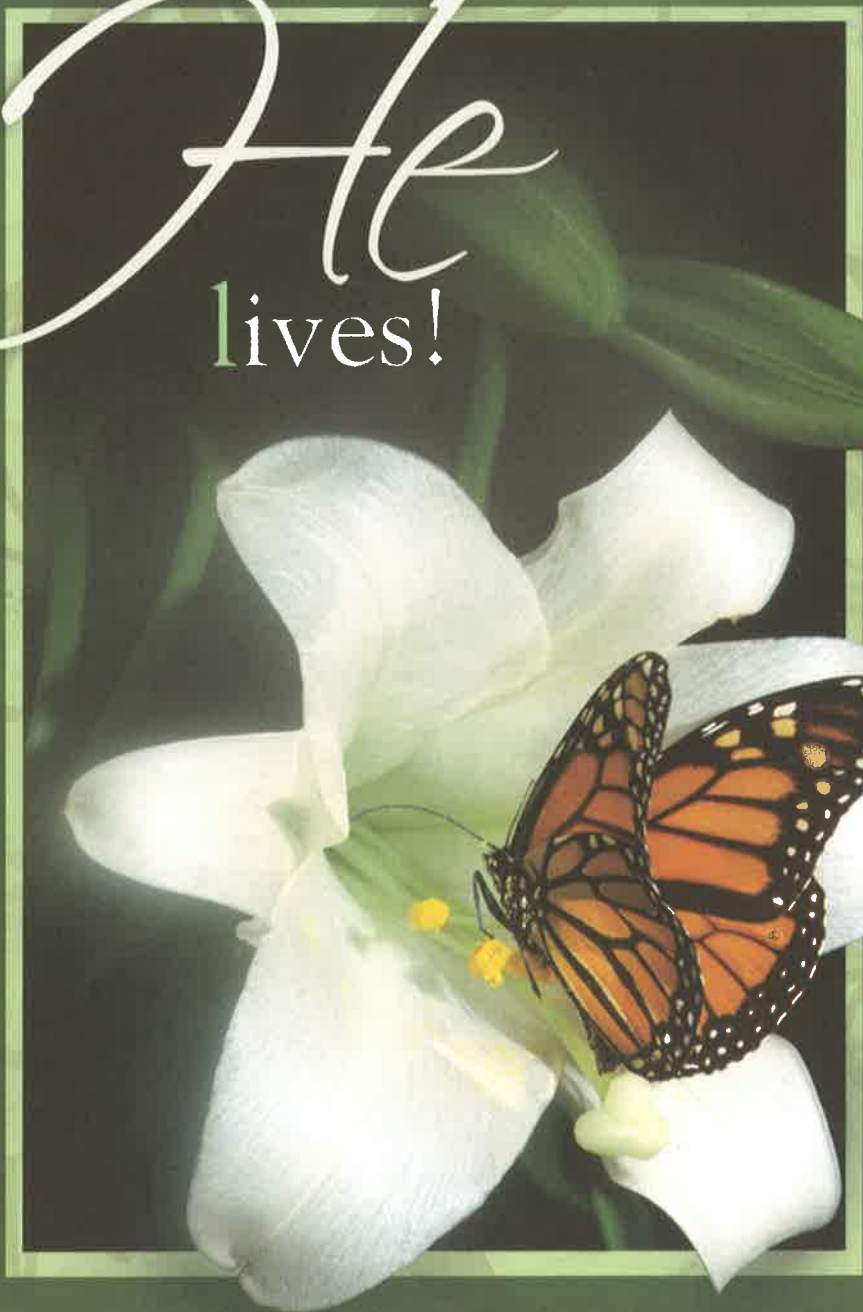


He
lives!



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Easter Sunday

April 16, 2017

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Festival Fanfare* Wolff

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

God of wonder, God of praise, the universe declares your majesty. And so do I.

Receive my gratitude, my awe, my praise, O Risen Lord. Amen.

Greeting and Announcements Monnie Anderson

Chiming of the Hour

Children's Choir – Three song Medley Jenny Maul, director

(*On This Happy Easter, Alive Alive, Jesus Christ is Risen Today*)

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Night is over, morning has broken!

Jesus Christ is Risen!

The stone that closed off death has been rolled away! Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen Indeed!

