



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

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 12, 2018

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Balletto del Granduca*

Sweelinck

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

Holy God, you sent Jesus from heaven to give himself for the life of the world. Draw us ever nearer to him in faith so that we may never hunger and thirst, but believe and abide in him forever; through Christ, the bread of life. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

J. T. Johnson

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Happy are those who trust in God.

Let us worship God.

- * Hymn of Praise 267 – *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*
- * Call to Confession
- * Prayer of Confession – (*unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You offer the joy of your Spirit, yet we waste away in sin and grief. You offer the life of your Word, yet we turn away in doubt and despair. Forgive us, God of grace. By the power of your Spirit make us more tender and kind, living as your beloved children; 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.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children Christopher Crowell

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading – Ephesians 4:25-5:2 pew Bible pg. 951

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

Anthem – *I Shall Not Want*

Solo by Kaitlin Walley

Second Reading – Psalm 130 pew Bible pg. 500

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

Sermon – *Out of the Depths* Rev. Dr. Christopher Crowell

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 816 – *If Thou but trust in God to Guide Thee*

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 – *There is a Balm in Gilead*

Larson

* 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 435 – *There is a Wideness in God's Mercy*

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude – *Finale*

Higgins



*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 – prayers for needed rest

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

Ladd Hey, Gene Owens' friend – upcoming heart surgery

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

Stephanie Liddell, Geri Jones' daughter – employment and special prayers

Jim Lundy, Sinclair Lundy's brother – early stages of dementia

Rush McClinton, Jeanne Herring's nephew – at home recovering

Damon McGill, Sharecare member – upcoming tests for cancer

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 neuron 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

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



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.

Assistive listening devices are available on the narthex cabinet.

Children's bulletins are available on the narthex cabinet.

Brown Bag Bible Study meets Tuesday at noon. We will study Hosea chapter 2.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, August 16, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

Rally Day is August 19. Breakfast will be in Montague Hall at 9:30.

This year Rally Day will include the **Blessing of the Backpacks**. Every school-aged child (Pre-K - 12th grade) is asked to bring his/her backpack to Sunday morning worship. During the Time with Children all children will be invited to come forward for a special blessing to start school. You will also receive a special gift to put in your backpacks to carry with you throughout the school year. Don't forget, bring your backpacks to church on August 19th!



Today the **Diaconate** will meet in the generation room following worship.

The **Session** will meet on August 19 following worship in the conference room.

New Beginnings and the youth/children will have its annual intergenerational cookout at Tommy's house at 5 p.m. on Sunday, August 19. We will carpool from the church at 4:30. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert to share. This is a fun event for all that includes swimming and fellowship.

Head deacon for the month of August is Chad Edmonson.

Margaret Lochhead is seeking volunteers to fill **Breadbasket applications** for September 4-7. A signup sheet is on a narthex table.



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