



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 13, 2019

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Variations on LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

Linker

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

Gracious God, in Jesus Christ, baptized by John in the Jordan, you came to share our life and deliver us from sin and death. As we are baptized with water, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us to make us your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Charles Hogrefe

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

From the north and south we come;

from the east and west God calls us.

Over the mighty waters, the Lord speaks:

I have called you by name; you are mine.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 10 – *Sing Glory to the Name of God*

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession – (*unison*)

God our Redeemer, we confess that our lives do not reflect your glory. You walk with us in times of trial, but we abandon others in trouble. You pour out your love for us, but we fail to share your mercy. Forgive us, God of grace. Send us your Holy Spirit to cleanse and recreate us so that we may honor your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(time for silent confession)

* Assurance of Pardon

* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri*

Hymn 581

Glory 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

Alicia Westbrook

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading – Isaiah 43:1-7

pew Bible pg. 585

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *This Is My Beloved Son*

Dan Uhl

When John baptized the Christ, our Lord, the heavens opened wide.

The Spirit from on high came down, descending like a dove.

Assuring those on Jordan's banks a voice proclaimed these words:

This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.

Come Holy Spirit heavenly, heavenly dove. Come now in visitation.

Renew in us baptismal grace throughout each day, in every place.

You are the way, the truth, the light. Lead us to our salvation.

Second Reading – Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

pew Bible pg. 834

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – *The Holy Spirit Descended*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Litany for Baptism of the Lord (*responsive*)

In the beginning, darkness covered the deep, and God said:

Let there be light.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

Through the words of the prophet, the Lord said: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

Do not fear, says the Lord; I am with you. I have called you by name; you are mind.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

When Jesus was baptized by John, suddenly the heavens were opened.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

And as Jesus was coming out of the water, the Spirit of God rested on him like a dove.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

And a voice said: You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters! (time for silence)

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- * Hymn of Thanksgiving 482 – *Baptized in Water*

Prayers of the People 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.

Offertory – *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

Bock

- * The Doxology – Hymn 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

- * Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn of Consecration 475 – *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

- * Charge and Benediction

- * Postlude – *Fanfare*

Purcell



- * 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

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, recent stroke, moved to rehab

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

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.

Today the **Diaconate** will meet at 11:30 and the **Session** will meet next Sunday at 11:30.

Youth and Children meet today at 5 p.m.

PW Circles 1 & 2 meet Tuesday, Jan. 15. **Circle 1** meets in the parlor at 9:30 a.m. and **Circle 2** meets at 7 p.m. in the generation room.



PW Prayer Ministry will meet Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 11 a.m.

Brown Bag Bible Study meets Tuesday at noon. We will be studying Amos chapter 2.

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—King Ranch Chicken, green salad, rolls, 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.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, Jan. 17, at 6:30 at Shoney's.

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

New Beginnings

New Beginnings monthly luncheon is Monday, Jan. 21, at noon in Montague Hall. Everyone is invited to attend, so RSVPs are essential. Please contact Tommy Suttle at tommy@wpchattiesburg.com.

If you wish to place **fresh flowers** in the sanctuary in honor or memory of someone or for a special occasion, please contact Martha Davis at the church office to reserve a date.

Eye glasses needed. There is a basket on the narthex cabinet for used eye glasses. These donated glasses are taken to the Lion's Club by Ann Johnson.

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