



# 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

Transfiguration Sunday

February 11, 2018

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Fanfare*

Lemmens

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

Great God of dazzling beauty and overshadowing majesty, in Jesus Christ, your beloved, we glimpse the image of your glory. Teach us to listen to him so that we may hear your voice and follow your holy way; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Ellie Forsyth

Call to Worship – *(responsive)*

Let the light shine out of darkness.

**God of all glory, gather us in.**

Let the light shine out of darkness.

**Lord Jesus Christ, shine in our hearts.**

Let us worship God.

\* Hymn of Praise 66 – *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You shine with perfect beauty, but we turn away from your presence. You blaze with heavenly glory, but we hide our faces from your truth.**

**Forgive us, God of grace. Shine in our hearts this day through the light of your Word so that we may glorify you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**(time for silent confession)**

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri*

Hymn 581

**Glorify 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

Katie Ginn

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading – Psalm 50:1-6

pew Bible pg. 451

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *Cantique de Jean Racine*

Gabriel Fauré

O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation, Eternal Light of the earth and the day.

We kneel in adoration, O Savior, turn on us Thy loving eye!

Send down on us the fire of Thy grace all consuming, whose wondrous might,

Dispersed the powers of hell, and rouse our slumbering souls

With radiance all illumining souls, that they may waken Thy mercy to tell!

O Christ bestow Thy blessing on us, we implore Thee!

Who here are gathered on penitent knee, accept the hymns we chant

To Thine everlasting glory and these Thy gifts we return unto Thee!

Second Reading – Mark 9:2-9

pew Bible pg. 820

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – *Overshadowed*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Croswell

## 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 156 – *Sing of God Made Manifest*

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 – *Trio in A Minor*

Krebs

\* 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 – *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory* (see below)

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude – *Psalm XIX*

Marcello

### Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory



1. Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo - ry, heav - en's voice, the  
2. Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la - tion, they shall gain and  
3. Lord, trans - fig - ure our per - cep - tion with the pur - est



daz - zling light; Mo - ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a -  
keep its truth, not by build - ing on the moun - tain an - y  
light that shines, and re - cast our life's in - ten - tions to the



lone com - mands the height! Pe - ter, James, and John fall  
shrine or sa - cred booth, but by fol - low - ing the  
shape of your de - signs, till we seek no oth - er



si - lent, turn - ing from the sum - mit's rise down - ward toward the  
Sav - ior through the val - ley to the cross and by test - ting  
glo - ry than what lies past Cal - vary's hill and our liv - ing



shad - owed val - ley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.  
faith's re - sil - ience through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.  
and our dy - ing and our ris - ing by your will.



## **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.

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

**Youth** will meet today at 5 p.m.

**PW Circles 1 & 2** meet Tuesday, Feb. 13. **Circle 1** meets in the parlor at 9:30 a.m. and **Circle 2** meets at 7 p.m. in the generation room. **Circle 3** will not meet this month due to Ash Wednesday Service.



Souper Bowl Sunday was a success. The youth raised \$1,186.01. Thanks to all who gave to help the Domestic Abuse Family Shelter.

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

**Growing Spiritually Committee** will meet Monday at 6 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. This will be a combined meal with Parkway.

**Menu:** Adults: Chicken and dumplings, green salad, and dessert

Children: Chicken strips and tater tots

**Ash Wednesday Service** will be in the sanctuary starting at 6:15 p.m.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, Feb. 15, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

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

PW will be collecting bath towels, hand towels, and wash cloths for the **Domestic Abuse Family Shelter**. The new shelter in Hattiesburg will be opening sometime in March. There will be a collection box in the narthex located by the generation room.



Margaret Lochhead is seeking volunteers to fill **Breadbasket applications** for Feb. 26 - Mar. 2. Easy step-by-step instructions are available. A signup sheet is on a narthex table.

**New Beginnings** monthly luncheon is Monday, Feb. 19, at noon in Montague Hall. Everyone is invited to attend, so RSVPs are essential. Please contact Tommy Suttle at [tommy@wpchattiesburg.com](mailto:tommy@wpchattiesburg.com). Billy Newman, USM professor, will be our speaker.

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.

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**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

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**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 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