



# 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

Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 20, 2017

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Three Hymn Preludes*

Peeters

- I. *Dundee*
- II. *Crusaders' Hymn*
- III. *Hanover*

Prayer of Preparation

(from Deuteronomy 30)

*(you may prepare for worship by praying silently)*

Love the Lord your God, walk in his ways, and keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord you God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Erik Graham

Call to Worship – *(responsive)* (from Micah 6)

With what shall we come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God?

**Shall we come before him with burnt offerings?**

He has showed us, O people, what is good. And what does the Lord require of us?

**To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God.**

Come, let us worship God together!

\* Hymn of Praise 620 – *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**Merciful God, you have called us as your children, and yet we have not been grateful or dutiful. We tend to be willful and we are determined to have our own way regardless of the pain that we might cause others. We often only turn to you for guidance when all other avenues have been exhausted. Too often you are not our priority in our day to day lives. Instead of reaching out, we are guilty of avoiding or completely cutting off people who don't share our views or values. Forgive us, O God. Reform us; transform us. Mold us to be gracious, kind, and generous in the name of Jesus. Forgive, also, the sins we name now in silence . . .**



**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 – *Jesus Loves Me*

Larson

- \* The Doxology – Hymn 606
- \* Prayer of Dedication

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

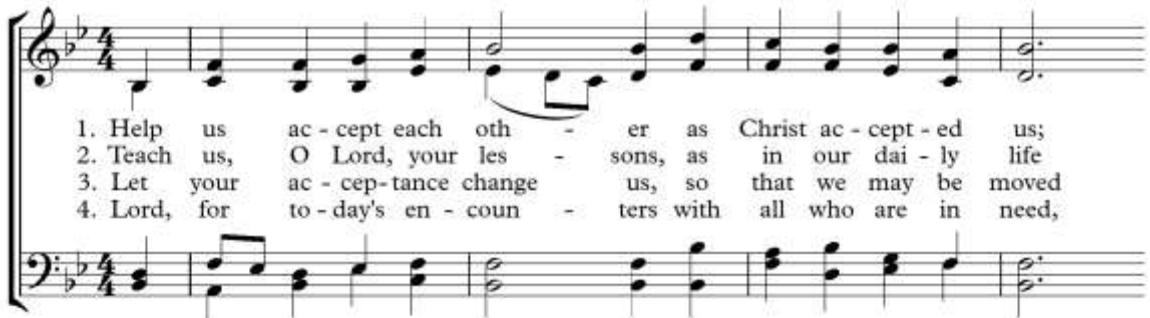
- \* Hymn of Consecration – *Help Us Accept Each Other* (see insert)
- \* Charge and Benediction
- \* Postlude – *Toccata on LOBE DEN HERREN*

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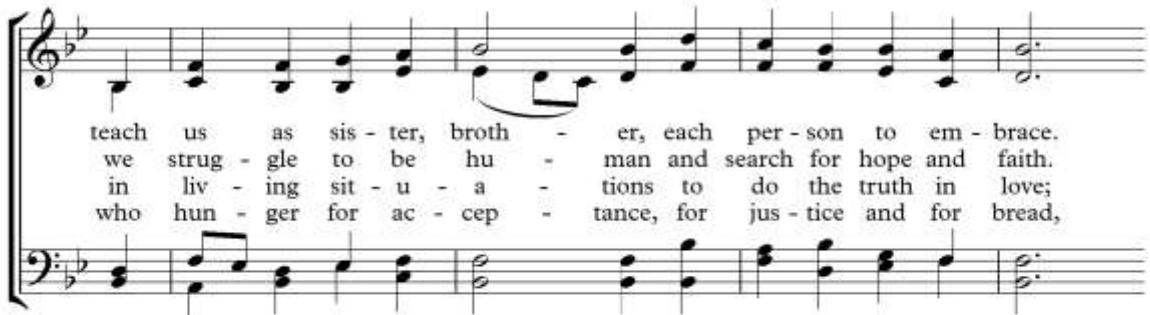


- \* Please stand at the \* as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold**. Please remove all papers from the sanctuary when you leave.

