



# 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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – Partita on *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* Hobby

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

Holy Lord, as we enter into worship this morning, we remember how you prayed that your disciples would be one with you and with each other.

Center me in your Spirit this morning so that I might strive for that goal.

May the whole of my life be caught in yours. May the very love you give to me be reflected outward to those around me. With you and with your people, may I be one. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Ellie Forsyth

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

Happy are those who delight in the law of the Lord.

**They are like trees planted by streams of water.**

They yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

**In all that they do, they prosper.**

Let us worship God.

\* Hymn of Praise 263 – *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Blessed Savior, you have prayed that we might be one with you and with one another. Even now your Spirit goes out with the goal of bringing such unity into reality, but we are not willing. We shut ourselves away from each other and willingly self-segregate. We see differences as burdensome and diversity as a threat. In so doing, we do not see as you see. We do not love as you love. Forgive us again, Holy God. Please breathe your Spirit into this world and into our hearts once more. Intercede in the place that is too deep for words**

**and help us discover in new ways the common threads of our existence: that we are all broken, that we are all precious in your eyes, and that we are all children of your own making. Hear us now as we continue our confession in silence.**

\* 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 Crotwell

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading – 1 John 5:9-13

pew Bible pg. 991

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *God is Gone Up*

Gerald Finzi/words by Edward Taylor

God is gone up with a triumphant shout:

The Lord with sounding trumpets' melodies: sing praise,

Sing praises out, unto our King sing praise seraphic wise!

Lift up your heads, ye lasting doors, they sing,

And let the King of Glory enter in.

Me thinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly,

in flakes of glory down him to attend,

and hear heart cramping notes of melody surround his chariot as it did ascend;

Mixing their music, making every string more to enravish

as they this tune sing.

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Second Reading – John 17:6-19

pew Bible pg. 879

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – *So That They May Be One*

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 847 – *Our Hope, Our Life*

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 – *Allegro*

Corelli

- \* 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 295 – *Go to the World!*

- \* Charge and Benediction

- \* Postlude – *Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal*

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\*Please stand at the \* as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold**.



## **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*

*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*

*James Reid, Carolyn McLarnan's brother – motor neuron disease or ALS*

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

*Margaret Suttle*

*Patty Talbot, Ann Aldridge's sister – receiving treatments*



## 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** will meet at 11:45 and the **Session** will meet at 12:30.

**The Youth** will not meet today.

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

**PW Prayer Ministry** will meet Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the generation room. If you would like to include someone on the prayer list, please fill out a card found on the back of the pew and place in the offering plate.

**Brown Bag Bible Study** meets Tuesday at noon. We will be studying II Kings 22-23.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, May 17, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

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

### Committee Meeting

**May 20**

Growing Spiritually at 11:30 a.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.



**The children, youth and their parents** are invited to an end of the year celebration at the Suttle's house Sunday, May 20th, from 4:30 until 6:30.

Be sure to bring a swimsuit and a towel! Also, bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. Burgers, dogs, and drinks will be provided!

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 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