



**WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN**  
EPC



MARCH 24, 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

Just as Jesus saw that the people around him were lost “like sheep without a Shepherd” in Matthew 9 and then went on to note that the “harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few”, the same is true in our day. He went on to say, “beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into the harvest.”

Here at WPC, let’s continue becoming the “workers”. Let’s learn to Pray, Give, and Go where God might lead us, maybe here in Laurel, some in Mississippi, in places in the USA or across the world to share the truth of a loving Savior.

Watch for details in future bulletins about mission/benevolence opportunities in which you can participate.

ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION  
OF PUBLIC WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION  
MARCH 24, 2024

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\* Congregation Standing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Lowery

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PROCESSION

Dell Smith & Strings

*“In the Name of the Lord”*

**There is strength in the name of the Lord;  
There is pow’r in the name of the Lord;  
There is hope in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

SPECIAL MUSIC

His Kids Choir

*“Hosanna to the King”*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!  
**We bless you from the house of the LORD.**  
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;  
**for His steadfast love endures forever!**

-Psalm 118:26, 29

HYMN OF PRAISE\*

*“All Glory Laud and Honor”*

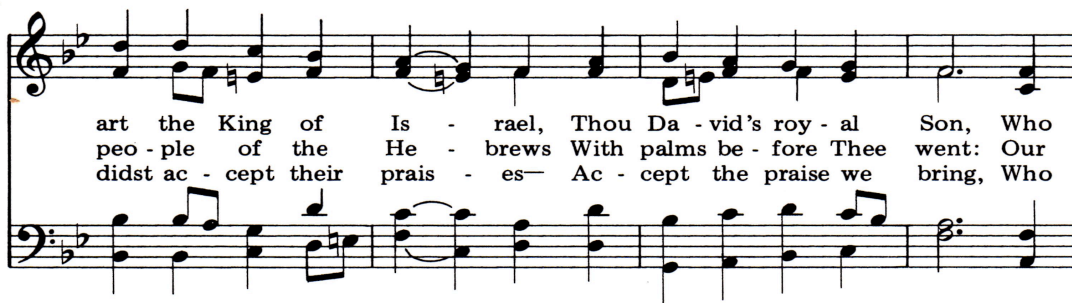
# ALL GLORY LAUD AND HONOR



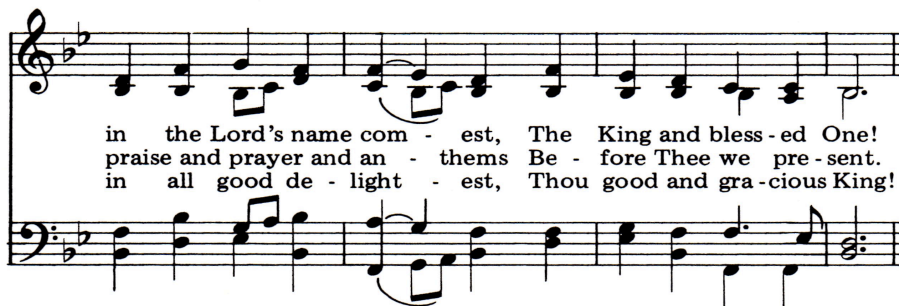
1. All glo - ry, laud and hon - or To Thee, Re - deem - er, King,  
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prais - ing Thee on high,  
3. To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise;



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring: Thou  
And mor - tal men and all things Cre - at - ed make re - ply: The  
To Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise: Thou



art the King of Is - rael, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son, Who  
peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore Thee went: Our  
didst ac - cept their prais - es— Ac - cept the praise we bring, Who



in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless - ed One!  
praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore Thee we pre - sent.  
in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King!



## PROFESSION OF OUR CHURCH'S FAITH

I am called Christian because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in His anointing.

I am anointed to confess His name,  
to present myself to Him as a living sacrifice of thanks,  
to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life,  
and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

We call Him “our Lord” because—  
not with gold or silver, but with His precious blood—  
He has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil,  
and has bought us, body and soul,  
to be His very own.

—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 32, 34

## WISDOM READING

Victor Jones, Jr.

