



Alleluia!

*Christ
is Risen*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Paraphrase on a Chorus by Handel* Guilmant

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

Living God, through Jesus Christ you emptied the power of death and gave us the gift of life in fullness. We pray that this news would dry our tears and fill us with joy. May your Holy Spirit come to us now, to prepare us to be sent out to tell the good news of the gospel: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Amen.

Greeting and Announcements Wes Brooks

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Prelude – *Easter Fanfare* Wes Cameron

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Hear the good news! Do not be afraid.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us worship God.

*Processional Hymn 232 – *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You raised Jesus to new life, yet we hold onto former things. You offer salvation to all, yet we fail to share this good news. Forgive us, God of grace. By your Spirit, make us witnesses to the wonder of the empty tomb and the fullness of life you promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(time for silent confession)

*Assurance of Pardon

*The Congregation's Response: Hymn 581 – *Gloria Patri*

**Glorify 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

Alicia Westbrook

The children will bring forward their fish banks for One Great Hour of Sharing

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson – Isaiah 25:6-9

(pew Bible pg. 568)

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Hallelujah*

Handel

Second Lesson – Mark 16:1-8

(pew Bible pg. 829)

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Sermon – *Open Ended*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotnell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Communion Hymn 238 – *Thine Is the Glory*

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory – *I Will Sing of My Redeemer*

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THE EUCHARIST

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great 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.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy ... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of ever time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty ... Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us ... Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Hear us now as we pray as our Savior has taught.

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

Prayer After Communion (unison)

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. We have recalled your mighty acts in holy history. We have seen your power in sending light to conquer darkness, water to give us life, and the bread of heaven to nourish us in love. Send us with salvation and joy to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Consecration 268 – *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

*Charge and Blessing (responsive)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the power of his resurrection.

Alleluia!

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

Christ is risen!

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Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia, alleluia!

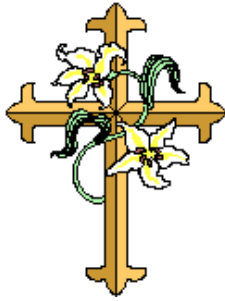
*Postlude – *Toccata on 'We Will Glorify'*

Bock



Guest musicians: LaDarrius Smothers
 Thomas Ly

Brandon Jenkins
Jenny Young



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

Rush McClinton, Jeanne Herring's nephew – in rehab after surgery

Crystal Miller, friend of Nancy Johnson – recovering from double lung & heart transplant

Cindy Nobles – undergoing treatment for the recurrence of cancer

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

Margaret Suttle – recovering at home

Patty Talbot, Ann Aldridge's sister – recovering from surgery and continued treatments



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.

No Youth activities today.

OFFICE CLOSED

The **Church Office** will be closed Monday, April 2.

PW Coordinating Team meets Tuesday, Apr. 3, at 9:30 a.m. in the generation room.

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



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. **The offering**

envelopes are in the bulletin.

Administration Team will meet at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in the conference room.



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 – pulled pork, baked beans, slaw, roll,

and dessert

Children – chicken strips and tater tots casserole

After supper activities:

Adults will meet with Tommy in the sanctuary for a devotion and singing.

Youth will meet upstairs in the youth room with Christopher.

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, April 5, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

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

It's time to stir up your favorite recipes for the **Dessert and Casserole Auction** on Wednesday, May 4, at 5:30 following pot luck supper.

Next Sunday, the **Diaconate** will meet at 11:45 and the **Session** will meet at 12:30.



