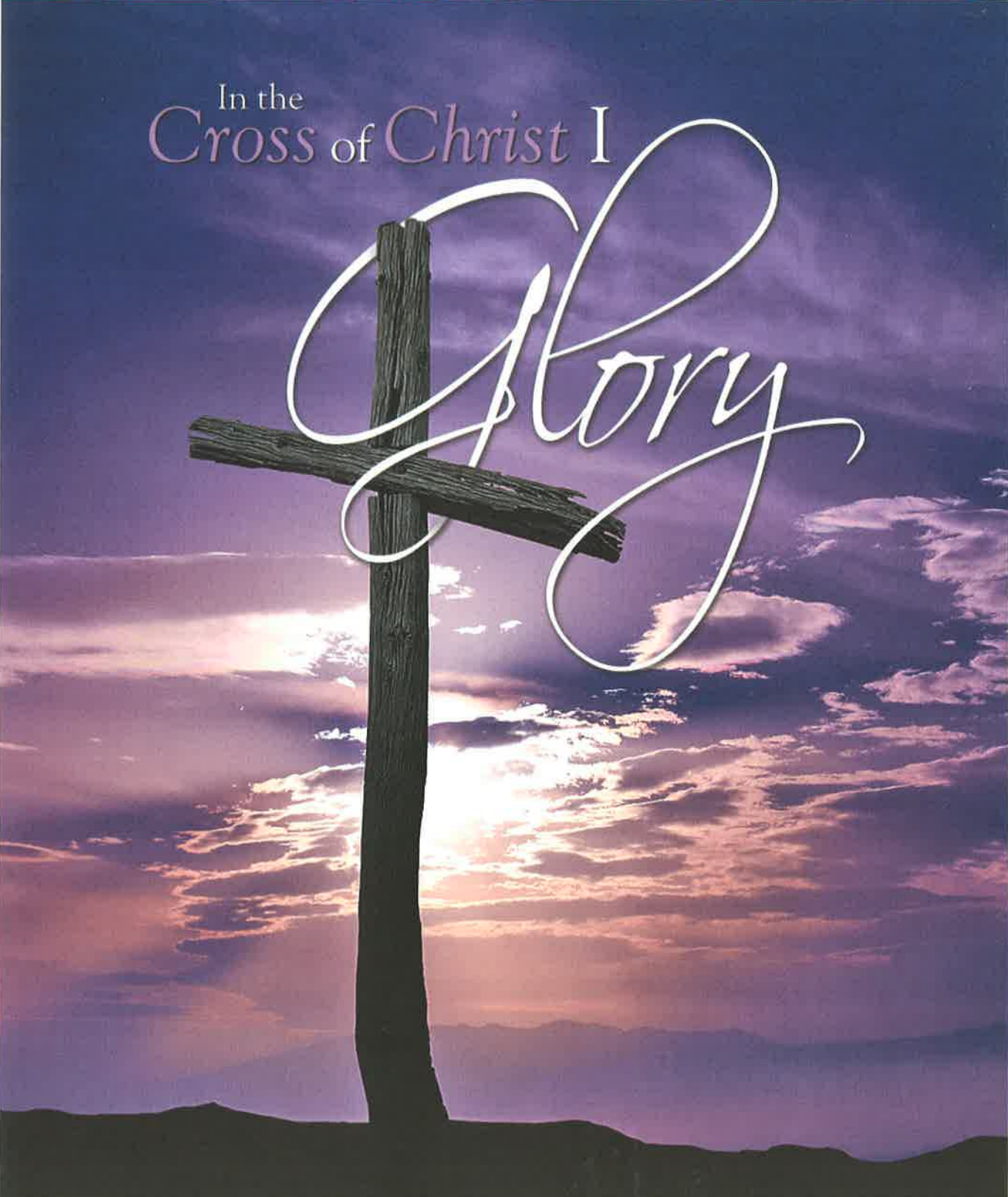


In the
Cross of Christ I

Glory



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2018

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Three Preludes*

Sikes

I. Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

II. Fairest Lord Jesus

III. I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

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

Holy God, in Jesus Christ you have built for us an eternal house, a temple of righteousness, a place of gracious plenty for the hungry and abundant life for the poor in spirit. Fill us with zeal for the body of Christ. Overturn the tables of corruption and greed and upset the imbalance of injustice, so that we may worship you in spirit and truth; through Jesus Christ, who is risen indeed.

Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Bob Buckner

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

Listen for the word of the Lord.

Our wisdom is the way of the cross.

Enter into God's house with praise.

Our temple is the body of Christ.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 14 – *For the Beauty of the Earth*

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You gave us your law to guide us, but we seek the wisdom of the world. You made us a temple of living stones, but we dishonor the body of Christ. Forgive us, God of grace. Instruct us in our foolishness and strengthen us in our weakness so that we may be holy and whole; 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

Christopher Crotwell

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

pew Bible pg. 926

Anthem – *I Have Longed for Thy Saving Health*

William Byrd

I have longed for Thy saving health, O Lord; Thy law is my delight, O Lord.

O let my soul live and it shall praise Thee, and Thy judgments, shall help me.

Second Lesson – John 2:13-22

pew Bible pg. 863

Sermon – *He Was Speaking of the Temple of His Body*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Communion Hymn 157 – *I Danced in the Morning*

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory – *Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

Cherwien

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.

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.

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 265 – *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude – *Trumpet Tune in G*

Martin

* *There will be a brief congregational meeting following the service.
If you need to leave, please do so during the Postlude.*



* Please stand at the * as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold**.
Please remove all papers from the sanctuary when you leave.



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

Rachel Owens, Gene Owens' sister – mass on pancreas

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

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

YOUTH UPCOMINGS

It is time to **purchase Easter lilies**. A signup sheet is on the narthex cabinet. The cost is \$15 per lily.



The Youth will begin **collecting small individually wrapped candy** (no chocolate) for the Easter Egg Hunt. There will be a box by the church office for any donations.

Save this date: Wednesday, May 2nd, will be the **Annual Children & Youth Dessert/Casserole Auction**.



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 an annual congregational meeting will follow worship.

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

The Youth will meet today at 5 p.m.

Committee Meetings today

Property Committee at 11:45 in the generation room

Nominating Committee at 11:45 in the conference room

Older Adult Task Force will meet Monday, Mar. 5 at 11:00 in the conference room.

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

Brown Bag Bible Study meets Tuesday at noon. We will be studying II Kings 19.



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 – enchilada casserole, black beans, green salad, and dessert

Children – chicken strips and tater tots

Administrative Committee meeting in conference room at 4:30 p.m.

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, March 8, 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.

Meistersingers Concert today at 3 p.m. at Westminster. Concert is free to the public.

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

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