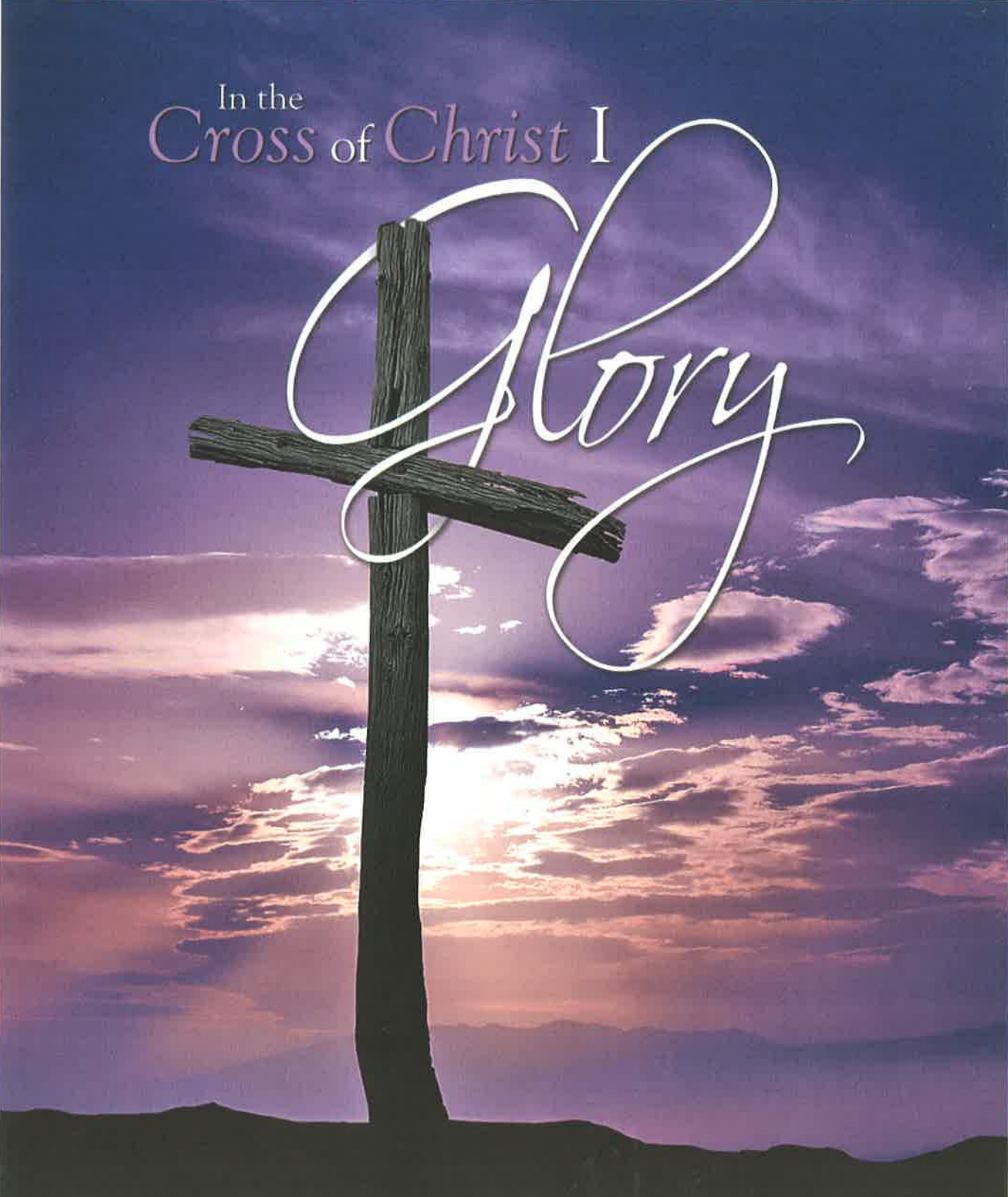


In the  
*Cross of Christ I*

*Glory*



# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2018

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* Hayes

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

Holy God, by the grace of Jesus Christ you know the tests and trials we face. Walk with us through this wilderness. Come to us with ministers of healing and visit us with messengers of hope, so that we may return to you in faith, believing the good news of the gospel; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Young Disciples – *Bind Us Together* Michael Ginn, Interim Director

Greeting and Announcements Drew Suttle

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

People of the covenant, give thanks.

