



**WESTMINSTER
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EPC



MARCH 31, 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

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 31, 2024

* Congregation Standing

PRELUDE

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

String Trio

CALL TO GATHER

“At the Cross (Love Ran Red)”

His Kids Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Lowery

INVOCATION

INTROIT

“Easter Song”

Handbells

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as His own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

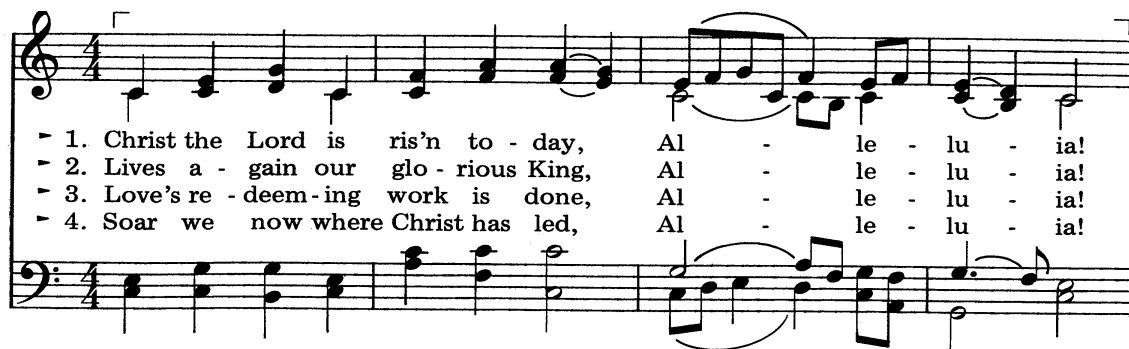
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

-based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

HYMN OF PRAISE*

“Christ The Lord Is Risen Today”

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY



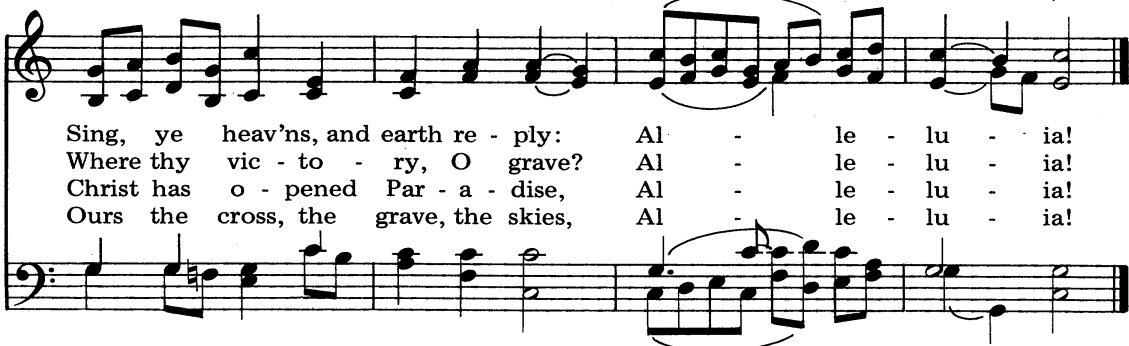
1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sons of men and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
Dy - ing once He all doth save, Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids Him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, ye heav'n's, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened Par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

PROFESSION OF OUR CHURCH'S FAITH*

This is the good news that we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
that He was buried,
that He was raised on the third day,
and that He appeared first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;
He is our Lord and our God.

—based on Matthew 16:16; Mark 16:9; John 20:28; 1 Corinthians 15:1-6; Revelation 22:13