* Hymn of Praise 232 – *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession Gregory the Great (540-604)

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection has delivered us from the power of the enemy, grant us to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him, in the joy of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. (silent confession) Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

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

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children Tommy Suttle

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

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson – Colossians 3:1-4 (pew Bible pg. 957)

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Now, O Death, Where Is Thy Sting?* Lyrics: Joel Nagy Music: Russell Nagy

Now, O Death, where is thy sting? Where, O Death, thy victory?

The Son is risen and Death is driven away. Death is swallowed up today,
Swallowed up in victory! Victory! Victory!

This, this is our God. In Him we trusted, and in love He saved us;
Give glory to His name. His name. From this day praise Him forever:
Jesus Christ is risen! Jesus Christ is risen! Jesus Christ is risen today!

Now O Death, where is thy plague? Your destruction now, O Grave?
For God who ransoms, redeemed His captive today. Every tear He wipes away;
All disgrace He takes away. From this day! From this day! From this day!

This, this is our Lord, God's faithful witness. He is first born from the dead

Who rules the kings of earth. He who loves, He who has freed us:
Jesus Christ is risen! Jesus Christ is risen! Jesus Christ is risen today!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is our victory!

Second Lesson – Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20

(pew Bible pg. 811)

Sermon – *Easter and Beyond*

Rev. Dr. Mike Anderson

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Communion Hymn 238 – *Thine Is the Glory*

Tithes and Offerings

Call for the Offering

Offertory – *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

Choplin

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you,

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

**It is right to give God thanks and
praise.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. In the Word made flesh you lived among us, manifesting your glory. He died that we might live, and is risen to raise us to new life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and with all the faithful of every 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 he who comes in the name of the LORD. Hosanna in the highest!

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, whom you sent to save us. He came with healing in his touch, and was wounded for our sins. He came with mercy in his voice, and was mocked as one despised. He came with peace in his heart, and met with violence and death. By your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb, and at his command the gates of hell were opened. The one who was dead now lives. The one who humbled himself is raised to rule over all creation, the Lamb upon the throne. The one ascended on high is with us always, as he promised.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. 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 and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

Let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us:

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

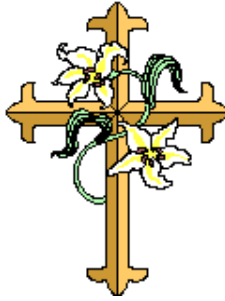
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 your 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 Benediction
- * Postlude – *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Mary Ariail – prayers for good surgical outcome

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, 1st grader at PCS – diagnosed with liver cancer in December, needs a liver transplant

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

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

Kimmie Medina Early, friend of Nancy Johnson – high-risk pregnancy

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

Col. Bryan Hernandez – deployed to Baghdad

Mrs. Paul McMullan – recuperating from surgery

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

Richard Potin – continued prayers during chemo

Ray Robinson – waiting on biopsy result

Ray Robinson III, Ray's son – good report

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

Margaret Suttle – resuming chemotherapy

Annual Budget Amount	Giving Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	Previous Week's Giving
\$456,500.00	\$117,283.11	\$125,537.51	\$13,858.14



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.

As a gift to Westminster, the Living Waters for the World Mission Team brought the **communion table cloth from El Salvador**. They hope that the beautifully hand embroidered cloth will serve as a reminder for each of us to pray for and support our three-year covenant relationship with the people of Mediagua.

Giving to **One Great Hour of Sharing** enables the Presbyterian Hunger Program to help transform lives and enrich communities. The offering envelopes are in the bulletin.



No Youth activities today.



The **Church Office** will be closed Monday, April 17.

New Beginnings next meeting will be May 15.

PW Prayer Ministry will meet Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Generation room.

Brown Bag Bible Study meets Tuesday at noon. We will be studying I Kings 18.

There will be **no Wednesday night activities** this week other than the **Choir** will meet at 7 p.m.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, April 20, at **6:30 a.m. at Shoney's**.

Living With Cancer meets Friday, April 21, at 1:30 p.m. in the Generation room.



A **crawfish boil will be on Saturday, April 22, at 3 p.m. at the Suttles' house** (59 Moss Lane, Petal). Children-friendly food will also be available. For questions, see Tommy.

There will be a **congregational meeting** Sunday, April 23, following worship to elect the class of 2020 officers.

There will be the **annual PW birthday luncheon** following the congregational meeting Sunday, April 23, in Montague Hall. All women are invited.

