



# 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

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Holy, Holy, Holy* Dykes

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

Thou has given so much to me. Give one thing more – a grateful heart. Amen

George Herbert, Anglican priest and poet 1593-1633

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements Bob Buckner

Call to Worship – from Psalm 125 (*responsive*)

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

**As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people both now and forevermore. Amen.**

Let's worship the Lord, our God.

\* Hymn of Praise 15 – *All Creatures of Our God and King* (vs. 1-5)

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession (*unison*) Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18,

**Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.**

(Time of silent reflection) Amen

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* The Congregation's Response 15 – *All Creatures of Our God and King* (vs. 6)

**O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!**

**Sing praises! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children

Monnie Anderson

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson – Psalm 23

pew Bible pg. 435

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

arr. by Virgil Thomson

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name.

In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.

He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways.

**He leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.**

When I walk through the shades of death Thy presence is my stay.

One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.

Thy hand, insight of all my foes doth still my table spread.

My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days.

O may thy house be my abode and all my work be praise.

There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come.

No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

Second Lesson – John 10:1-10

pew Bible pg. 872

Sermon – *The Good Shepherd*

Rev. Dr. Mike Anderson

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\* Communion Hymn 801 – *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

Tithes and Offerings

Call for the Offering

Offertory – *Give Thanks*

Smith

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O God our creator and redeemer. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You formed us in your image to love and serve you, but we forgot your promises and abandoned your commandments. In your mercy, you did not reject us but still claimed us as your own. When we were slaves in Egypt you freed us and led

us through the waters of the sea. You fed us with heavenly food in the wilderness, and satisfied our thirst from desert springs. On the holy mountain you gave us your law to guide us in your way. Through the waters of Jordan you led us into the land of your promise, and you sustained us in times of trial. You spoke through prophets calling us to turn from our willful ways to new obedience and righteousness.

You sent your only Son to be the way to eternal life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of 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. He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. He shared our life in every way, and though tempted, was sinless to the end. Baptized as your own, he went willingly to his death and by your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

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. Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

## **UNISON PRAYER**

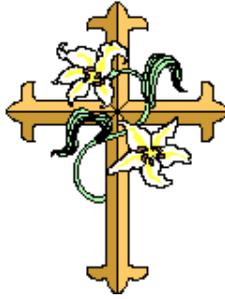
**Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ, and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in 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. Amen.**

## **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

- \* Hymn of Consecration 720 – *Jesus Calls Us*
- \* Charge and Benediction
- \* Postlude – *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Luther





## PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

*Marilyn Bowen, Sam Dossett's sister – colon cancer*

*Jack Burke – at home dealing with health issues*

*Brandy Zachary Carter, friend of Nancy Johnson – inconclusive cancer scans*

*Noelle Carter, 1<sup>st</sup> grader at PCS – diagnosed with liver cancer in December,  
received a liver transplant*

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

*Sam Dossett – at home*

*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*

*Daniel Jussely, Jeanne Herring's grandson – recovering from fall*

*Mrs. Paul McMullan – recuperating from surgery*

*Dixon Montague, Frank and Mary Montague's son – diagnosed with cancer*

*Harry Mueller, Kristen Mueller's husband – at Merit Health Wesley*

*Pat Jefcoat, friend of Janet Burke – in remission*

*Joye Lee-McNelis, USM's head women's basketball coach – cancer and upcoming surgery*

*Richard Potin – continued prayers during chemo*

*James Reid, Carolyn McLarnan's brother – in hospital with 2 spine fractures*

*Ray Robinson III, Ray's son – diabetes*

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

*Margaret Suttle – resuming chemotherapy*

*Helen Short's service will be Saturday, May 13, at 3 p.m.*

<b>Annual Budget Amount</b>	<b>Giving Year to Date</b>	<b>Budget Year to Date</b>	<b>Previous Week's Giving</b>
<b>\$456,500.00</b>	<b>\$128,319.33</b>	<b>\$152,166.68</b>	<b>\$3,924.55</b>



## 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.

Communion Sundays are also **Breadbasket Sundays** – a time when you are encouraged to make contributions to the Breadbasket ministry. Envelopes are found in the pews or put Breadbasket on the memo line of checks.



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

Today the **Diaconate** will meet at 11:30 and the **Session** will meet at 12:30.



**Today from 4-6 p.m.**  
**Suttle's house**  
(59 Moss Lane, Petal).



**PW Circles 1 & 2** meet Tuesday, May 9. **Circle 1** meets in the parlor at 9:30 a.m. and **Circle 2** meets at 6 p.m. at the church for potluck. Circle 3 meets Wednesday, May 10, at 6 p.m. in Montague Hall.

**Brown Bag Bible Study** meets Tuesday at noon. We will be studying I Kings 19.

**Choir** will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, May 11, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.



**Men of the Church** meet Saturday, May 13, at 8:00 a.m. in Montague Hall. Bring a hearty appetite.



Margaret Lochhead is seeking volunteers to fill **Breadbasket applications** for May 9-12. Easy step-by-step instructions are available. A signup sheet is on the narthex cabinet.

Everyone is invited to attend the **Hattiesburg Civic Light Opera production of CAMELOT** at the Mannoni Performing Arts Center on the USM Campus at 2:00 p.m. today. Tickets can be bought at the door. Choir members **Brandon Hayes** has the role of Lancelot and **Bob MacDowell** is Merlyn the Magician.

**Today we honor Catherine Elisabeth Raggio**, valedictorian at Presbyterian Christian School. Catherine has been accepted into the Ogden Honors College at Louisiana State University, where she will study science.

**Spring Concert today** at 3 p.m. in our sanctuary. The Pinebelt children's chorus will perform. See bulletin board for more information.

**New Beginnings** will have its monthly luncheon on Monday, May 15, at noon in Montague Hall. Everyone is invited to attend, so **RSVPs are essential**. Please contact Tommy Suttle (601-408-2589 or tommy@wpchattiesburg.com) if you plan to attend.

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.

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### **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

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#### **THE SESSION**

##### **Class of 2017**

Mac Forsyth  
Jeff Haydel  
Karen Reidenbach

##### **Class of 2018**

Gene Owens  
Michael Raggio  
Robin Roberts

##### **Class of 2019**

Althea Jerome  
J. T. Johnson  
Cindy Nobles

#### **THE TRUSTEES**

Franklin Bryant      Gene Fair      Wally Gregg

#### **THE DEACONS**

##### **Class of 2017**

Dan Davis  
Lisa Forsyth  
Larry Royals  
Dudley Westbrook

##### **Class of 2018**

Shane Brooks  
Kathy Cain  
Howard Keever  
Beth Richmond

##### **Class of 2019**

David Daves  
Janeil Harris  
Butch Nobles  
Susan Turner  
**Youth Representative**  
Drew Suttle

#### **CHURCH STAFF**

Mike Anderson, Interim Pastor  
Martha Davis, Church Administrator  
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  
Randall Harris, Organist  
Wes Brooks, Communications  
Ray Robinson, Sexton