EPISTLE READING

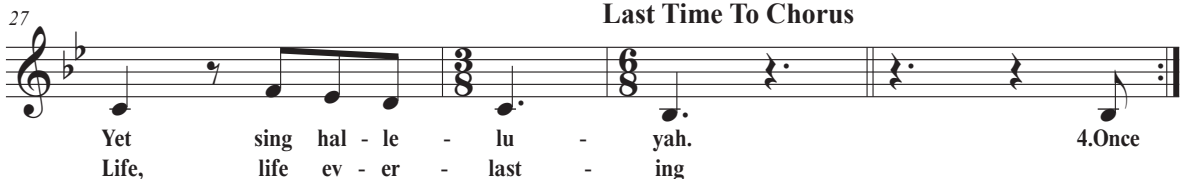
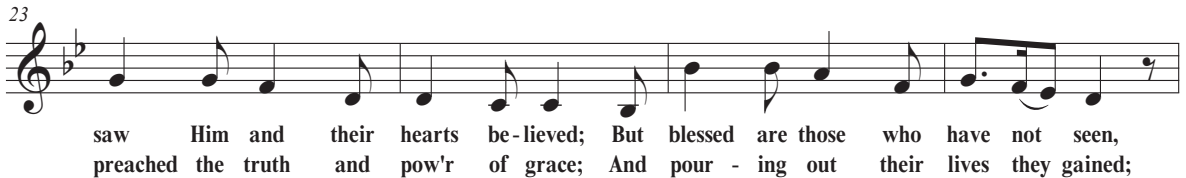
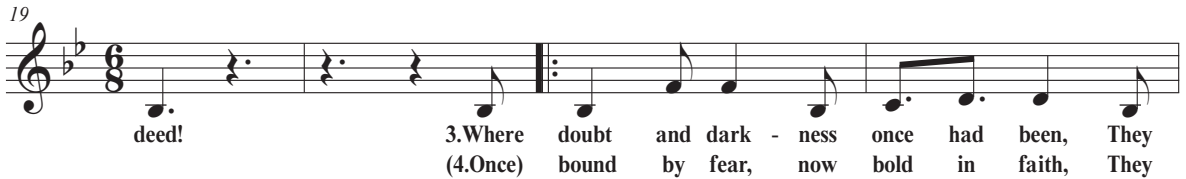
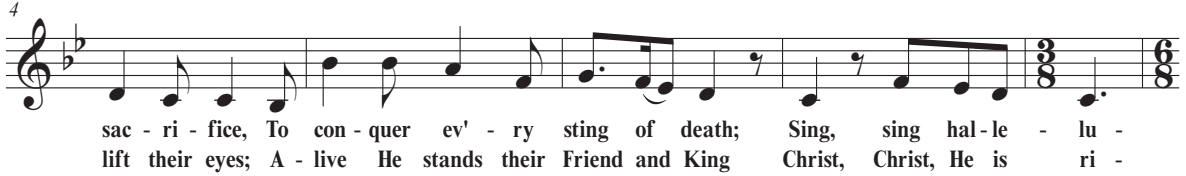
1 Thessalonians 4: 13 - 18

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

HYMN OF REJOICING*

“Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed” (vss. 1- 4)

CHRIST IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN INDEED



GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

Choir

“How Great Your Love Must Be”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND READING OF SCRIPTURE*

John 19: 28 - 30

SERMON

Full of Grace and Truth
“The Extent of His Love”

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

If, at times, we deny You,

God forgive.

When the risks of discipleship are high,
and we are nowhere to be found:

God forgive.

When we wash our hands of responsibility:

God forgive.

When we cast our lot with the corrupt
and seek to buy freedom with silver:

God forgive.

When fear keeps us from witnessing to Your truth,
or doubt keeps us from believing it:

God forgive.

In the bright light of Resurrection morning, O God, our sin is exposed,
and Your grace is revealed.

**Loving Father, raise us in Your love so that, with joy,
we may witness to Your awesome deeds,
in the name of Jesus, the risen One.**

(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*

“Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed” (vs.5)

The power that raised Him from the grave

Now works in us to powerfully save;

He frees our hearts to live His grace;

Go tell of His goodness.

(Chorus)

Christ is risen He is risen indeed!

Oh, sing hallelujah.

Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed.

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

Full of Grace and Truth
“The Extent of His Love”
John 19:28-30
Westminster Presbyterian Church
03/31/24

I. The **S_____ of God’s Love v. 28**

II. The **S_____ of God’s Love v. 29**

III. The **S_____ of God’s Love v. 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 19; Ridderbos, Herman - The Gospel of John; Piper, John - sermon series on John 19; 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

A Balloon Launch will follow the worship service outside the atrium doors.

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 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.

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.

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."

Westminster Presbyterian Church Easter Lillies

In Honor Of

Amy Allen

by Mike Allen

Rhonda Ishee

by The Ishee Family

Ginny Traylor

by Robert and Beth Smith

In Memory Of

James & Gale Alexander

by Their Family

Blanton & Nancy Duke

by Hardie & Nan Perritt

Dr. & Mrs. EE Ellis

by Dr. & Mrs. Steve Ellis

John Gatlin

by Barbara Gatlin

Robert & Mary Ann Grissett

by Robert & Beth Smith

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by John & Susie Wesley

Roger & Angie Henn

by Frank & Janet Henn

James Holston

by Adam Holston

James Holston

by Kelli Holston

Michael Holt

by David & Barbara Holt

Michael Holt

by Robert and Beth Smith

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In Memory Of

Grace B. Horne

by The Horne Family

Barbara McAlpin

by Ernie & Buster

William F. Horne

by The Horne Family

Ryan McNeely

by Frank & Janet Henn

Mike Ishee

by the Graves Family

Herbert Parker

by The Pappas Family

Michael James Ishee

by The Ishee family

Loy & Sarah Perritt

by Hardie & Nan Perritt

JB & Lucille Jefcoat

by Their Family

Harold & Nancy Peters

by Randy & Nan Ramsey

Jamie Jones

by Dr. & Mrs. Steve Ellis

Ricky & Jimmie Ryerson

by Frank & Janet Henn

Walter S. Love III

by Their Family

Joyce Slonaker

by Clark Slonaker

Give Easily from our website

1. At wpclaurel.com, click on the **Give** link, then **One-Time/Guest**.
2. Enter your gift amount.
3. Click **Select a fund** to choose what area you'd like to support.
4. Enter your email address.
5. Click **Continue**.



