



Westminster Presbyterian Church

*So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new
creation—everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!”*

II Corinthians 5:17

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* Held

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

Living God, in Jesus Christ, who stands among us, we have seen the marks of your saving love. Breathe on us with the power of your Spirit and send us out to share the peace of Christ so that all the world may believe in him and receive the gift of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Call to Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Tommy Suttle

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

How very good and pleasant it is

when the people of God live in unity.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 245 – *Christ the Lord 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. We claim that we have no sin but you know the truth about us. We say that we have not seen you even when you stand among us now. Forgive us, God of grace. Breathe on us with your Spirit to set us free from doubt and sin, so that we may be at peace with you; 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

Michael Ginn

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading – 1 John 1:1-2:2

pew Bible pg. 989

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Hilariter*

Scott

Second Reading – John 20:19-31

pew Bible pg.883

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – *Reach Out Your Hand*

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 240 – *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

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 – *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*

Handel

* 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 239 – *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing*

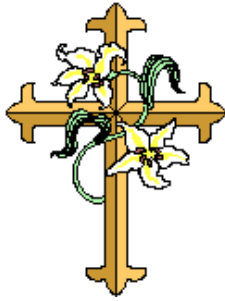
* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude – *This Joyful Eastertide*

Jordan



* 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

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

Stephanie Liddell, Geri Jones' daughter – employment and special prayers

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

congregational MEETING

The session has called for a congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, April 15.

The purpose of the meeting will be

- to hear a report from the church officer nominating committee
- to elect new officers

Trustee: Mary Cromartie

Session: David Arnold, Ginny Graham, Eric Reidenbach, plus Claude Sanders for Margaret Brooks' unexpired term

Diaconate: Chad Edmonson, Brandon Hayes, Rhoda Pickett, Beth Richmond

Youth representative to the Diaconate: Jackson Creel



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 the **Diaconate** meets at 11:45 and the **Session** meets at 12:30.

Youth will meet today after worship for lunch. Afterwards you will return to church to work on Youth Sunday.

PW Circles 1 & 2 meet Tuesday, April 10. **Circle 1** meets in the parlor at 9:30 a.m. and **Circle 2** meets at 7 p.m. in the generation room.



Brown Bag Bible Study meets Tuesday at noon. We will be studying II Kings 20:12-21.

The next **Wednesday night meal** will be May 2.

Growing Spiritually Committee will meet next Sunday at 11:30 a.m. in the conference room.

Choir will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday.



All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, April 12, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

Saturday, April 14, Men of the Church, will meet at 9 a.m. Come enjoy a hearty breakfast and hear Harry Hickman, a former pro baseball scout, talk baseball. All are invited.

It's time to stir up your favorite recipes for the **Dessert and Casserole Auction** on Wednesday, May 2, at 5:30 following supper.



Dessert Auction

New Beginnings will have its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 17. We will be going to Camp Shelby to tour the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum. We will carpool from the church at 9:30 a.m. You must have a valid picture ID to enter. After touring the museum, lunch will be at the officer's club. Cash and credit cards are accepted. Please let Tommy or Martha know if you are going by noon, Thursday the 12th. You must sign up to go.

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Christian Women and Men's Job Corp is having an indoor garage sale April 14 from 7:30 a.m. until. It will be at 38th Avenue Baptist Church in the fellowship hall.

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