**The Lord is our salvation.**

Children of the living God, draw near.

**Jesus Christ is with us.**

Let us worship God.

\* Hymn of Praise 166 – *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You have claimed us in your covenant, yet we forget your steadfast love. You seek us out in the wilderness, yet we continue to wander in our sin. Forgive us, God of grace. Wash us clean, once again, so that we may return to you and follow your holy way; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(time for silent confession)

\* 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

Alicia Westbrook

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading – Psalm 25:1-10

pew Bible pg. 436

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Charles Wesley

(words to song can be found in hymnal page 366)

Second Reading – Genesis 9:8-17

pew Bible pg. 6

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – *I Establish My Covenant with You*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\* Affirmation of Faith: (*unison*) The Apostles' Creed (Hymnal pg. 35)

\* Hymn of Thanksgiving – *Stand by Me (see next page)*

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 – *Arabesque on 'Great Is Thy Faithfulness'*

Barr

\* 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 370 – *This Is My Father's World*

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude – *Trumpet Tune in D*

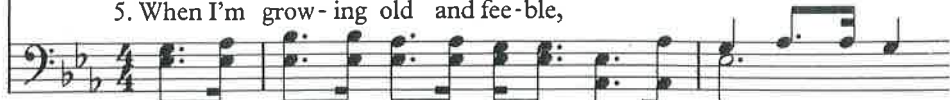
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## Stand By Me

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1. When the storms of life are rag-ing,
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3. In the midst of faults and fail-ures, stand by me; (stand by me)
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5. When I'm grow - ing old and fee - ble,



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When the world is toss - ing me, like a ship up - on the sea,  
 When the host of hell as - sail, and my strength be-gins to fail,  
 When I've done the best I can, and my friends mis-un-der-stand,  
 When my foes in war ar - ray un - der - take to stop my way,  
 When my life be-comes a bur - den, and I'm near-ing chil - ly Jor-dan,



thou who rul - est wind and wa - ter,  
 thou who nev - er lost a bat - tle,  
 thou who know - est all a - bout me, stand by me. (stand by me)  
 thou who sav - ed Paul and Si - las,  
 O thou Lil - y of the Val - ley,





## 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 – slowly recovering from a brain aneurism*

*Mary Halliwell, friend of Mary and Dean Cromartie – pancreatic cancer*

*Nell Hollingsworth, Holley Holifield's nanny – moved to Bedford Care*

*BJ Lambert – recovering from infection*

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

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

*Rush McClinton, Jeanne Herring's nephew – recovery from surgery*

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

*Cindy Nobles – undergoing treatment for the recurrence of cancer*

*Kem Reid, Ryan Reid's dad – diagnosed with MDS and awaiting blood marrow transfusion*

*Olivia Reid – diagnosed with scarlet fever*

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

*Margaret Suttle – recovering at home*



The session has called for an annual congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, March 4.

The purpose of the meeting will be

- to elect an officer nominating committee
- hear a summary of the annual statistical report
- to present financial information on how 2017 ended
- to provide a summary of the 2018 budget.



## 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.

**Worship committee** will meet today following service in the generation room.

**Children (K-5) and Youth** will meet today in Montague Hall at 5 p.m. Christopher will meet with the children and Tommy will meet with the youth. Dinner will be at 6 and dismissal at 6:30.

**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 17 & 18.

### 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 – Smoked pork loin with Creole mustard cream sauce, green beans, corn pudding, biscuits, and dessert

Children – Corn dogs and Mac n cheese

#### After supper activities:

**Christopher** will be presenting chapters from Marjorie Thompson's book *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life*. This book functions as a guide to not only understand spiritual disciplines, but to also try them for yourself. The first class will focus on ways in which we might approach reading the Bible.

**Youth** will meet upstairs in the youth room.

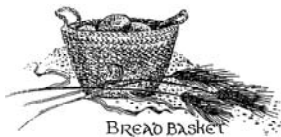
**Children's Choir** will meet upstairs in the rotation Sunday school room.

**Chancel Choir** will meet at 7.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, Feb. 22, 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 is 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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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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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**

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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

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