



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

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 2018

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Variations on AZMON* Helman

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

Holy One, source of all healing and hope, see how everyone is searching for you. Come, take us by the hand and lift us up so that we may serve you in freedom and joy; through Jesus Christ, Sovereign and Savior. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements Charles Hogrefe

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

Sing to the Lord a new song;

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Do all things for the sake of the gospel.

So may we share in the blessings of God.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 305 – *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. We trust in our own power when you promise to be our strength. We exploit the poor and weak when you promise them salvation. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to rely on you alone and to give ourselves freely for others for the sake of your good news; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear now 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

Mary Clare Royals

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson – Isaiah 40:21-31

pew Bible pg. 582

Anthem – *Treasures in Heaven*

Joseph W. Clokey

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, Where moth and rust doth corrupt,

And where thieves break through and steal,

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find;

Knock, and it shall be opened unto you, For every one that asketh, receiveth,

And he that seeketh, findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Second Lesson – Mark 1:29-39

pew Bible pg. 813

Sermon – *Everyone is Searching for You*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Communion Hymn 339 – *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory – *On Eagles' Wings*

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, with joy we praise you and give thanks to your name. You commanded light to shine out of darkness, divided the sea and dry land, created the vast universe and called it good. You made us in your image to live with one another in love. You gave us the breath of life and freedom to choose your way. You promised yourself in covenant with Abraham and Sarah, told us your purpose in commandments through Moses, and called for justice in the cry of prophets. Through long generations you have been faithful and kind to all your children. Great and wonderful are your works, Lord God almighty. Your ways are just and true. Therefore, we lift our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We praise you, most holy God, for sending your only Son to live among us, sharing our joy and sorrow. He told your story, healed the sick, and was a friend of sinners. Obeying you, he took up his cross and died that we might live. We praise you that he overcame death and is risen to rule the world. He is still the friend of sinners. We trust him to overcome every power that can hurt or divide us, and believe that when he comes in glory, we will celebrate victory with him. Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we break bread and share one cup giving thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ. As you raised our Lord from death and call us with him from death to life, we give ourselves to you to live for him in joy and grateful praise.

Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. Send us out in the power of the Spirit to live for others, as Christ lived for us, announcing his death for the sins of the world, and telling his resurrection to all people and nations. By your Spirit draw us together into one body and join us to Christ the Lord, that we may remain his glad and faithful people until we feast with him in glory. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, forever and ever. Hear us now as we pray as our Savior has taught...

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 610 – *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude – *Allegro*

Handel



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

*Thomas Guest, son of Scott & Marti Guest (friend of Carrie Creel) – freshman at MSU,
paralyzed after 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

Jean Lukowski, C'est La Vie owner – began treatment for pancreatic cancer

Crystal Miller, friend of Nancy Johnson – recovering from double lung & heart transplant

Cindy Nobles – undergoing treatment for the recurrence of cancer

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

Margaret Suttle – recovering at home



WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 14

5:30 MEAL

6:15 SERVICE

**JOINT MEAL AND SERVICE WITH PARKWAY HEIGHTS
AT WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN**



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.



Today 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 Family Shelter. Everyone is invited to Montague Hall to enjoy some hot soup and dessert after worship.

Youth will meet today for the Souper Bowl Party from 5 p.m. until halftime at the Haydel's (45 Moss Ln, Petal). Dinner will be served

PW Coordinating Team meets Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 9:30 a.m. in the generation room.

Brown Bag Bible Study meets Tuesday at noon. We will be studying II Kings 16 & 17.

Administration Committee will meet Wed. at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room.

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 – Shrimp etouffee, French bread, green salad, and dessert
Children - pizza

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. 8, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

Join us on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 9 a.m. for the monthly **Men's Breakfast** in Montague Hall.



There are **offering envelopes for 2018** on a table in the narthex.

Sunday, Feb. 11, the **Diaconate** will meet at 11:30 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

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