



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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 9, 2017

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Sortie (Psalm 68:25)*

Whitlock

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

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised! As is thy name, O God, so is thy praise to the ends the earth; thy right hand is full of righteousness. (From Psalm 48)

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Mike Anderson

Call to Worship – from Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all peoples; shout to God with the voice of joy.

For the Lord Most High is to be feared, a great King over all the earth.

God has ascended with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises to our King; for God is the king of all the earth.

Come let us worship the Lord God, our King!

- * Hymn of Praise 415 – *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*
- * Call to Confession
- * Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God we have made so many mistakes and we have strayed from your ways just like lost sheep. We have become slaves to our own hearts and have followed selfish desires. We continually fail to do what is right. But you, O Lord, are merciful and kind. Please spare us from your wrath, pardon our sins, and restore us to fellowship with you. Dear God, forgive these sins that we have named, and the sins we name now in silence . .

(Time of silent reflection) Amen

- * Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man whose sin in the Lord will never count against him.

The wages of sin is death,

But the gift from God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord!

Friends, God loved us so much that he sent his only Son to pay the penalty for our sins. That is the message of the gospel; our sins are forgiven because of Jesus and our **Father's** love for us!

Alleluia!

- * The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri* Hymn 581

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children Katie Ginn

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson – Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 pew Bible pg. 17

The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *Uni Caritas* Greg Gilpin

Althea Jerome, Cala Raborn, and Connie Roberts

Where charity and love are, there is God.
Let us rejoice and be glad in him.

Second Lesson – Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 pew Bible pg. 792

Sermon – *Are You Going to Pick Up Your Ball and Go Home?*

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 182 – *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

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 – *He Shall Feed His Flock*

Handel

* The Doxology – Hymn 606

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn of Consecration 310 – *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude – *Trumpet Tune in G*

Rowan



* 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

Erin Blanchard, Michael Raggio's goddaughter – recovery

Marilyn Bowen, Sam Dossett's sister – colon cancer

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, needs a transfusion

*Becky Dahle, friend of Nancy Johnson – inflammation with side effects of medicine
Sam Dossett – at home*

Jimmy Garraway – at home, mild stroke

Sandy Hendrix, friend of Gene Fair – on hospice

Keith Hill's mother, Marcia Hill, had heart surgery on July 5. The Hill family are friends of the Reidenbachs and the Forsyths.

Geraldine Jones and her family

Mary Halliwell, friend of Mary and Dean Cromartie – pancreatic cancer

Nell Hollingsworth, Holley Holifield's nanny as a child – frequent falls requiring stitches and a wired jaw

Crystal Miller, friend of Nancy Johnson – in stepdown unit after heart and lung transplants

Pat Jefcoat, friend of Janet Burke – in remission

Richard Potin – at home, continued prayers

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

Margaret Suttle – resuming chemotherapy

PRAYERS OF COMFORT

The family and friends of Rhonda Ann Patterson, a former member who passed away May 19, 2017

Annual Budget Amount	Giving Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	Previous Week's Giving
\$456,500.00	\$190,209.70	\$230,704.33	\$7,324.52

The mid-point of the year is a good time to review your giving and renew your commitment to the mission of Westminster and stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

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.

No youth, children or choir activities this week.

The July/August Today devotionals are in the narthex.

Brown Bag Bible Study meets Tuesday at noon. We will be studying I Kings 21-22.



POTLUCK is July 12th at 5:30. Bring your favorite dish or dessert.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, July 13, at 6:30 a.m. at **Shoney's**.

Margaret Lochhead is seeking volunteers to fill **Breadbasket applications** for July 24-28. Easy step-by-step instructions are available. A signup sheet is on the narthex cabinet.



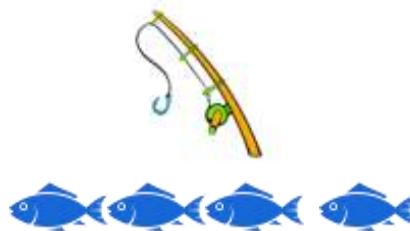
Frank Whitesell has been a **wonderful steward of God's gifts** in the way he has remembered Westminster in his will. He has been an example of Christian stewardship to all of us. In addition to leaving the church his house and other assets, he also left us his car. It is a 2007 Honda Accord with 76,800 miles. The session has decided to sell the car. We will accept sealed bids sent to the church office between now and Thursday, July 27th, at 2:00 PM.

If you are interested in making a bid, please write your bid with your name, place it in a sealed envelope, and turn it into the church office no later than 2:00 PM on July 27th. Bids will be opened after that date and you will be notified. This is a cash sale only.

If you are interested in seeing the car, it is parked in the church parking lot. During church office hours you can ask Martha or Mike for the keys to inspect the car. If you have questions please contact Mike at (251) 232-8653.



July 16 from 4-7 p.m.
Youth and Grades 3-5
Swimming and/or Fishing
Ruffs' house
200 W. Canebrake Blvd.
(weather permitting)



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