



**WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN**
EPC



MAY 5, 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

“Go ye therefore”...therefore because people everywhere need to know of God’s love for them and their need for a personal relationship with Him. Whether in Laurel, Mississippi, the USA, Belize or somewhere else in the world, we are challenged to be involved. Some of us were honored to be the eyes and ears of WPC while in Belize last week. We saw ministries and met those who run them and the realities and needs of people living there. Let’s all join together to pray for discernment as we look to the future of possible ministry opportunities. Let’s all pray about how we will be involved. Will you pray, will you give or will you go?

ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION
OF PUBLIC WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION
MAY 5, 2024

* Congregation Standing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Lowery

WORD ON WORSHIP

INVOCATION

INTROIT

Lisa Badley & Strings

“He Who Began a Good Work in You”

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is He who made us and we are His;

we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;
give thanks to Him and praise His name.

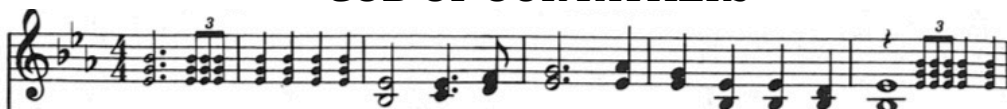
**For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

-Psalm 100

HYMN OF PRAISE*

“God of Our Fathers”

GOD OF OUR FATHERS



Trumpets
before each stanza

- 1. God of our fa - thers, whose al-might-y hand
- 2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past,
- 3. From war's a - larms, from dead-ly pes - ti - lence,
- 4. Re - fresh Thy peo - ple on their toil-some way,



Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thy strong arm our ev - er - sure de - fense;
Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor thru the skies,
Be Thou our Rul - er, Guard - ian, Guide, and Stay,
Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,
Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,



Our grate - ful songs be - fore Thy throne a - rise.
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our cho - sen way.
Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
And glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er Thine!



PROFESSION OF OUR CHURCH'S FAITH*

With the whole creation
we wait for the purifying fire of judgment.
For then we will see the Lord face to face.
He will heal our hurts, end our wars,
and make the crooked straight.
Then we will join in the new song
to the Lamb without blemish
Who made us a kingdom and priests.
God will be all in all,
righteousness and peace will flourish,
everything will be made new, and every eye will see at last
that our world belongs to God! Hallelujah! Come, Lord Jesus.

—Our World Belongs to God, st. 5

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Cooper Grant Kennedy
Zachary Josiah Nobles, Jr.
Moriah Katherine Pierce

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 - rious 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

“The Lord Is My Salvation”

Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND READING OF SCRIPTURE*

John 11: 17 - 27

SERMON

Full of Grace and Truth
“He Gets US; Do We Get Him?”

Victor Jones, Jr.

BENEDICTION*

HYMN OF REFLECTION*

In Christ Alone (vs.4)

**No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power 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
“He Gets US; Do We Get Him?”
John 11:28 -57
Westminster Presbyterian Church
05/05/24

W - _____ see dimly now. (vs. 32)

E - _____ path to God is to believe in Jesus. (vs. 25 & 45)

P - _____ redemption, also known as Definite Atonement or
“TULIP”, Limited Atonement (vs. 43)

T - _____ will set you free. (John 8: 31 - 32)

Sources Consulted:

New Geneva Study Bible NKJV; Full of Grace and Truth Series by Mike Allen; “Two Grieving Sisters Encounter Jesus” by Tim Keller;
“The Raising of Lazarus by R.C. Sproul; “Lazarus” by D.A. Carson; “The Sphere of Instrumentality” by C.H. Spurgeon

Victor Jones, Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 our 1st-3rd Grade class this upcoming 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 and click “Give.”

Class of 2024 Graduates

Cooper Grant Kennedy



Cooper is the son of Grant and Amanda Kennedy. Cooper has served as a student council representative and is a member of the Beta Club, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Mu Alpha Theta. Cooper attended Mississippi American Legion Boys State, is the captain of the varsity boys basketball team and was named MHSAA 6A All-Region Player, All-Academic Player, as well as MSHAA 6A South All-Star. Cooper is graduating from West Jones High School as a Mississippi Scholar and is graduating as a Distinguished Scholar from West Jones High School, and will play basketball next year at Pearl River Community College to pursue a degree in engineering.

