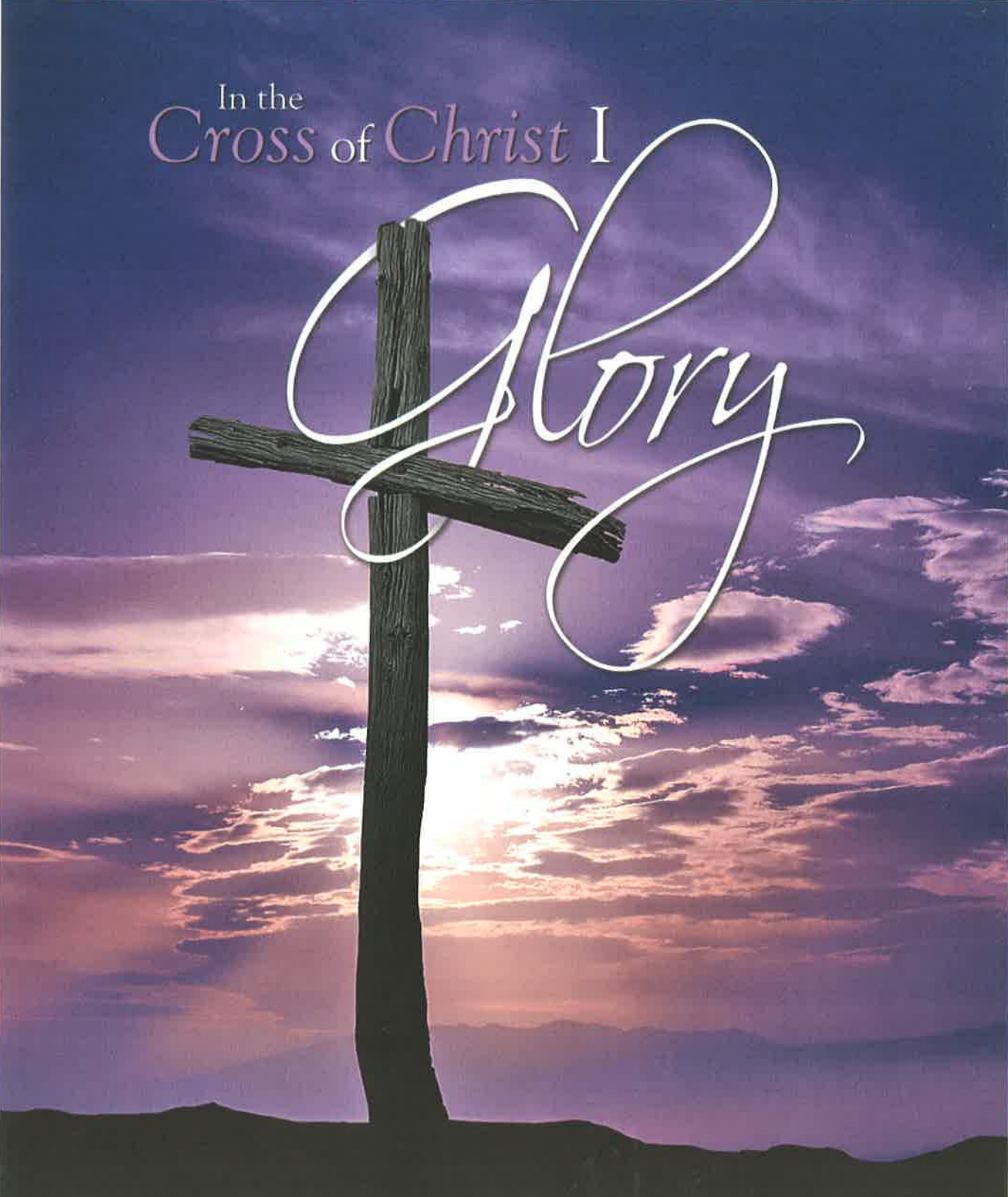


In the  
*Cross of Christ I*

*Glory*



# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2018

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Prelude and Fugue in D Minor* Bach

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

Eternal God, holy and faithful, what can we give in return for our life? Teach us to take up the cross of Christ with grateful hearts and humble spirits, offering all for the sake of the gospel, so that we may receive life in fullness; through Christ, who is coming in glory. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements Althea Jerome

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

Hear the promise of the Lord our God:

**I will bless you and make you a blessing.**

Hear the calling of the Lord Jesus Christ:

**Take up your cross and follow me.**

Let us worship God.

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

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust.**

**You call us to be a blessing in the world, but we only seek our own**

**benefit. You call us to give our lives for others, but we only seek to save**

**ourselves. Forgive us, God of grace. Set our minds on divine things —**

**the good news of the gospel and the promise of new life in you; 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

Michael Ginn

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading – Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

pew Bible pg. 11

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Mark Hayes

Katie Ginn, solo dance

Second Reading – Romans 4:13-25

pew Bible pg. 916

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – *Reckoned to 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 819 – *Be Still, My Soul*  
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 – *My Song is Love Unknown*

Burkhardt

- \* 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 838 – *Standing on the Promises*
- \* Charge and Benediction
- \* Postlude – *Trumpet Finale*

Mafredini



## 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*

*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*

*Berniece Johnson, former member who lives in Memphis – Alzheimer's and surgery recovery*

*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*

*Patty Talbot, Ann Aldridge's sister – receiving treatment*



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.

**The March/April Today devotionals** are in the narthex.

**The Youth** will meet today at McCallister's Deli at 5 p.m. After eating they will go to Laser Mania until 7. Parents please have your children picked up by 7.

**Brown Bag Bible Study** meets Tuesday at noon. We will be studying II Kings 18.



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

### **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.

**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, Mar. 1, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

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. A collection box is in the narthex.

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



**Meistersingers Concert** Sunday, Mar. 4, at 3 p.m. at Westminster. No admission.

### **Committee Meetings on Mar. 4**

Inviting Committee at 8:30 in the conference room

Property Committee at 11:45 in the generation room

Nominating Committee at 11:45 in the conference room

Papa John's Pizza in Oak Grove and Hattiesburg will be doing a **fundraiser for Breadbasket in March**. Only online sales for the special of the month will be donated. [www.papajohns.com](http://www.papajohns.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.

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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

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Christopher Crotwell, Minister  
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