



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

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 17, 2018

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Choral*

Jongen

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

Holy One, source of life and goodness, you scatter the seeds of new creation throughout all the earth. Let your Word take root and grow in us, so that, in the fullness of time, the very least of your creatures may reveal the greatness of your holy realm; through Jesus Christ, teacher of wisdom. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Dan Davis

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

The kingdom of God is like a tiny mustard seed;

it grows into a great plant with many branches.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 370 – *This Is My Father's World*

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

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

We judge by outward appearances, but you see what is in our

hearts. We look down on small things, but you know how they will

grow. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to live by faith, trusting in

the vision of your word and the promise of a new creation; 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Charlie David Maul

Presentation

Ruling Elder Margaret Brooks

Confession of Faith

* Affirmation of Faith: (*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

Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Welcome

Baptismal Hymn 488 – *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson – 2 Corinthians 5:6-17 (pew Bible pg. 939)

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Children of the Heavenly Father*

arr. Donald Rotermund

Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge ever was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

Praise the Lord in joyful numbers; your Protector never slumbers.
At the will of your Defender every foe man must surrender.

Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children never forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

Second Lesson – Mark 4:26-34

(pew Bible pg. 815)

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – *With What Can We Compare the Kingdom of God?*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

- * Hymn of Thanksgiving 684 – *Faith Begins by Letting Go*

Prayers of the People

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.

Call for the Offering

Offertory – *Sarabande*

Grieg

- * 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 297 – *In Christ Called to Baptize*

- * Charge and Benediction

- * Postlude – *Fughetta and Finale on HYMN TO JOY*

Barr



- * 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

Kinlock Bell – home and is doing well

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

Margaret Suttle – continued prayers

Patty Talbot, Ann Aldridge's sister – receiving treatments

PRAYERS OF COMFORT

For the family and friends of Mark Wade II aka Pap, Kinlock Bell's brother

The flowers today are in memory of Roscoe S. Pickett, Rhoda Pickett's father, and in recognition of Father's Day.



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.

Brown Bag Bible Study meets Tuesday at noon. We will be studying II Kings 25.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, June 21, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

No Wednesday activities this week.



Vacation Bible School — Ride the River!

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

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



Summer Trips

StudentLife4Kids Camp—Join the Rescue!

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

New Beginnings monthly luncheon is tomorrow at noon in Montague Hall. Everyone is invited to attend, so RSVPs are essential. Please contact Tommy Suttle at tommy@wpchattiesburg.com. Mary Abraham will be our guest speaker.

Margaret Lochhead is seeking volunteers to fill **Breadbasket applications** for July 2-6. A signup sheet is on a narthex table.

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.



The **Red, Hot and Blue celebration** follows worship July 1. Come join us for great food and fellowship. A signup sheet for desserts is on the narthex cabinet.



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