Zachary Josiah Nobles, Jr.



Josiah Nobles is the son of Jennifer and Zachary Nobles. He was a member of the Beta Club and worked as stage crew in the school's drama performances. He ran cross country and track, winning district, region, and south state championships. He is a multiple state medalist in track and the 2023 5A state champion in cross country. Josiah will be a hall of fame graduate with a Mississippi Scholar and academic endorsement from South Jones High School. He will be attending William Carey University in the fall on a cross country scholarship to pursue an international business degree.

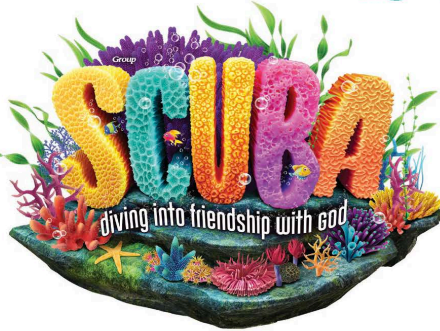
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Moriah Katherine Pierce



Moriah Katherine Pierce is the daughter of Ben and Kim Pierce. Moriah has participated in several LadyHawks athletic programs including soccer, track, and basketball. She was recently named an MSAHA All-Star and voted MVP by her LadyHawks Basketball team. She works as a rehabilitation technician at Insight Therapy Center and volunteers with Joni and Friends. She is a member of the Jones County Homeschool Cooperative Beta Club, the Mississippi Pinebelt Scholars Quizbowl Team, and serves on staff for TeenPact Leadership schools. Moriah has earned an academic merit scholarship to attend the University of Mississippi and has been accepted into the Sally Barksdale Honors College. She plans to major in Kinesiology while preparing for a career in Physical Therapy.

looking for oceans of fun?



we hope to “sea” you here!

New friends ~ Amazing experiments ~ Creative games
Super-fun snacks ~ Surprising adventures ~ Incredible music

Location: Westminster Presbyterian Church

Save these dates: June 3rd - June 7th

Each day's fun happens from: 9:00 - 12:00

For more information, call or visit: 601-649-8033

Register online here: <https://vbspro.events/p/laurelwpc>

Just a reminder about the church directory. It can be on your phone in minutes by following the instructions below. But, first, make sure you have given the church your email address since you will need it to log-in.

If you have not submitted a family photo, we would appreciate you doing so. Or we'll be happy to take a photo at your convenience.



Instant
Church Directory™
Online 

Mobile App Instructions

1. Download the **Instant Church Directory** app from your phone's or mobile device's app store - Apple's App Store, Google Play, or Amazon's Appstore (Kindle). Look for this icon:
2. Open the app and click on "Create Login".
3. Enter the email address you have provided to the church.
4. Create a secure password. The password must be 8 characters long and contain at least two of the following special characters: capital letters, numbers or symbols. Retype your password to confirm.
5. Check your inbox for an email from *service@instantchurchdirectory.com*.
6. To complete the login process, you will need to verify your email address by clicking on the link sent to you in that email.
7. Once you confirm your email, re-open the app and click on "Sign In" to sign into your church's directory.



THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, May 5th

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/)

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Or on Youtube:

<https://tinyurl.com/wpclaurel>

Monday, May 6th

No Activities Planned

Tuesday, May 7th

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

Wednesday, May 8th

7:00 - Voices from the Past

with Mike Allen in the Conference Room

Thursday, May 9th

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

Friday, May 10th

No Activities Planned

Saturday, May 11th

No Activities Planned

Officers of the Week

May 5 - May 11

May 12 - May 18

Elder: John Lowery

Hardie Perritt

Deacon: Eric Roberts

Eric Surret

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

No Wednesday Night Activities

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