



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

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2018

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Trumpet Tune in G* Roberts

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

Holy God, you sent your son to be the light of the world, so that all may know the brightness of your love. Fill us with your grace this day that we too may bear witness to his light and serve your coming reign. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements Wes Brooks

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

Sing to the Lord a new song:

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

The Lord is about to do a new thing.

Speak, O God, for your servants are listening.

Come, let us worship the Lord, our God!

* Hymn of Praise 299 – *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We labor for worldly things and lack in spiritual gifts. We sacrifice much for false idols and forsake your holy Lamb. Forgive us; give us grace. Take away the sin of the world and teach us, as disciples, to show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear this our prayer as well as the confession we make now in silence.

* Assurance of Pardon

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Victoria Cruz Roberts

Presentation

Ruling Elder Robin Roberts

Confession of Faith

* Affirmation of Faith: (*unison*) (Hymnal pg. 35)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen

Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Welcome

Baptismal Hymn 488 – *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson – 1 Samuel 3:1-20

(pew Bible pg. 215)

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *He Comes to Us as One Unknown*

arr. Michael Burkhardt

He comes to us as one unknown, a breath unseen, unheard:

As though within a heart of stone, or shriveled seed in darkness sown,

A pulse of being stirred, a pulse of being stirred.

He comes when souls in silence lie and thoughts of day depart;

Half seen upon the inward eye, a falling star across the sky

Of night within the heart, of night within the heart.

He comes to us in sound of seas, the ocean's fume and foam;

Yet small and still upon the breeze, a wind that stirs the tops of trees,

A voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.

He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and birth;

To bear within our mortal frame a life a death, a saving Name,

For every child of earth, for every child of earth.

He comes in truth when faith is grown; believed, obeyed, adored:

The Christ in all the scripture shown, unseen, yet known,

Our Savior and our Lord, our Savior and our Lord.

Second Lesson – John 1:43-51

(pew Bible pg. 863)

Sermon – *Come and See*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

- * Hymn of Thanksgiving 833 – *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

Prayers of the People

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.

Call for the Offering

Offertory – *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

Hegarty

- * The Doxology – Hymn 606
- * Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn of Consecration 69 – *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude – *'Little' Prelude and Fugue in G*

Bach



- * 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
Andrew Dennis, Beverly and Charles Dennis' son – melanoma
Sam Dossett – continued prayers
Hugh Garraway – at FGH with pneumonia
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
Nell Hollingsworth, Holley Holifield's nanny – moved to Bedford Care
BJ Lambert – prayers for relocation
Crystal Miller, friend of Nancy Johnson – recovering from double lung & heart transplant
Cindy Nobles – undergoing treatment for the recurrence of cancer
Jack Ramsey, friend of Harry and Carol Hickman – recovering from 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

PRAYERS OF COMFORT

For the family and friends of Michael Ginn on the death of his grandmother

PRAYERS OF REJOICING

Charlie David Maul was born Jan. 5 at 12:20 weighing 8 lbs. 10 oz.
He is welcomed by proud parents Jenny and Chris and sister Ruby.



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.

Today the PW is hosting a **reception to welcome Dr. Crotwell and his family** after the worship service in the narthex. Please join us.

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

Youth will meet today at 5 p.m.

The January/February Today devotionals are in the narthex.

PW Prayer Ministry will meet Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the generation room.

Brown Bag Bible Study meets Tuesday at noon. We will be studying II Kings 14.

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—Sirloin tip roast, butter beans, green salad,
biscuits, and dessert

Children—corn dogs and tater tots

Chancel Choir will meet at 7.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, Jan. 18, 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.

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 2018

Gene Owens
Michael Raggio
Robin Roberts

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

THE DEACONS

Class of 2018

Shane Brooks
Kathy Cain
Howard Keever
Beth Richmond

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