



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

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2018

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Fantasy on an Irish Ballad* Clarke

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

God of all wisdom and authority, you sent Jesus Christ to save us. Heal us, cleanse us, deliver us, and cast out the evil within us so that we may know your Word and heed your new teaching; through Christ, your Holy One. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements Rhoda Pickett

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

Sing to the Lord a new song;

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Give thanks to God with your whole heart.

Great are the works of the Lord.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 49 – *The God of Abraham Praise*

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You spoke to us through the prophets, yet we have not kept your commands. You give a new teaching through Jesus, yet we fail to obey your living Word. Forgive us, God of grace. Set us free from the grip of sin, cast out all that is evil within us, and bring us ever closer to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear this our shared prayer and the silent confessions of our own 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

Tommy Suttle

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson – Deuteronomy 18:15-20

pew Bible pg. 153

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake*

Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives,
to decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk with a perfect heart
before Thee now and ever more,
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before Thee now and ever more,

Second Lesson – Mark 1:21-28

pew Bible pg. 812

The Word of the LORD.

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Sermon – *What Have You to do With Us?*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crowell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

- * Affirmation of Faith: (*unison*) The Apostles' Creed (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 795 – *Healer of Our Every Ill*

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Offertory – *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

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

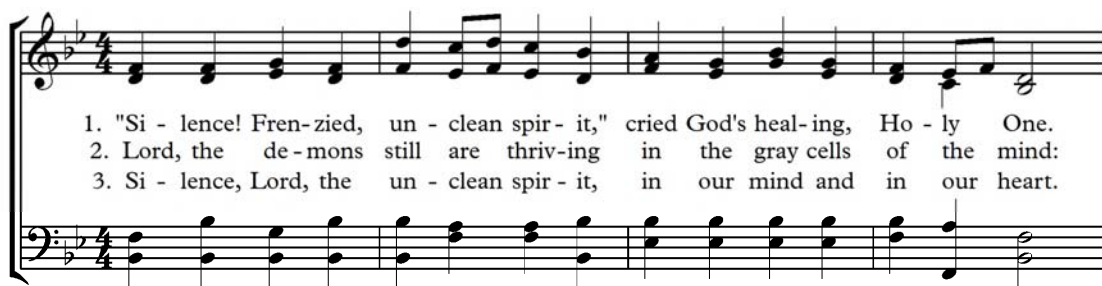
- * Hymn of Consecration – *Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit (see next page)*

- * Charge and Benediction

- * Postlude – *Trumpet Tune in D*

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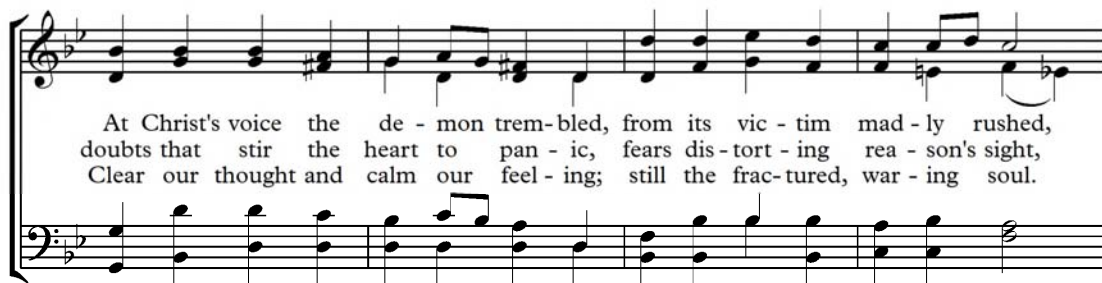
Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit




1. "Si - lence! Fren-zied, un - clean spir - it," cried God's heal-ing, Ho - ly One.
2. Lord, the de - mons still are thriv-ing in the gray cells of the mind:
3. Si - lence, Lord, the un - clean spir - it, in our mind and in our heart.



"Cease your rant-ing! Flesh can't bear it. Flee as night be - fore the sun."
ty - rant voic - es, shrill and driv-ing, twist-ed thoughts that grip and bind,
Speak your word that when we hear it all our de - mons shall de - part.



At Christ's voice the de - mon trem-bled, from its vic - tim mad - ly rushed,
doubts that stir the heart to pan - ic, fears dis - tort - ing rea - son's sight,
Clear our thought and calm our feel - ing; still the frac-tured, war - ing soul.



while the crowd that was as - sem-bled stood in won-der, stunned, and hushed.
guilt that makes our lov - ing fran - tic, dreams that cloud the soul with fright.
By the pow - er of your heal-ing make us faith-ful, true, and whole.



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Ann Aldridge's family member – bladder cancer surgery Feb. 7

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

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

Malcolm English friend of Joe Pack Arnold – patient at UMMC

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

Robert Liddell, Geri Jones' brother – special prayers for health issues

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 Nelson "Hoss" Doggett, Sarah Brannon's brother-in-law



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.

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 16.



Please join us Wednesday night at 5:30 for **potluck**. Bring your favorite dish or dessert.

After supper activities:

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

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, Feb. 1, 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.

Committee Meetings

Feb. 4

Inviting Committee at 8:30 a.m. in the conference room

Belonging Committee at 9 a.m. in the generation room

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

Feb. 7

Administration Committee at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room



The Youth will collect donations for the **Souper Bowl of Caring** as you exit the worship service February 4. All of Westminster's donations will be given to the Domestic Abuse Shelter. Everyone is invited to Montague Hall to enjoy some hot soup and dessert after worship.

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

Christopher Croftwell, 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