



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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Sheep May Safely Graze* Bach

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

Loving God, we are the sheep of your hand, the people of your pasture. You know us; we are yours. You call us; we listen for your voice. Protect us from false leaders and hired hands who would seek to snatch us from safety. Keep us in the security of your fold and unite us with your people in all the earth. By your Spirit, make us one flock, one people; through the one who laid down his life for us, Jesus Christ, the good shepherd. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Call to Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Margaret Brooks

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He lays down his life for his sheep.

Surely goodness and mercy are with us

and we will live in God's house forever.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 396 – *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. We speak of your great love but our own hearts condemn us. We express concern for the poor but our own actions betray us. Forgive us, God of grace. Good shepherd, restore our souls and lead us in right paths for your name's sake; 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 Christopher Crowell

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading – Psalm 23 pew Bible pg. 435

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

Anthem – *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Handel/Hopson

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need your tender care,
in your pleasant pastures feed us.*

*Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! You have bought us, we are yours.
Savior, like a shepherd lead us.*

We are your flock, your chosen flock; we are safe in your care,

O shepherd true, for you have loved us,

O shepherd, love us still,

Second Reading – John 10:11-18 pew Bible pg. 872

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

Sermon – *The Good Shepherd* Rev. Dr. Christopher Crowell

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 803 – *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

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 – *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

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- * 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 804 – *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* (vs. 1-4)

- * Charge and Benediction

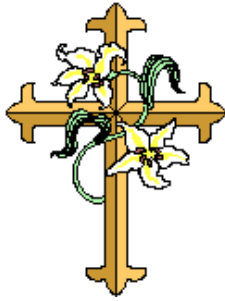
- * Congregational Benediction: *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* (vs. 5)

**Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

- * Postlude – *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Bish





PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Marilyn Bowen, Sam Dossett's sister – colon cancer

Margaret Buckley – recovering at home

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

Sarah Ellena, daughter of Martha Ann and Charles Hogrefe – recovery from alcohol addiction

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

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 – receiving treatments

PRAYERS OF COMFORT

Prayers for the family and friends of Catherine Canady Parker, 101 years of age, died April 16.

Grandmother of Catherine Edmondson

Fall more deeply in love with Jesus: attend Mississippi Presbyterian **Cursillo** Retreat at Camp Wesley Pines (Gallman, MS) May 3-6. It's uplifting, life-changing, and free. Consider this your personal invitation. For details, see David Arnold, Beth Richmond or Dean and Mary Cromartie. You can apply online at www.mspsbyteriancursillo.com



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 and Children will meet today at 5 p.m. to work on Youth Sunday.

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

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

Choir will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, April 26, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

Please



NEWSLETTER INFO for May is due April 24.
email wes@WPCHattiesburg.com.

Margaret Lochhead is seeking volunteers to fill **Breadbasket applications** for May 1. A signup sheet is on a narthex table.



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

Youth Sunday will be Sunday, April 29, during worship. Please make plans to attend.

If you wish to place fresh flowers in the sanctuary in honor or memory of someone or for a special occasion, please contact Martha Davis at the church office to reserve a date.



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

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