



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

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 3, 2018

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – Three Baroque Chorale Preludes

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| I. | <i>A Mighty Fortress is Our God</i> | Pachelbel |
| II. | <i>In Thee, Lord, Have I Put My Trust</i> | J.C. Bach |
| III. | <i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i> | Walther |

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

Holy God, as we enter into worship today, keep our focus upon you. Quiet in us the voices that distract. Make clear both your voice and your call for our life. We know that we are yours and we have come to worship you alone, blessed Savior. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Wes Brooks

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God made the sabbath as a gift for us,

and Jesus Christ is Lord of the sabbath.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise – *You Are Before Me, Lord* (*see insert*)

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession – (*unison*)

Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory.

You call us to love and serve you, but we do not heed your voice.

You offer us restoration in Christ, but we turn away from your

good gifts. Forgive us, God of grace. Reveal the treasure of

heavenly life hidden in our fragile human hearts, so that your love

may shine in us; 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

Tommy Suttle

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson – 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

pew Bible pg. 939

Anthem – *He Comes to Us as One Unknown*

arr. Burkhardt

He comes to us as one unknown, a breath unseen, unheard;
As though within a heart of stone, or shriveled seed in darkness sown,
A pulse of being stirred.

He comes when souls in silence lie and thoughts of day depart;
Half seen upon thee inward eye, a falling star across the sky
Of night within the heart.

He comes to us in sound of seas, the ocean's fume and foam;
Yet small and still upon the breeze, a wind that stirs the tops of trees,
A voice to call us home.

He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and birth;
To bear within our mortal frame a life, a death, a saving name
For every child of earth.

He comes in truth when faith is grown; believed, obeyed, adored:
The Christ in all the scriptures shown, unseen, yet known,
Our Savior and our Lord.

Second Lesson – 1 Samuel 3:1-20

pew Bible pg. 215

Sermon – *Your Servant is Listening*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Communion Hymn 69 – *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory – *Adagio in Classic Style*

Hegarty

THE EUCHARIST

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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 our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy ... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty ... 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.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us ... Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Hear us now as we pray as our Savior has taught.

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.

The Words of Institution

The Communion

Prayer After Communion (unison)

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. We have recalled your mighty acts in holy history. We have seen your power in sending light to conquer darkness, water to give us life, and the bread of heaven to nourish us in love. Send us with salvation and joy to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn of Consecration 12 – *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude–*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

Cherwien



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

You Are Before Me

1. You are be - fore me, Lord, you are be - hind,
2. Then from your Spir - it where, Lord, shall I go;
3. If I should take my flight in - to the dawn,
4. If I should say, "Let dark - ness cov - er me,
5. Search me, O God; search me and know my heart;

and o - ver me you have spread out your hand;
and from your pres - ence where, Lord, shall I fly?
if I should dwell on o - cean's far - thest shore,
and I shall hide with - in the veil of night,"
try me, O God; my mind and spir - it try;

such knowl - edge is too won - der - ful for me,
If I as - cend to heav - en you are there,
your might - y hand will rest up - on me still,
sure - ly the dark - ness is not dark to you:
keep me from an - y path that gives you pain,

too high to grasp, too great to un - der - stand.
and still are with me if in hell I lie.
and your right hand will guard me ev - er - more.
the night is as the day, the dark - ness light.
and lead me in the ev - er - last - ing way.



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

Jan Mesrobian – recovering from 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

Lavon Smith – recovering from surgery

Margaret Suttle – continued prayers

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.

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.



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, June 7, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

Choir will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.



Vacation Bible School — Ride the River!

June 17-19 5:30-7:30 p.m.

For all ages — Bible Study — Crafts — ~~Worship~~ Food



The Property Committee will meet at 11:45 today after worship in the generation room.

Next Sunday, the **Diaconate** will meet at 11:45 and the **Session** will meet at 12:30.

GIVE BLOOD

Westminster will host a **blood drive** in Montague Hall
Saturday, June 16, from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Summer Trips

StudentLife4Kids Camp—Join the Rescue!
Today—Pre-trip meeting after worship
for parents and kids attending
the camp in the conference
room. (across from office)
June 25-28—Camp at Louisiana College

Montreat Youth Conference—Lift Every Voice
June 24—5:00 p.m.—Pre-trip meeting for
parents and youth attending conference
in Montague Hall.
July 8-14—Montreat Conference Center in
Black Mountain, NC

Papa John's Pizza in Oak Grove and Hattiesburg is doing a **fundraiser for Breadbasket in June**. Only online sales for the special of the month will be donated. www.papajohns.com

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 2019

Althea Jerome
J. T. Johnson
Cindy Nobles

Class of 2020

Claude Sanders
Dean Cromartie
Kathryn Cummings

Class of 2021

David Arnold
Ginny Graham
Eric Reidenbach

THE TRUSTEES

Franklin Bryant Mary Cromartie Wally Gregg

THE DEACONS

Class of 2019

David Daves
Janeil Harris
Butch Nobles
Susan Turner

Class of 2020

Katie Ginn
Judy Haydel
Sinclair Lundy
Robert Lochhead

Class of 2021

Chad Edmonson
Brandon Hayes
Rhoda Pickett
Beth Richmond
Jackson Creel

Youth Representative

CHURCH STAFF

Christopher Crotwell, Minister
Sinclair Lundy, Financial Secretary
Randall Harris, Organist
Director Wes Brooks, Communications

Tommy Suttle, Director of Discipleship
Martha Davis, Church Administrator
Connie Roberts, Chancel Choir
Michael Ginn, Children's Music Director

Ray Robinson, Sexton