



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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Barnby

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

O God, speak to me so clearly this morning that my doubts and questions find **grace and truth in you. In Jesus' name. Amen**

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Holley Johnson Holifield

Call to Worship – Psalm 31, selected verses (*responsive*)

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

O how abundant is your goodness that you have laid up for those who fear you, and accomplished for those who take refuge in you!

Love the Lord, all you his saints. The Lord preserves the faithful, but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.

Come, let us worship the Lord, our God!

- * Hymn of Praise 645 – *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*
- * Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. You sent Him not just to show us the way, but to *be* the way. Forgive us for turning aside and failing to follow Him. We know the way, but we hesitate to follow. We seek less demanding ways, easier ways – ways that allow us to stay in control. We confess that our goal is to be comfortable and happy. Forgive us, Father. Transform us so that we will trust and obey you. Forgive these sins we have named and those we name now in silence

* Assurance of Pardon

* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri*

Hymn 581

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children

Mike Anderson

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson – I Peter 2:2-10

pew Bible pg. 984

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Let Not Your Heart be Troubled*

Mark Dickey

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you.

I go to prepare a place for you,

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Second Lesson – John 14:1-7

pew Bible pg. 877

Sermon – *The Way*

Tommy Suttle, Director of Discipleship

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (*unison*)

(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 724 – *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

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 – *People Need the Lord*

McHugh

- * The Doxology – Hymn 606
- * Prayer of Dedication

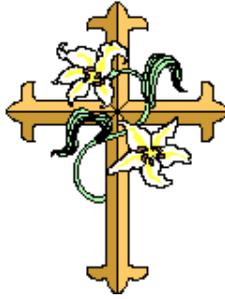
GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn of Consecration 546 – *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude – *I Sing The Mighty Power of God*

Watts



- * 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

Mary Ariail – upcoming surgery
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, 1st 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
Kimie 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
Pat Jefcoat, friend of Janet Burke – in remission
Joye Lee-McNelis, USM's head women's basketball coach – successful surgery
Richard Potin – continued prayers during chemo
James Reid, Carolyn McLarnan's brother – at home, total bed rest
Ray Robinson III, Ray's son – diabetes
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	\$143,641.83	\$160,756.74	\$15,322.50



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.

The May/June Today devotionals are in the narthex.

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.

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 19.

Choir will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, May 18, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

Living With Cancer meets Friday, May 19, at 1:30 p.m. in the Generation room.

Family Vacation Bible School June 4-6

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 4	10:30 a.m.	Morning Worship / VBS Kickoff Lynn Miller preaches
	5:30 p.m.	Supper for everyone
	6:00 p.m.	Adults meet with Lynn Miller in Montague Hall Children activities and lesson upstairs in Children's Suite Youth activities and study upstairs in Youth Suite
	7:30 p.m.	Dismiss
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Monday, June 5	12:00 p.m.	Luncheon / Lynn Miller, speaker
	1:00 p.m.	Dismiss
	5:30 p.m.	Supper for everyone
	6:00 p.m.	Adults meet with Lynn Miller in Montague Hall Children activities and lesson upstairs in Children's Suite Youth activities and study upstairs in Youth Suite
	7:30 p.m.	Dismiss
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Tuesday, June 6	12:00 p.m.	Luncheon / Lynn Miller, speaker
	1:00 p.m.	Dismiss
	5:30 p.m.	Supper for everyone
	6:00 p.m.	Adults meet with Lynn Miller in Montague Hall Children activities and lesson upstairs in Children's Suite Youth activities and study upstairs in Youth Suite
	7:30 p.m.	Dismiss

BBQ JAM June 10 from 11:00 until 2:00. Fellowship, Food, and Music

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

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