*Proverbs 3: 13 - 18*

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

## HYMN OF DEVOTION

*“Before the Throne of God Above” (vs. 1 - 2)*

# BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with -

plea, a great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for  
-in, up - ward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my

me. My name is grav - en on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His  
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - iour died my sin - ful soul is count - ed

heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence de -  
free, for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on Him and par - don

-part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
me, to look on Him and par - don me.

## **GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

## **OFFERTORY**

## **DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Choir

*“I Will Sing Praise”*

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

*John 12: 9 - 19*

## **SERMON**

Rev. Mike Allen

*Full of Grace and Truth  
“Magnificent Messiah”*

## **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN**

**O Lord, Who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected You, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem’s, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing.**

**We forget those things that make for peace, and we act as though You have not visited us.**

**Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives.**

**Help us to lay at Your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting You to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as Your own.**

*(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\*

*Before the Throne of God (vs. 3)*

**Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,**

**The great unchangeable “I Am”, the King of glory and of grace.**

**One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased with His blood;**

**My life is hid with Christ on high,**

**with Christ, my Savior and my God, with Christ, my Savior and my God.**

***Full of Grace and Truth***  
***“Magnificent Messiah”***  
**John 12:9-19**  
**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
**03/24/24**

**Jesus demonstrates His magnificence:**

**I. By Using the *D*\_\_\_\_\_ of a Dead Man v. 9**

**II. By Using the *P*\_\_\_\_\_ of the Powerful vv. 10-11**

**III. By Using The *C*\_\_\_\_\_ Of The Crowds vv. 12-18**

**IV. By Using the *C*\_\_\_\_\_ of the Clergy v. 19**

**V. By Using The *D*\_\_\_\_\_ of the Disciples 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 12; Ridderbos, Herman - The Gospel of John; Piper, John - sermon series on John 12; 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

**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 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.

**Ladies, Save the Date** to attend Westminster's WIM Dinner and A Craft Event on Sunday afternoon, April 21 at 5:30 PM in the Gym. You are invited to enjoy dinner and then make a door decoration for yourself and one to share with a friend. The cost for the craft will be \$15. Just bring yourself - everything else will be provided. Sign up at the WIM Connection Table so we can plan for food and the crafts.

*He Is Risen Indeed!*

### **Westminster Easter Schedule:**

Thursday, March 28th - Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00 PM

*-(Nursery provided)*

Saturday, March 30th - Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 AM

*-( Please bring a basket!)*

Sunday, March 31st - Resurrection Sunday:

7:00 AM - Sunrise Service

7:30 AM - Breakfast with Flowering of the Cross to follow

*-- (Please bring a small bunch of flowers for your family)*

10:00 AM - Fellowship

10:30 AM - Worship service with balloon launch to follow

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

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

### **Sunday, March 24th**

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, March 25th**

No Activities Planned

### **Tuesday, March 26th**

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, March 27th**

7:00 - Voices from the Past Bible Study  
with Mike Allen in the Conference Room

### **Thursday, March 28th**

7:30 - 3:30 - Mother's Morning Out  
6:00 - Maundy Thursday Service

### **Friday, March 29th**

No Activities Planned

### **Saturday, March 30th**

10:00 - Easter Egg Hunt

## **Officers of the Week**

**Mar. 24 - Mar. 30**

**Mar. 31 - Apr. 6**

Elder: Victor Jones, Jr.      John Lowery  
Deacon: David Callen      Chase Edwards

## **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 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

## Easter Lily Order Form

If you wish to order Easter lilies to be placed in the church in memory of or in honor of a loved one or friend, please see the form below. Lilies are \$14. Sunday, March 24th is the deadline to order your lilies. Please return this order form to the church office by mail, or email [wpclaurel@gmail.com](mailto:wpclaurel@gmail.com)

In Honor of:

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In Memory of:

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Given by:

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Number of Lilies \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Make checks payable to WPC with "Easter Lily" in the memo line. Payment can also be made online at [www.wpclaurel.com/ways-to-give](http://www.wpclaurel.com/ways-to-give). Select "Give Now" and place "Service Flowers" in the fund line.

## 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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**No Wednesday Night Activities**