



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

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 15, 2018

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Trumpet Tune in D* Johnson

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

Be still, and know that I am God . . . the Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. **Psalm 46:10-11** Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements Howard Keever

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

We will listen to what God the Lord says; he promises peace to his people, and he will keep them from foolishness.

The Lord will indeed give what is good; our land will yield its harvest.

Righteousness goes before the Lord and prepares the way for his steps.

Let us worship the Lord our God together with joyful hearts!

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

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession – (*unison*)

We confess to you, dear God, that we are often too big for our britches. We fill our lives with day to day matters that seem big and important, but in reality they are small and insignificant when you measure us with your plumb line. When you measure us, we begin to realize that our walls are crooked, unstable, and weak. Forgive us when we ignore your words of truth. Forgive us, gracious Lord, when we put our priorities above those you have set for us. Forgive us when we reject the grace you freely offer us, because we are certain that we know better. Cleanse us; renew us; forgive these sins and those sins we are too ashamed to mention aloud. . . (time for silent confession) Amen

* Assurance of Pardon – (*responsive*)

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

Blessed are the ones whose sin the Lord will never count against them.

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
**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

Katie Ginn

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading – Amos 7:7-15

pew Bible pg. 748

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Peace in Christ*

Nik Day

Solo by Pam Love

Second Reading – Mark 6:14-29

pew Bible pg. 817

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Sermon – *Rejecting Grace*

Tommy Suttle, Director of Discipleship

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 13 – *The Mighty God with Power Speaks*

Prayers of the People 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 – *Under His Wings*

Smith

- * 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 649 – *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*
- * 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

Marilyn Bowen, Sam Dossett's sister – colon cancer

Margaret Buckley – recovering at home

Brandi Carter, friend of Nancy Johnson – cancer scans were clear

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

B. J. Lambert – prayers that "Moving Home Program" goes well

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 – frontotemporal dementia motor neurone disease and ALS

Kem Reid, father of Ryan Reid – awaiting a bone marrow transplant

Yvonne Ross, former member – recovering from broken pelvis

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

Margaret Suttle – continued prayers

Patty Talbot, Ann Aldridge's sister – finished treatments, prayers for strength

The flowers today are in memory of Richard Potin
by his family
Sharon, Christopher, Betsy, and grandchildren.



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.

The July/August *Today* devotionals are in the narthex.

Brown Bag Bible Study meets Tuesday at noon. We will have an introduction to Hosea and chapter 1.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, July 19, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

New Beginnings luncheon is tomorrow at noon in Montague Hall. Everyone is invited to attend, but RSVPs are essential. Contact Tommy Suttle at tommy@wpchattiesburg.com.

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.



Eye glasses needed. There is a basket on the narthex cabinet for used eye glasses. These donated glasses are taken to the Lion's Club by Ann Johnson.

No Wednesday activities this week.

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.

Head deacon for the month of July is Sinclair Lundy.

NEWSLETTER INFO for August is due July 24.

Please email wes@WPCHattiesburg.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

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

CHURCH STAFF

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

Ray Robinson, Sexton