



Westminster Presbyterian Church

*So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new
creation—everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!”*

II Corinthians 5:17

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *March of the Kings*

Kosche

Prayer of Preparation (*you may wish to prepare for worship by praying silently*)

Dear Lord, please teach me how to wait for you. I pray that you would make me aware of your presence in the world around me. Please give me enough faith so that I am bold enough to put all my hope in you. Amen

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Catherine Edmonson

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

(from Isaiah 60)

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you, all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Let us worship God!

- * Hymn of Praise 744 – *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*
- * Call to Confession
- * Prayer of Confession – (*unison*)

Gracious God, we would like to be among those who saw the coming of the Christ Child, those who dropped all that they were doing and traveled to worship the coming of God's love into this world. And yet, merciful God, we must recognize all the times we are more like King Herod. Whenever we cling to the security of our privilege, rather than standing up for the rights of the oppressed.

**Whenever we are blinded by selfishness, ignorance, and apathy.
We confess our sins against you and one another, and pray that
you will fill us with your light. Forgive these sins and the ones we
dare not mention out loud . . .**

* Assurance of Pardon

* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri* Hymn 581

**Glorify be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children Karen Reidenbach

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading – Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14 pew Bible pg. 464

The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *The Work of Christmas* arr. Dan Forrest, text by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins
To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations;
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music -- from the heart.

Second Reading – Matthew 2:1-12 pew Bible pg. 783

The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – *Grace, Sin, and Humanity* Tommy Suttle, Director of Discipleship

* Communion Hymn 151 – *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory – *Kings of Orient* Cox

THE EUCHARIST

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Hallelujah! The Lord our God Almighty reigns! Let us rejoice and exult and
give God the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come.

**Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the
Lamb.**

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Hear us now as we pray as our Lord has taught us.

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.

The Words of Institution

The Communion

Prayer After Communion (unison)

Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn of Consecration 150 – *As with Gladness Men of Old*

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude *Trumpet March*

Lully



* Please stand at the * as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold.**



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Lexie Aldridge, Ann Aldridge's daughter-in-law – blood disease, treatments not working

Marilyn Bowen, Sam Dossett's sister – colon cancer

Ruthie Davis – upcoming surgery

Sam Dossett – continued prayers

Lauranne Doggett, Sarah Brannon's sister – Alzheimer's

Sarah Ellena, daughter of Martha Ann and Charles Hogrefe – recovery from alcohol addiction

Katie Hall, friend of Bob Lochhead – slowly recovering from a brain aneurism

Mary Halliwell, friend of Mary and Dean Cromartie – pancreatic cancer

Stephanie Liddell, Geri Jones' daughter – employment and special prayers

Jim Lundy, Sinclair Lundy's brother – early stages of dementia and Parkinson's

Sinclair Lundy – recovery from knee surgery

Donald Marr, Sr., friend of Nancy Johnson – brain cancer

Judy Nichols, friend of Martha Davis – brain tumor causing paralysis

Cindy Nobles – undergoing treatment for the recurrence of cancer

Stuart Ramsdale, friend of Gene Owens – cancer on liver, colon, and throat

James Reid, Carolyn McLarnan's brother – frontotemporal dementia motor neuron disease and ALS

Rhetta Richardson, sister of Kinlock Bell – right leg amputated, prayers for recovery

Sharon Sabin, friend of Mary and Dean Cromartie – advanced cancer and Parkinson's

Judy Smith, Sharon Potin's sister –diabetic, Crohn's disease, and TB

Virginia VanWart, friend of Janet Burke – lung cancer

Shirley Wilbanks, Betty Mitchell's cousin – stage 4 ovarian cancer



Greeting and Announcements

Welcome to Westminster! We're very glad to see you in worship. We hope you will sense Christ's presence. If you are looking for a place to grow and serve, we'd love to tell you more about us. Please turn off cell phones during the worship hour.

The **January/February Today devotionals** are on the narthex cabinet.

Communion Sundays are also **Breadbasket Sundays** – a time when you are encouraged to make contributions to the Breadbasket ministry. Envelopes are found in the pews or put Breadbasket on the memo line of checks.



Following worship today, Epiphany Sunday, you are invited to stay for a few moments and help us conclude the Christmas season by taking down the Christmas Tree and removing the decorations.

No Youth or Children activities today.

PW Coordinating Team meets Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 9:30 a.m. in the generation room.

Brown Bag Bible Study meets Tuesday at noon. We will be studying Amos chapter 1.

Wednesday Night Dinner

Please join us for Wednesday night dinner this week at 5:30. There is no charge for the meal, but donations are encouraged. We need a headcount, so please place a reservation slip in the offering plate.

Menu: Adults—Beef noodle casserole, green beans, salad, bread, and dessert
Children—menu available

Youth will meet upstairs in the youth room.

Children's Choir will meet upstairs in the rotation Sunday school room.

Chancel Choir will meet at 7.

Margaret Lochhead is seeking volunteers to fill **Breadbasket applications** for January 10-11. A signup sheet is on a narthex table.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.



There are **offering envelopes for 2019** on a table in the narthex. Be sure to pick up one today.

The initial 2019 **Men of the Church breakfast** is Saturday, Jan. 12, at 8 a.m. Please join us for a great fellowship opportunity and great food.

Just as the human body needs eyes, hands, ears, lungs, etc., so does the Body of Christ. We have many small group opportunities for growth, fellowship and service here at Westminster. We encourage members to use their gifts to participate in the mission of this congregation and to invite others to join us in serving Jesus Christ.



The Seal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

A Symbolic Statement of the Church

The Cross – Christianity

The Transept – Bible and Pulpit

The Dove – The Holy Spirit

The Intersection – Baptismal Font or
Communion Cup

Flames – Implied triangle, the Trinity

THE SESSION

Class of 2019

Althea Jerome
J. T. Johnson
Cindy Nobles

Class of 2020

Claude Sanders
Dean Cromartie
Kathryn Cummings

Class of 2021

David Arnold
Ginny Graham
Eric Reidenbach

THE TRUSTEES

Franklin Bryant Mary Cromartie Wally Gregg

THE DEACONS

Class of 2019

David Daves
Janeil Harris
Butch Nobles
Susan Turner

Class of 2020

Katie Ginn
Judy Haydel
Sinclair Lundy
Robert Lochhead

Class of 2021

Chad Edmonson
Brandon Hayes
Rhoda Pickett
Beth Richmond
Jackson Creel

Youth Representative

CHURCH STAFF

Christopher Crotwell, Minister
Sinclair Lundy, Financial Secretary
Randall Harris, Organist
Director Wes Brooks, Communications

Tommy Suttle, Director of Discipleship
Martha Davis, Church Administrator
Connie Roberts, Chancel Choir
Michael Ginn, Children's Music Director

Ray Robinson, Sexton