

Hosanna
in the



Highest!

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *March in G* Fletcher

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

God Most High, gracious and glorious, blessed is the one who comes in your name. Lead us now on the road to the cross. May we follow with faithfulness and joy, shouting hosanna in the highest heaven; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;

let the faithful come and worship God.

* Processional Hymn 196 – *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Young Disciples – *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

Michael Ginn, Director

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

(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 Katie Ginn

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading – Mark 1:1-11 pew Bible pg. 812

The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *All My Trials* Gwyneth Walker

Second Reading – Mark 15:1-39 pew Bible pg.828

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Sermon – *They Led Him Away* Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

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 223 – *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

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 – *Wondrous Love*

Wood

- * The Doxology – Hymn 606
- * Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn of Consecration – *A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd* (see below)
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude – *Proclamation for Palm Sunday* Branscombe

1. A cheer - ing, chant - ing, diz - zy crowd had
 2. They laid their gar - ments in the road and
 3. When day dimmed down to deep - ening dark the
 4. Lest we be fooled be - cause our hearts have
 5. In - stead of palms, a wind - ing sheet will

stripped the green trees bare, and hail - ing Christ as
 spread his path with palms and vows of last - ing
 crowd be - gan to fade till on - ly tram - pled
 surged with pass - ing praise, re - mind us, God, as
 have to be un - rolled, a car - pet much more

king a - loud, waved branch - es in the air.
 love be - stowed with roy - al hymns and psalms
 leaves and bark were left from the pa - rade.
 this week starts where Christ has fixed his gaze.
 fit to greet the king a cross will hold.



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Marilyn Bowen, Sam Dossett's sister – colon cancer

Margaret Buckley – recovering at home

Iola Cannedy – recovering from hand surgery

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

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 – recovering from surgery at home

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

Jean Lukowski, C'est La Vie owner – receiving 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

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 OF COMFORT

For the family and friends of Thad Hawkins, Jr., uncle of Elizabeth Suttle

For the family and friends of Rachel Owens, sister of Gene Owens



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.

Youth will meet at 5 p.m. today.

Brown Bag Bible Study meets Tuesday at noon. We will be studying II Kings 20.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, March 29, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

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



SPECIAL OFFERINGS
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural and human-caused disasters, food for the hungry and support for the poor and oppressed. See insert. Offering will be taken up next Sunday.

Holy Week Summary

Wednesday, March 28	No church supper or service.
Thursday, March 29	Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 p.m.
Friday, March 30	Good Friday Service at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 31	Brunch/Egg Hunt at 9:30 a.m.
Easter Sunday, April 1	Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Worship at 10:30 a.m.



YOUTH UPCOMING EVENTS

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



The Youth are **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**.

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell's installation will be Sunday, April 8, at 3 p.m. at Westminster. Please make plans to attend.

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

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