



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

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 23, 2017

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Two Southern Hymn Tune Settings*

I. *Lord, Thou Hast Search Me*

Broughton

II. *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

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

O God, I ask you to give me the faith to deal with life's surprising twists and turns with integrity and grace. Prepare my heart to love and follow you in all circumstances. And help me to pray always. Amen

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Martha Ann Hogrefe

Call to Worship – (*unison*)

The Gelasian Sacramentary

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all who are dear to us this day. Let the gift of your special presence be with us. Grant us never to lose sight of you all the day long, but to worship and pray to you, that at eventide we may again give thanks to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Hymn of Praise 14 – *For the Beauty of the Earth*

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Thomas á Kempis

The Imitation of Christ

Open my heart to your law, O Lord, and teach me to walk in the way of your commandments. Let me understand your will and remember your blessings – all of them and each single one of them – with great reverence and care so that from here on, I may offer proper thanks for them. I know that I am unable to give such thanks for even the least of your gifts. I am unworthy of the benefits you have given me, and when I consider your generosity, my spirit simply faints before its greatness. All that I have of soul and body, whatever I possess within me or beyond, by nature or by grace, are your gifts proclaiming your goodness and mercy from which all good things come.

(Time for Silent Reflection) Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri*

Hymn 581

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children

Tommy Suttle

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson – Romans 8:12-25

pew Bible pg. 919

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Give Me Jesus*

Mark Hayes

Michael Ginn, baritone

Second Lesson – Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

pew Bible pg. 503

The Word of the LORD.

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Sermon – *Waiting and Hoping*

Rev. Dr. Mike Anderson

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* 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

* Hymn of Thanksgiving 836 – *Abide with Me*

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 – *Whispering Hope*

Hughes

* The Doxology – Hymn 606

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn of Consecration 702 – *Christ Be Beside Me*

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude – *Little' Prelude and Fugue in F*

Bach



* 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, now cancer free, has developed pneumonia

Angela Cook, Sharecare member – prayers for family through difficult times

Becky Dahle, friend of Nancy Johnson – inflammation with side effects of medicine

Ruthie Davis – going to Oschners July 28 to schedule surgery

Sam Dossett – continued prayers

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

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

Jerry Spann, friend of Ruthie Davis – cancer surgery

Margaret Suttle – recovering at home

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

PRAYERS OF COMFORT

For the family and friends of Richard Potin

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.



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. **Youth and Grades 3-5** will also join in.

No 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.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, July 27, 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 sign-up sheet is on the narthex cabinet.



July 27th at 2 p.m. is the deadline for bids.

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.

POTLUCK—August 2nd at 5:30. Get that special meal ready

Annual Budget Amount	Giving Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	Previous Week's Giving
\$456,500.00	\$206,309.20	\$247,884.43	\$7,381.00

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
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