NEWSLETTER INFO IS DUE April 25 TO WES AT

wes@WPCHattiesburg.com



Save this date: Wednesday, May 3rd, **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/. Please pray about this.



***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
Bettye Arnold given by David Arnold
Susan Larsen Boerwinkle given by Jane & Grayson Rayborn
Dr. Stan Brooking given by Mary & Dean Cromartie
Mary Brooks given by Wes, Shane, & Campbell 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
Clayton and Beverly Carr given by Richard & Sharon Potin
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Compton given by Charles A. Brown
Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Cromartie given by Mary & Dean Cromartie
Kenner and Florence Day given by Robin & Connie Roberts
Nell and Bill Dishong given by Jane & Grayson Rayborn
Jim and Dot Eastburn given by Cindy & Butch Nobles
Maurice Forsyth given by Mac, Lisa, & Ellie Forsyth
Matthew Guice Freeman given by Jean Lincoln
Dennis Gregory Garraway given by Jimmy Garraway
Joy Garraway given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Joy Garraway given Jimmy Garraway
Cowen and Florence Gooch given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Alta L. Green given by Amy & Wilson Ruff
Blanche Gregg given by Mary Dayne & Wally Gregg
David and Florence Gruchy given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Charles E. Guice given by Jean Lincoln
Frank Hagan given by Jane & Grayson Rayborn
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
Peggy Howell given by Mac, Lisa, & Ellie Forsyth
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Jeffery given by Mary & Dean Cromartie
Ed Johnson given by Ann Johnson
Ken Langnecker given by Peggy Langnecker
Ed and Elizabeth Larsen given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Sandra Little given by Martha & Dan Davis
Robert and Margaret Lochhead given by Bob & Margaret Lochhead

Mary Lou MacDowell given by Robert MacDowell
Tom McKegney given by Connie & Robin Roberts
Dorothy and Mark McLarnan given by Keith & Carolyn McLarnan
John A. Menefee given by Jean Menefee
Louis Alsworth Munroe given by Jean Menefee
Rose and Don Norris, Sr. given by Lola & Don Norris
Rachel and Wesley Owens given by Brenda & Gene Owens
David and Betsy Potin given by Richard & Sharon Potin
Mrs. Geneva Rainey given by Richrd & Sharon Potin
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
Mark Richmond given by Beth Richmond
Alton and Margie Roberts given by Robin & Connie Roberts
Jacob W. Ruff given by Amy & Wilson Ruff
Mr. and Mrs. Wilson L. Ruff given by Amy & Wilson Ruff
Jervis and Rita Rule given by Bob & Margaret Lochhead
Kay Salter given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Kay Salter Kever given by Lola & Don Norris
Helen Short given by Althea & Raoul Jerome
Helen Short given by Robin & Connie Roberts
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Skaffer given by Bonnie Revicki
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Skaffer given by Nancy Auturino
Tom Suttle, Jr. given by Margaret Suttle
Gene and Hoop Tucker given by Brenda & Gene Owens
Dr. Frank Whitesell given by Mary & Dean Cromartie
Dr. Frank Whitesell given by Althea & Raoul Jerome
Dr. Frank Whitesell given by Lola & Don Norris
Dr. Frank Whitesell given by Robin & Connie Roberts
Margaret and Douglas Young given by Mary Clare Royals

In honor of

Michael and Margaret Brooks given by Wes, Shane, & Campbell Brooks
Wes and Shane Brooks given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Sam Dossett given by Tammie, Jody & Pam Dossett
Pam and Sammy Dossett given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Sam Dossett given by Wally & Mary Dayne Gregg
Hugh and Betty Garraway given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Randall and Janeil Harris given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Jeanne Herring given by Althea & Raoul Jerome
Ann Johnson given by Ellie Forsyth
Kirk and Kyle Langnecker given by Peggy Langnecker
Jean Lincoln given by Ellie Forsyth
Cindy Nobles given by Sarah Nobles & Mary Kathryn Edwards
Sharon and Richard Potin given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Steve and Ellen Ramp given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Robin and Connie Roberts given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Our Awesome Westminster family given by Kathy, Chloe and Tripp Cain

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 2017

Mac Forsyth
Jeff Haydel
Karen Reidenbach

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Michael Raggio
Robin Roberts

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J. T. Johnson
Cindy Nobles

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Beth Richmond

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Butch Nobles
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Youth Representative
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Connie Roberts, Chancel Choir Director
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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Wes Brooks, Communications
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