Lord.
Forgive us for not living in the joy that Christ’s victory over death brings.
Pardon our graceless hearts, prayerless days,
loveless relationships, pervasive discontentment,
and wasted opportunities for serving You.
May we experience in fresh ways
more of the resurrection life of Your Son.
For we make our prayer in His exalted name.
(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*

“And Can It Be?” (vs. 4)

**No condemnation now I dread:
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, thru Christ my own.**

(Chorus)

Amazing love! how can it be That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

Full of Grace and Truth
“The Gift of Eternal Life”
John 10:22-30
Westminster Presbyterian Church
04/7/24

L _____ **vv. 25-26**

I _____ **v. 27**

F _____ **v. 27**

E _____ **vv. 28-30**

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

Rev. Mike Allen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Westminster's WIM Lunch Bunch will meet at noon on Monday, April 8, in the home of Barbara Holt (2710 Hwy 11 N). Rachel Sissom and Jane Martin will serve as co-hosts. Please RSVP to Barbara at (601) 580-4964.

Westminster's 50-plus group is planning a spring trip to Bellingrath Gardens in Alabama on Tuesday, April 9th. The group will leave the church at 8AM and return at 5PM. Transportation and admission to the home and gardens are included, and an on-site lunch will be available as well. Please contact Al Moore to reserve your spot.

Youth Fellowship will meet next Sunday, April 14th at the home of Victor and Rachel Jones (732 N. 6th Avenue) at 5:30. Dinner provided - bring a friend!

Ladies, our WIM Dinner and a Craft event is Sunday afternoon, April 21 at 5:30PM in the Gym. Come share dinner, fellowship, and some craft time. The cost for the craft is \$15, with dinner provided. Please sign up at the WIM Connection Table or contact Annette at 228-860-5049 to let us know you plan to attend. *Sign up will be possible until Sunday, April 14 because we need the numbers to plan for this event.*

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 and click "Give."

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, April 7th

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 8th

12:00 - WIM Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, April 9th

7:30 - 3:30 - Mother's Morning Out
8:00 - 50+ Trip to Bellingrath Gardens

Wednesday, April 10th

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 11th

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

Friday, April 12th

No Activities Planned

Saturday, April 13th

No Activities Planned

Officers of the Week

Apr. 7 - Apr. 13

Elder: Hardie Perritt

Deacon: Jordan Graves

Apr. 14 - Apr. 20

Mike Racey

Chris Holland

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Mike Racey

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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: Tokyo

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