



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

Youth Sunday

April 29, 2018

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Prelude in C Minor*

Bach

Scherzo in E Minor

Mendelssohn

Jackson Creel, pianist

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

God of the glorious garden, giver of grace, apart from your Word we can do nothing. Cultivate in us a sense of connection in Christ. Prune our excess and help us to grow in faith so that we may bear good fruit for the world; through Jesus Christ, the true vine. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Meredith Suttle

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

Parker Graham

All the families of the nations shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him praise the Lord.

May our hearts live forever! Let us worship God!

* Hymn of Praise 757 – *Today We are Called to Be Disciples*

* Call to Confession

Drew Suttle

* Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Dear God, our Lord, who created us and loves us. You ask us to bear fruit and abide in you, but we do not. We idolize our things. We steal from one another. We are rude to one another and we bring other people down. We are sorry. Please forgive us. Help us to live as you would want. Hear us now as we silently confess our sin. (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

Young Disciples

Michael Ginn, Director

*Piece Like a River
As the Deer*

Time with Children

Miriam Crotwell, Drew Suttle, Sarah Beth Suttle

Prayer for Illumination

Miriam Crotwell

First Reading – Isaiah 5:1-7

pew Bible pg. 552

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Lift High the Cross*

Cindy Berry

Jackson Creel, pianist

Second Reading – John 15:1-8

pew Bible pg. 878

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – *A Vine, A Branch, and A Little Red Truck*

Ellie Forsyth

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Affirmation of Faith: (*unison*) The Apostles' Creed Campbell Brooks

**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 729 – *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Oliver Creel

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 – *Prelude (Novelette in Fourths)*

Gershwin

Jackson Creel, pianist

- * 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

Gregg Graham

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn of Consecration 625 – *O Lord My God*

- * Charge

Miriam Crotwell, Drew Suttle, Sarah Beth Suttle

- * Blessing

Ellie Forsyth

- * Postlude – *The All-American Hometown Band*

Walter and Carol Noona

Brody and Jackson Creel, pianists



*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

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

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 not meet today.

The May/June *Today* devotionals are in the narthex.

PW Coordinating Team meets Tuesday, May 1, at 9:30 a.m. in the generation room.

Brown Bag Bible Study meets Tuesday at noon. We will be studying II Kings 22.

Choir will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

All Men of the Church are invited to meet Thursday, May 3, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.



Join us Wednesday, May 2, at 5:30 for hamburgers and hotdogs followed by the youth dessert auction.



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

Committee Meetings

May 6

Inviting Committee at 8:30 a.m. in the conference room

Property Committee at 11:45 a.m. in the generation room

May 9

Administration Committee at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room

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.



We will celebrate the sacrament of the **Lord's Supper** next Sunday. During the coming week, prepare yourself through prayer and scripture reading to receive the grace our Lord offers to you at his table. Communion Sundays are also **Breadbasket Sundays** – a time when you are encouraged to make contributions for the Breadbasket ministry.

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