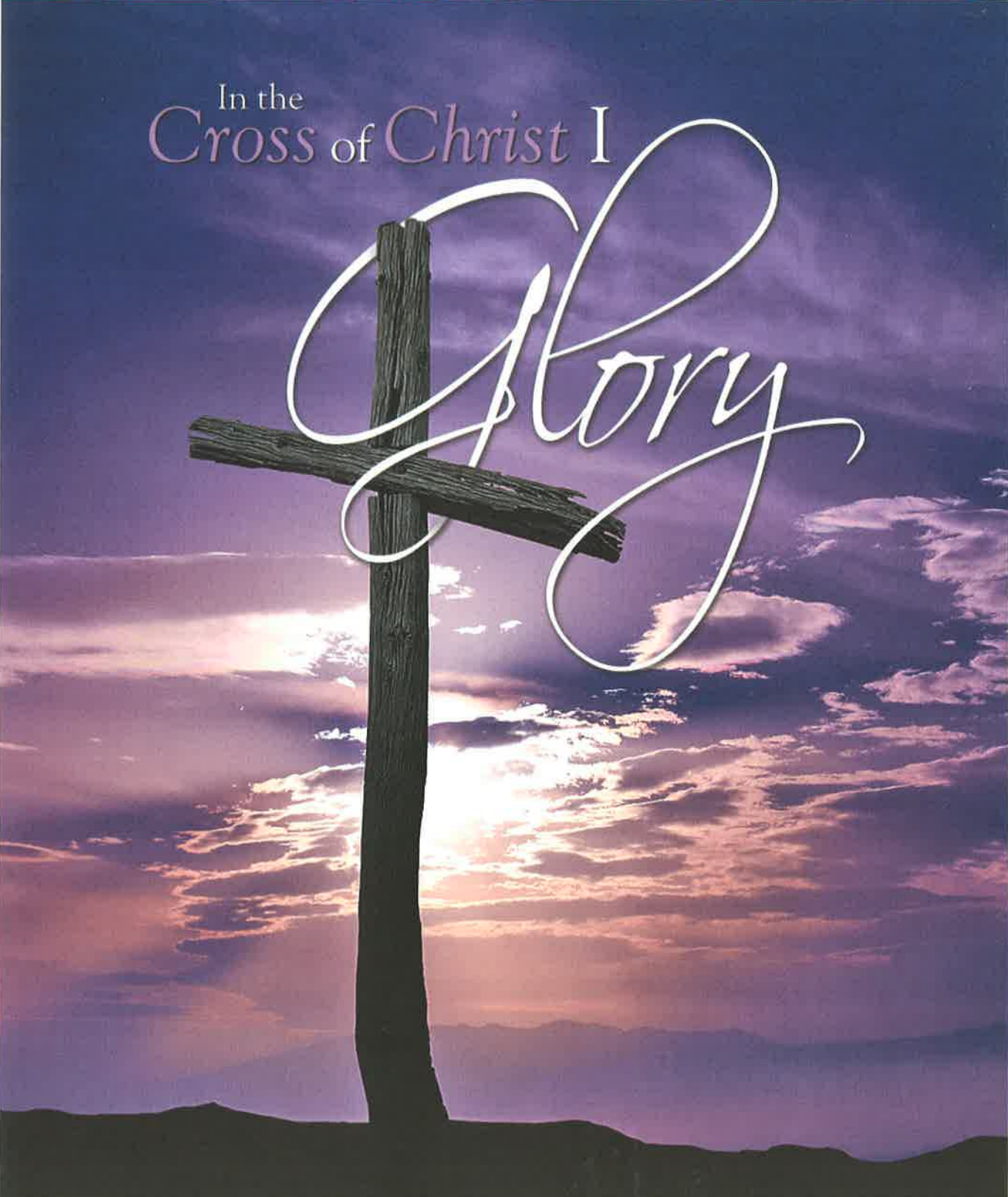


In the
Cross of Christ I

Glory



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Majesty*

Hayford

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

Loving God, giver of all light and life, you sent Jesus Christ into the world not to condemn, but to save. Help us to lift up the light of Christ so that the world might believe in him and receive the gift of eternal life; through Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Holley Holifield

Call to Worship – *(responsive)*

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in love.

The Lord of life is lifted up!

Let us look to him and live.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 624 – *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art (vs. 1-4)*

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. We grumble and complain when you have provided all we need. We continue to walk in darkness when you have given light to the world. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to trust in you so that we may not perish but may have eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
(time for silent confession)

- * Assurance of Pardon
- * The Congregation's Response: *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art (vs. 5)*

**Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children	Tommy Suttle
Prayer for Illumination	
First Reading – John 3:14-21	pew Bible pg. 864
The Word of the LORD.	Thanks be to God!
Anthem – <i>Prayer of the Norwegian Child</i>	Richard Kountz
Katie Buckner, solo	
Second Reading – Numbers 21:4-9	pew Bible pg.122
The Word of the LORD.	Thanks be to God!
Sermon – <i>Look and Live</i>	Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

- * Commissioning of Living Waters for the World Mission Team to El Salvador
- * 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 462 – *I Love to Tell the Story*

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 – *Be Thou My Vision*

Traditional Irish

- * 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 634 – *To God Be the Glory*

- * Charge and Benediction

- * Postlude – *A Mighty Fortress*

Luther



- * 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

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

PRAYERS FOR A SAFE MISSION JOURNEY

David Daves, Karen and Eric Reidenbach's trip to El Salvador with

Living Waters for the World, March 18-25

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

Save this date: Wednesday, May 2nd, will be the **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.

The March/April Today devotionals are in the narthex.

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

No Youth activities today. March 18, Youth and Children K-5 will meet at 5 p.m.

PW Circles 1 & 2 meet Tuesday, March 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 meet Wednesday after supper.



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 – poppy seed chicken, green beans, rolls, green salad, and dessert

Children – pizza

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

New Beginnings luncheon is March 19 at noon in Montague Hall. Everyone is invited to attend, but RSVPs are essential. Contact Tommy Suttle at tommy@wpchattiesburg.com

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

Church Workday will be March 17 starting at 9 a.m.

Men of the Church will be serving breakfast to all workers starting at 8:30.



Committee Meetings on March 18

Worship Committee at 11:30 in the generation room

Growing Spiritually Committee at 11:30 in the conference room

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

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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

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Howard Keever
Beth Richmond

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Janeil Harris
Butch Nobles
Susan Turner

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Judy Haydel
Sinclair Lundy
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Youth Representative
Sarah Beth Suttle

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