



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

Baptism of the Lord

January 7, 2018

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Father, I Adore You*
More About Jesus

Bock
Jones

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

Holy God, as we venture into the newness of another year, make the turn into the unknowns that lie before us, and even now fully enter into the wonder of **the Lord's Day, I pray that your Spirit would be tenderly attentive** to all who gather here. Breathe comfort and courage into each of us. Instill a hope that is resolute. Tear apart all that blinds us to your love and open our eyes anew **to joy. In Christ's name I humbly make this my prayer. Amen.**

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Tommy Suttle

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

The heavens opened, the Spirit descended,

and a voice sounded:

This is my Beloved Son.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 1 – *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You made us in your own image, but we tarnish your good name. You call us your beloved children, but we take your favor for granted. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out your mercy upon us so that we may live in a way that is pleasing to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear this our prayer and these the silent confessions of our hearts...

* Assurance of Pardon

* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri*

Hymn 581

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children

Alicia Westbrook

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson – Genesis 1:1-5

pew Bible pg. 1

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God

Anthem – *O Taste and See*

Carlton Young

O taste and see the goodness of the Lord;
Blessed are they that trust in Him.

Second Lesson – Mark 1:4-11

pew Bible pg. 812

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God

Sermon – *The Heavens Torn Apart*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Communion Hymn 509 – *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

Tithes and Offerings

Call for the Offering

Offertory – *Blessed Assurance*

Near

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful and the earth be glad. In joy, with prophets, apostles, martyrs and saints of every time and place, we join in giving you praise:

Holy, holy, holy LORD; God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the LORD. Hosanna in the highest!

God of glory, in thanks we remember how Jesus broke bread and gave the cup to make us partakers of his body and blood, so that he might live in us and we in him.

Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us. Leading his followers, he guides us. Dying on the cross, he rescues us. Risen from the dead, he gives us new life.

Believing Christ's promise of eternal life, we live in him and declare:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

Almighty God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that as we receive bread and wine, we may be assured that Christ's promise in these signs will be fulfilled. Lift our hearts and minds on high, where with Christ your only Son, and with the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, now and forever.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

UNISON PRAYER (*unison*)

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have fed us with your mercy and poured out your Spirit in this place. Continue to nourish and fill us each day, that we may live as your beloved people; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn of Consecration 687 – *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude – *Rigaudon*

Barrett



- * Please stand at the * as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold**. Please remove all papers from the sanctuary when you leave.



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Marilyn Bowen, Sam Dossett's sister – colon cancer

Margaret Buckley – recovering at home

Brandi Carter, friend of Nancy Johnson – postponed cancer scans

Ruthie Davis – upcoming surgery Jan. 20

Andrew Dennis, Beverly and Charles Dennis' son – melanoma

Sam Dossett – continued prayers

Fluffy Fair – moved to Provision Living

Michael Ginn's grandmother –suffered a stroke and now under hospice care

*Thomas Guest, son of Scott & Marti Guest (friend of Carrie Creel) – freshman at MSU
severely injured in an ATV accident on Nov. 30*

Katie Hall, friend of Bob Lochhead –suffered brain aneurism and is now in coma

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

Crystal Miller, friend of Nancy Johnson – hospitalized with pneumonia

Cindy Nobles – undergoing treatment for the recurrence of cancer

Jack Ramsey, friend of Harry and Carol Hickman – recovering from surgery

Bonnie Revicki – recovering from gall bladder surgery

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

Margaret Suttle – recovering at home

Louise Van-Beek, friend of Harry and Carol Hickman – recovering from stroke



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.

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.



No Youth or Children activities until Jan. 14.

The January/February Today devotionals are in the narthex.

PW Circles 1 & 2 meet Tuesday, Jan. 9. **Circle 1** meets in the parlor at 9:30 a.m. and **Circle 2** meets at 7 p.m. in the generation room.



Brown Bag Bible Study will meet at noon this Tuesday.

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—Creole chicken over garlic grits, green beans, green salad, rolls, and dessert

Children—pizza

Circle 3 will meet after supper. **Chancel Choir** will meet at 7.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, Jan. 11, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

There are **offering envelopes for 2018** on a table in the narthex. Be sure to pick up one today.

Property Committee will meet today at 11:30 a.m. in the generation room.

Admin Committee will meet Wednesday at 4:30 in the conference room.

Next Sunday the **Diaconate** will meet at 11:45 and the **Session** will meet at 12:30.

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

Class of 2018

Gene Owens
Michael Raggio
Robin Roberts

THE SESSION

Class of 2019

Althea Jerome
J. T. Johnson
Cindy Nobles

Class of 2020

Margaret Brooks
Dean Cromartie
Kathryn Cummings

THE TRUSTEES

Franklin Bryant Gene Fair Wally Gregg

Class of 2018

Shane Brooks
Kathy Cain
Howard Keever
Beth Richmond

THE DEACONS

Class of 2019

David Daves
Janeil Harris
Butch Nobles
Susan Turner

Class of 2020

Katie Ginn
Judy Haydel
Sinclair Lundy
Robert Lochhead
Youth Representative
Sarah Beth Suttle

CHURCH STAFF

Tommy Suttle, Director of Discipleship
Sinclair Lundy, Financial Secretary
Connie Roberts, Chancel Choir Director
Jenny Maul, Children's Music Director

Martha Davis, Church Administrator
Wes Brooks, Communications
Randall Harris, Organist
Ray Robinson, Sexton