

This is  
the day  
which the

*L*ORD

hath  
made; we  
will rejoice  
and be  
glad in it

Psalm 118:24

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2017

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Three Pieces from 'The Sacred Harp'*

Hustad

*I. When I Can Read My Title Clear*

*II. Sweet Rivers of Redeeming Love*

*III. On Jordan's Stormy Banks*

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

**Lord, I'm in such a big hurry. It accomplishes so little and wears me out.**

Calm my jangled nerves, quiet my racing mind, and let me know deep down that you are my home. Amen

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Carolyn McLarnan

Call to Worship – Psalm 95:1-2 (*responsive*)

O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving singing joyful songs of praise.**

We will worship the Lord, our God.

\* Hymn of Praise 32 – *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession (*unison*) The Gelasian Sacramentary

**O God, who alone can order the unruly wills and affections of sinful people, grant unto your people that we may love the thing that you command and desire that which you do promise. That so among the many changes of the world, our hearts may surely be fixed where true joys are found in Jesus Christ our Lord.** (Time for silent reflection) Amen.

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* The Congregation's Response: 434 – *Restore in Us, O God* (vs. 1)



### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children

Living Waters of the World Team  
(Erik Graham, Karen & Eric Reidenbach)

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson – John 9:1-41

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The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *Consecrated*

Frank Pesci

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.  
Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.  
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite I would withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use every power as Thou shalt choose.  
Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.  
Take my heart, it is mine own; it shall be Thy throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be all for thee.

Sermon – *The One Thing to Know*

Rev. Dr. Mike Anderson

### GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\* Affirmation of Faith – from A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
Amen**

\* Hymn of Thanksgiving 450 – *Be Thou My Vision*

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 – *Meditation on a Southern Hymn Tune*

Paxton

\* The Doxology – Hymn 606

\* Prayer of Dedication

### **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn of Consecration 39 – *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

\* Charge and Benediction

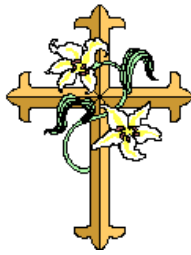
\* Choral Amen

\* Postlude – *March*

Walton

\* *Please join us after worship in Montague Hall for our annual fish fry.*





## PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

*Marilyn Bowen, Sam Dossett's sister – colon cancer*

*Janet Burke – recovering at home*

*Brandy Zachary Carter, friend of Nancy Johnson – inconclusive cancer scans*

*Noelle Carter, 1<sup>st</sup> grader at PCS – diagnosed with liver cancer in December,  
in Houston undergoing tests and receiving chemo*

*Becky Dahle, friend of Nancy Johnson – inflammation with side effects of medicine*

*Sam Dossett – prayers for strength and healing (no visitors at this time)*

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

*Col. Bryan Hernandez – deployed to Baghdad*

*Joe King, Susan Sanders' son – tests being done in Augusta, GA*

*Dixon Montague, Frank and Mary Montague's son – diagnosed with cancer*

*Pat Jefcoat, friend of Janet Burke – cancer of esophagus*

*Crystal Miller, friend of Nancy Johnson – successful heart and lung transplant*

*Joye Lee-McNelis, USM's head women's basketball coach – cancer and upcoming surgery*

*Cindy Nobles – prayers for strength and healing, started new treatment*

*Richard Potin – continued prayers during chemo*

*Ray Robinson III, Ray's son – diagnosed with diabetes*

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

*Janet Verno, daughter of Liz Myers – dealing with cancer*

## PRAYERS OF COMFORT

*For the family and friends of Alexis R. Harvey, brother of Arlandra Harvey*

*For the family and friends of Frank C. Whitesell*

<b>Annual Budget Amount</b>	<b>Giving Year to Date</b>	<b>Budget Year to Date</b>	<b>Previous Sunday's Gifts</b>
<b>\$456,500.00</b>	<b>\$78,117.00</b>	<b>\$100,626.00</b>	<b>\$3,527.00</b>



## 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 silence your cell phone during worship.



Everyone is invited to our annual Fish Fry immediately following the worship service today in the Montague Hall.

**No Youth** activities today.

**Brown Bag Bible Study** meets Tuesday at noon. We will be studying I Kings Chapter 16:29-17:24



Please join us for Wednesday night potluck this week at 5:30 p.m. Bring your favorite dish or dessert.

**Bible study** with Mike and Monnie entitled "Wind in the Wilderness", a Lenten study from the Prophets, that will meet in the sanctuary.

**Bible study** with Tommy based on the "I Am" statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. It will meet in Montague Hall.

**Children's Choir** at 6:15      **Youth & Children Activities** upstairs after supper.

**Chancel Choir** will meet at 7.

**Presbyterian Fellowship** (College Ministry) will meet at 7:30 upstairs.

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

## YOUTH UPCOMINGS

It is time to **purchase Easter lilies**. Look for a signup sheet in the narthex.

The Youth are **collecting small individually wrapped candy** (no chocolate) for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please give the candy to Amy or any youth.

Save this date: Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, is the **Annual Children & Youth Dessert/Casserole Auction**.



Fall more deeply in love with Jesus: attend Mississippi Presbyterian **Cursillo** Retreat #19 May 4-7 at **Camp Wesley Pines (Gallman, MS)**. It's uplifting, life-changing, and free. Consider this your personal invitation. For details, see Kathy Cain, Beth Richmond, or Dean and Mary Cromartie. You can apply online at [www.msprebyteriancursillo.com/](http://www.msprebyteriancursillo.com/). Please pray about this and do it!

**Church Workday** will be April 8 starting at 9 a.m.



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 2017**

Mac Forsyth  
Jeff Haydel  
Karen Reidenbach

#### **Class of 2018**

Gene Owens  
Michael Raggio  
Robin Roberts

#### **Class of 2019**

Althea Jerome  
J. T. Johnson  
Cindy Nobles

### **THE TRUSTEES**

Franklin Bryant      Gene Fair      Wally Gregg

### **THE DEACONS**

#### **Class of 2017**

Dan Davis  
Lisa Forsyth  
Larry Royals  
Dudley Westbrook

#### **Class of 2018**

Shane Brooks  
Kathy Cain  
Howard Keever  
Beth Richmond

#### **Class of 2019**

David Daves  
Janeil Harris  
Butch Nobles  
Susan Turner  
**Youth Representative**  
Drew Suttle

### **CHURCH STAFF**

Mike Anderson, Interim Pastor  
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Amy Ruff, Children/Youth/College Ministry  
**Jenny Maul, Children's Music Director**

Tommy Suttle, Director of Discipleship  
Sinclair Lundy, Financial Secretary  
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