



# 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

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 16, 2017

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Standing on the Promises*

Beaney

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

Help me, O God, to forget about my needs and focus instead on your will  
for me and the people I will meet this week. In Jesus' name. Amen

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Rhoda Pickett

Call to Worship – from Psalm 65

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,

**O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.**

Let us worship the Lord, our God.

\* Hymn of Praise 349 – *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession (*unison*) Ambrose of Milan (c. 340 - 397)

**While morn awakes, with wondrous light  
We come to thee, O Lord, in prayer.  
Guard thou and guide our steps aright  
And keep us in thy holy care.  
Lord, let our tongues be free from blame,  
Nor utter words of guilt or strife;  
Lift up our eyes from deeds of shame,  
And all the vanities of life.  
Our hearts be purged and purified  
That naught of evil shall remain;  
From worldly vice and fleshly pride  
Our souls by temperance restrain.  
So keep us, Lord, from evil free,  
Till fades in dusk the sunset flame,  
That we unstained may come to thee  
And sing the glories of thy name.**

(Time of Silent Reflection) Amen

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri*

Hymn 581

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children

Amy Ruff

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson – Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

pew Bible pg. 794

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *Lord, My Thanks to Thee*

J.S. Bach

Terrence McKenzie, tenor

Second Lesson – Psalm 119:105-112

pew Bible pg. 495

Sermon – *Setting the Heart*

Rev. Dr. Mike Anderson

### GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\* Affirmation of Faith: (*unison*)

Jude 24-25

**To him who is able to keep us from stumbling and to present us before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.**

\* Hymn of Thanksgiving 458 – *Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet*

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

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**When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,  
still you're there right beside me.**

**Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.**

**Please be near me to the end.**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

**Now I will not forget your love for me  
and yet my heart forever is wandering.**

**Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side,**

**And I will love you to the end.**

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 – *Wonderful Words of Life*

Hayes

\* The Doxology – Hymn 606

\* Prayer of Dedication

### **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn of Consecration 838 – *Standing on the Promises*

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude – *How Firm a Foundation*

Paxton



\* 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 hospital in Vicksburg*

*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*

*Richard Potin – at FGH, continued prayers*

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

*Margaret Suttle – recovering from surgery*

*Harriet Ware, Christian Women Job Corps – knee surgery July 18*

<b>Annual Budget Amount</b>	<b>Giving Year to Date</b>	<b>Budget Year to Date</b>	<b>Previous Week's Giving</b>
<b>\$456,500.00</b>	<b>\$198,338.20</b>	<b>\$239,294.37</b>	<b>\$8,128.50</b>

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.

**Grades 3-5 and Youth** will meet at the church from 5-7 p.m. today.

**No choir** activities this week.

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

**PW Prayer Ministry** will meet Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Generations room.

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

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, July 20, 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Living With Cancer** meets Friday, July 21, at 1:30 p.m. in the Generations room.



In lieu of this month's Monday luncheon, **New Beginnings** will meet for a cookout at Tommy Suttle's home (59 Moss Lane, Petal) **Sunday, July 23**, from 5-7 p.m. BBQ and drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Meet at the church at 4:30 to caravan to Tommy's.

**Pinebelt Christian Women's Job Corps, Inc.** invites you to celebrate their summer participants' accomplishments, Thursday, July 20, at 6 p.m. at 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue Baptist Church.

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.

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### **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

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### **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