Dessert Auction



***The Easter lilies
are placed in
our sanctuary this morning to the glory of God.***

In loving memory of

Bessie Anderson given by Beth Richmond
Mal and Sadie Anderson given by Beth Richmond
Bettye Arnold given by David Arnold
Ruth Black given by Tabitha & Michael Raggio
Susan Larsen Boerwinkle given by Jane & Grayson Rayborn
Dr. Stan Brooking given by Mary & Dean Cromartie
Mary and Tom Brooks given by Margaret & Michael Brooks
Bill and Margaret Boyd given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Brown given by Charles A. Brown
Mirneal C. Brown given by Charles A. Brown
Barbara Burns given by Debbie Hudson
Curtis Burns given by Debbie Hudson
"Monkey" Kimes Burns given by Nancy & J.T. Johnson
Clayton and Beverly Carr given by Sharon Potin
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Compton given by Charles A. Brown
Jane and Bill Cook given by Nancy & J.T. Johnson
Helen and A. D. Cromartie given by Mary & Dean Cromartie
Calvin Crotwell given by Alice & Christopher Crotwell
Nell and Bill Dishong given by Jane & Grayson Rayborn
Ian Fair given by Janet Bennett
Bill Franklin given by Tabitha & Michael Raggio
Maurice M. Forsyth given by Mac, Lisa, & Ellie Forsyth
Cindy Gonzales given by Tabitha & Michael Raggio
Cowen and Florence Gooch given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Blanche Gregg given by Mary Dayne & Wally Gregg
David and Florence Gruchy given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Frank Hagan given by Jane & Grayson Rayborn
John Hawkins, Jr. given by The Menefee Family
Ora Hawkins, Sr. given by The Menefee Family
Dr. Lynn Hartwig given by Mary & Dean Cromartie
Clifton Bennett Herring given by Jeanne Herring
Dr. Emmett Herring given by Jeanne Herring
James Earl Herrington given by Mac, Lisa, & Ellie Forsyth
Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Hodge given by Dr. and Mrs. John L. Turner IV and family
Roy and Sarah Hogrefe given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Cora and Pat Jeffery given by Mary & Dean Cromartie

Lita Gayle and O. H. Jerome given by Althea & Raoul Jerome
Ed Johnson given by Ann Johnson
Mary and Pope Johnson given by Nancy & J.T. Johnson
Linda Kuyrkendall given by Carrie, Jackson, Oliver, & Brodie Creel
Ed and Elizabeth Larsen given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Sandra Little given by Martha & Dan Davis
Dorothy and Mark McLarnan given by Keith & Carolyn McLarnan
“Seddy” Miller given by Holley & Jeremy Hollifield
Rose and Don Norris, Sr. given by Lola & Don Norris
Rachel Owens given by Generations Sunday School Class
Rachel Hill Owens given by Brenda & Gene Owens
Rachel and Wesley Owens given by Brenda & Gene Owens
David and Betsy Potin given by Sharon Potin
Richard Potin given by Sharon Potin
Richard Potin given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Joe Raggio given by Connie Raggio
Georgia and Grayson Rayborn, Sr. given by Jane & Grayson Rayborn
Terry Rayborn given by Jane & Grayson Rayborn
David and Mary Reid given by Keith & Carolyn McLarnan
Dr. David Reid given by Keith & Carolyn McLarnan
A.G. “Bud” Royals given by Larry Royals
Kay Salter given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Kay Salter Kever given by Lola & Don Norris
Delores and Ralph Schmidt given by Connie Raggio
Tom Suttle, Jr. given by Margaret Suttle
Althea and Kenneth Travis given by Althea and Raoul Jerome
Gene and Hoop Tucker given by Brenda & Gene Owens
Maurine and Graham Watts given by Margaret & Michael Brooks
Dr. Frank Whitesell given by Althea & Raoul Jerome
Dr. Frank Whitesell given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Margaret and Douglas Young given by Mary Clare Royals

In honor of

Josh, Eliza, Katherine and Mary Margaret Brooks given by Michael & Margaret Brooks
Wes, Shane, and Campbell Brooks given by Michael & Margaret Brooks
Pam and Sammy Dossett given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Mary Dayne Gregg given by Ellie Forsyth
Ann Johnson given by Ellie Forsyth
Ken Langnecker given by Peggy Langnecker
Jean Lincoln given by Ellie Forsyth
Connie and Robin Roberts given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Susan W. Sanders given by Claude Sanders
Mr. and Mrs. John L. Turner III given by Dr. and Mrs. John L. Turner IV and family
Our parents given by Alice & Christopher Crotwell

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