



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

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2018

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Highland Cathedral*

John Ginn, bagpiper

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

Loving God, in Jesus Christ you drew near to us, calling us to repent and believe the good news. Teach us to follow him, fishing for people — casting our nets far and wide in global mission and mending social networks in local ministry, so that all may see the fulfillment of your realm; through Christ, who leads us to the river of life. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Larry Royals

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

With Simon and Andrew, we follow Jesus,

Learning how to fish for people.

With James and John, we follow Jesus,

Proclaiming the good news of God.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 456 – *Listen, God Is Calling*

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You call on us to change our lives, yet we do not heed your warning. You give us good news to share, yet we remain stubborn and silent.

Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to repent and follow you, bearing witness to the good news that your holy realm is near; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear now these the silent confessions of our hearts.

* 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

Christopher Crotwell

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson – Jonah 3:1-5, 10

pew Bible pg. 753

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *It Is Well With My Soul*

Michael Ginn and John Ginn, duet

Second Lesson – Mark 1:14-20

pew Bible pg. 812

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – *The Kingdom of God has Come Near*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

- * 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

- * Hymn of Thanksgiving 724 – *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Prayers of Intercession 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 – *Jesus, Lead Thou On*

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- * The Doxology – Hymn 606

- * Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn of Consecration 744 – *Arise, Your Light is Come!*

- * Charge and Benediction

- * Postlude – *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Word



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 – home from hospital

*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

PRAYERS OF COMFORT

For the family and friends of Louise Van Beek



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.

New Beginnings monthly luncheon is tomorrow at noon in Montague Hall. Everyone is invited to attend, so RSVPs are essential. Please contact Tommy Suttle at tommy@wpchattiesburg.com. Our guests will be Dr. Andrew Haley and Jennifer Brannock from USM library.

Youth will meet today at 5 p.m.

The January/February *Today* devotionals are in the narthex.

Brown Bag Bible Study meets Tuesday at noon. We will be studying II Kings 15.

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, mashed potatoes, butter beans, green salad, biscuits, and dessert

Children - corn dogs and tater tots

After supper, Christopher will begin using *Help, Thanks, Wow The Three Essential Prayers* written by Ann Lamott. Come join us. You do not need to read the book.

Chancel Choir will meet at 7.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, Jan. 25, 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.

NEWSLETTER INFO for February is due Jan. 24.

Please email wes@WPCHattiesburg.com



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

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

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

Ray Robinson, Sexton