



**WESTMINSTER
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FEBRUARY 25, 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.

ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION
OF PUBLIC WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION
FEBRUARY 25, 2024

* Congregation Standing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Lowery

WORD ON WORSHIP

Rev. Mike Allen

INVOCATION

INTROIT

Lisa Badley & Strings

“When I Look into Your Holiness”

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God’s house and to seek God in His holy temple.

**We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us Your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and always.**

- based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

HYMN OF PRAISE*

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

- 1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might-y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign - eth,
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend thee;
- 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore Him!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal - va - tion!
Shel-ters thee un - der His wings, yes, so gen - tly sus - tain - eth!
Sure-ly His good-ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee.
All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be - fore Him.

All ye who hear, Now to His tem-ple draw near; Join me in
Hast thou not seen How all thy long-ings have been Grant-ed in
Pon-der a - new What the Al - might-y can do, If with His
Let the A - men Sound from His peo - ple a - gain: Glad-ly for

glad ad - o - ra - tion!
what He or - dain - eth?
love He be - friend thee.
aye we a - dore Him.

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

We welcome

Robert & Beth Smith

and

John & Susie Wesley

into our fellowship this morning

HYMN OF DEVOTION

"In Christ Alone" (vss. 1 - 3)

IN CHRIST ALONE

1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, ful-ness of God in help-less
3. There in the ground His bod-y lay, Light of the world by dark-ness

song; This Cor-ner-stone, this sol-id Ground, firm through the
babe! This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the
slain; Then, burst-ing forth in glo-ri-ous Day, up from the

fierc-est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
ones He came to save. Till on that cross as Je-sus
grave He rose a-gain! And as He stands in vic-to-

peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease. My Com-fort-er, my All in
died, the wrath of God was sat-is-fied. For ev-'ry sin on Him was
-ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am His and He is

All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

Choir

“One Step Leads”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND READING OF SCRIPTURE*

John 10: 1 - 6

SERMON

Full of Grace and Truth

“The Voice”

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful Father, we confess that we are a people easily seduced by the voices of power, prestige, pleasure, and possessions, rather than listen to Your voice.

We ask Your forgiveness for the ways that we have sacrificed Your convictions for convenience, Your standards for status, Your principles for promotion, Your absolutes for our ambition, and our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success.

From earth's fullest bliss we turn unfulfilled to You again.

Forgive our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded spirit.

For we pray in the name of the Lamb who was led to slaughter.

(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*

"In Christ Alone" (vs. 4)

**No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!**

Full of Grace and Truth
“The Voice”
Westminster Presbyterian Church
February 25, 2024
John 10:1-6

I. Genuine S_____ vv. 1-4a

II. Genuine S_____ vv. 4b-6

Sources Consulted:

Accordance Bible Software - ESV - Message - Greek Analysis; Calvin Commentaries - Volume 17; Willson, Sanders - 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

Our Children's Sunday School classes are an important ministry to our families. Our new Sunday School quarter will begin in March, and we are looking for teachers for our K3-K5 class! Our curriculum is straightforward and easy to prepare. Please speak with Kristen if you are interested or have any questions.

Westminster's Father/Daughter Dinner will take place Sunday, February 25th at 5:30PM at the church. This event is meant for girls 6 years old through 6th grade. Please speak with Annette (228-860-5049) if you have any questions!

The Christian Food Mission is requesting canned lima beans and mayonnaise for the month of March. Donations can be brought to the church office through Sunday, April 7th.

Westminster's WIM Winter/Spring Ladies' Night Out will be Thursday, March 7 at 6:00 PM at Mimos.

Mother's Morning Out will be closed the week of March 18th through the 22nd for Spring Break.

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. This trip is currently limited to 28 participants, so please contact Al Moore to reserve your spot!

Westminster's WIM will meet Sunday afternoon, April 21. We will enjoy The Mad Hatter's Tea Party. This will be a tablescapes type event. If you would like to host a table, please contact Annette Racey (228-860-5049). Watch for more details.

Our Adult Sunday School Classes are Parables of Jesus in Room 33 and The Word Speaks: Mark, which is now meeting in the Fellowship Room.

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

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, February 25th

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
5:30 - Father/Daughter Dinner

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, February 26th

No Activities Planned

Tuesday, February 27th

7:30 - 3:30 - Mother's Morning Out
9:30 - WIM Bible Study with Annette Racey in the Fellowship Room
5:30 - WIM Bible Study with Patti Armistead (1700 N. 7th Ave.)

Wednesday, February 28th

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
-Congregational Meeting
- Adult Handbells
7:00 - Adult Choir

Thursday, February 29th

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

Friday, March 1st

No Activities Planned

Saturday, March 2nd

No Activities Planned

Officers of the Week

Feb. 25 - Mar. 2

Mar. 3 - Mar. 9

Elder: John Lowery Hardie Perritt

Deacon: Eric Roberts Eric Surrett

Westminster Officers & Staff:

Elders

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

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Austin Buehler
David Callen
Chase Edwards
Jordan Graves
Chris Holland
Josh Jones
Danny Martin
Eric Roberts
Eric Surrett
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:
Tokyo