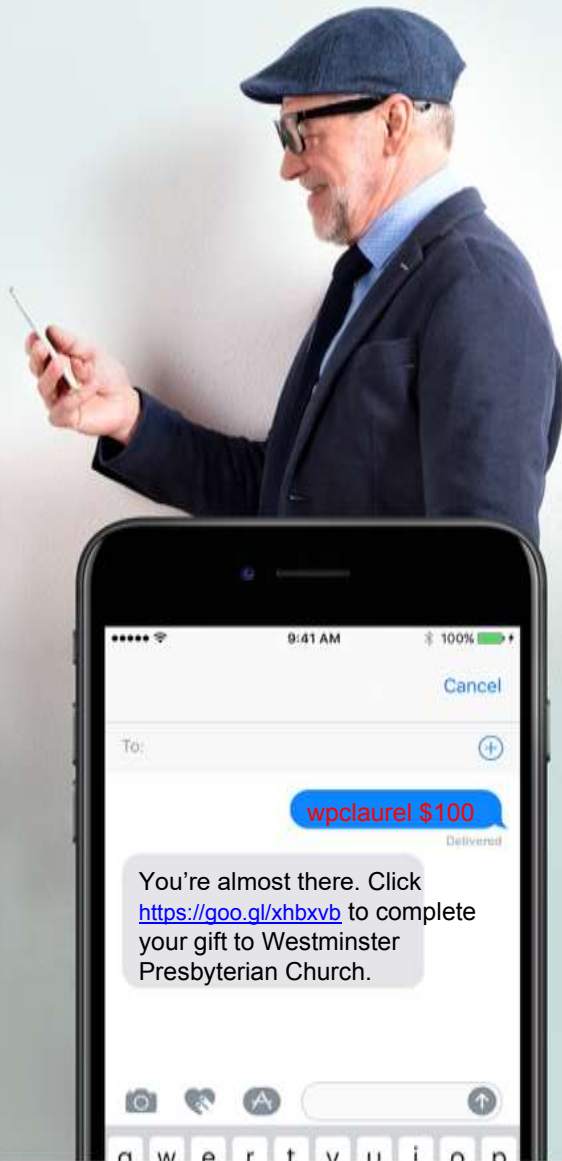
The screenshot shows a web form titled "Giving Details". It includes a "Give \$5.00" field, a "to Select a fund" dropdown menu, an "optional memo" text box, and an "add more" link. Below these is an "E-mail Address" input field and a "Continue" button.

6. Choose how you want to give:
 - a. To set up a recurring donation, choose **Sign in** or **Create an Account**.
 - b. To give a onetime donation, click **Continue as Guest**.
7. Choose your account type.
 - Credit/Debit Card
 - Checking Account
8. Enter your account number and billing address.
9. Click **Give** to complete your donation.

If you chose to Create an Account, look for an email with instructions on creating a password to sign in and manage your gift.

Text Giving

To give via text, send **WPCLAUREL \$100** (or any amount) to the phone number **73256**. You'll receive a text message in response with your next steps. After you give one time, your payment method is saved, so you can quickly give again from your phone.



THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, March 31st

7:00 - Sunrise Service
7:30 - Breakfast with Flowering of the Cross to Follow
10:00 - Fellowship
10:30 - Worship Service with balloon launch to follow

You can also watch us on Facebook:

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

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Or on Youtube:

<https://tinyurl.com/wpclareel>

Monday, April 1st

No Activities Planned

Tuesday, April 2nd

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, April 3rd

7:00 - Voices from the Past Bible Study
with Mike Allen in the Conference Room
5:30 - Dinner (Chick-Fil-A)
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 4th

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

Friday, April 5th

No Activities Planned

Saturday, April 6th

No Activities Planned

Officers of the Week

Mar. 31 - Apr. 6

Elder: John Lowery

Deacon: Chase Edwards

Apr. 7 - Apr. 13

Hardie Perritt

Jordan Graves

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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

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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

Victor Amaut, 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: Chick-Fil-A

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