## Help Us Accept Each Other



1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;  
2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life  
3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved  
4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.  
we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.  
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;  
who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve  
Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,  
to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart  
we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.  
to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.  
the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and lough - ter's heal - ing art.  
re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!



## **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 – upcoming cancer re-scans*  
*Madeline Carter, 4<sup>th</sup> grader at PCS – diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes*  
*Angela Cook, Sharecare member – prayers for family through difficult times*  
*Becky Dahle, friend of Nancy Johnson – inflammation with side effects of medicine*  
*Ruthie Davis – upcoming surgery, Sept. 7*  
*Sam Dossett – continued prayers*  
*Jimmy Garraway – at home, mild stroke*  
*Sandy Hendrix, friend of Gene Fair – on hospice*  
*Morgan Newman, Mac and Lisa Forsyth's nephew – home from hospital*  
*Geraldine Jones and her family*  
*Mary Halliwell, friend of Mary and Dean Cromartie – pancreatic cancer*  
*Nell Hollingsworth, Holley Holifield's nanny as a child – improving after fall*  
*Crystal Miller, friend of Nancy Johnson – recovering after heart and lung transplants*  
*Sharon Sabin, friend of Mary and Dean Cromartie – advanced cancer and Parkinson's*  
*Evelyn Schruoff, niece-in-law of Martha Davis – stomach cancer*  
*Jerry Spann, friend of Ruthie Davis – cancer surgery*  
*Margaret Suttle – recovering at home*  
*Will, friend of Victor Wang – battling spinal cancer*  
*Harriet Ware, Christian Women Job Corps – recovering from knee surgery*

## **PRAYERS OF COMFORT**

*For the family and friends of Doris James, Janet Bennett's aunt*

## **PRAYERS OF REJOICING**

*Sarah Nobles and Chrissy Koonce were married this past weekend in Seattle, Washington*

# 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.

The **Session** will meet at 11:30 on August 27.

Today **Grades 3-5** will meet from 4:15-5:30 and **Youth** will meet from 5-6:30.

**Choir** will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

**Brown Bag Bible Study** meets Tuesday at noon. We will be studying II Kings 3.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, August 24, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

**New Beginnings** will have its monthly luncheon on Monday, August 21, at noon in Montague Hall. Everyone is invited to attend, so **RSVPs are essential**. Please contact Tommy Suttle at [tommy@wpchattiesburg.com](mailto:tommy@wpchattiesburg.com), if you plan to attend.

JT will be sharing pictures of their trip to Paris and Normandy, with emphasis on one church – Sainte Chapelle. Sainte Chapelle has some of the finest old stained glass still in existence.

**Ready for some more of Tommy's delicious pork?** Now is your chance. We will be selling 2 lb. packs of pork for \$12. You can place an order by emailing or calling the church. Pick up dates will be August 31, from noon until 2.

**Don't delay**, once this is gone it's gone.



**NEWSLETTER INFO** for September is due Aug. 25.

Please email [wes@WPCHattiesburg.com](mailto:wes@WPCHattiesburg.com)

**The Walk to End Alzheimer's** is Saturday, August 26th at USM's "Spirit Park" located adjacent to the Thad Cochran Center parking lot. Donate online at ALZ.org and search for the walk using zip code 39402. Participating in the walk is great but your donation to team Westminster Presbyterian Church will continue the fight against Alzheimer's disease. Registration is at 8 a.m., the ceremony at 9:30 a.m. and the walk starts at 10 a.m. For more information go to ALZ.org.

**See a problem with anything around the church building?** Do you know who to contact? Now you do! If you see any issues related to our facilities write [property@wpchattiesburg.com](mailto:property@wpchattiesburg.com) and your request will be sent to the right person.

Annual Budget Amount	Giving Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	Previous Week's Giving
\$456,500.00	\$244,055.70	\$282,244.64	\$5,848.00

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.

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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 2018**

Gene Owens  
Michael Raggio  
Robin Roberts

#### **Class of 2019**

Althea Jerome  
J. T. Johnson  
Cindy Nobles

#### **Class of 2020**

Margaret Brooks  
Dean Cromartie  
Kathryn Cummings

### **THE TRUSTEES**

Franklin Bryant      Gene Fair      Wally Gregg

### **THE DEACONS**

#### **Class of 2018**

Shane Brooks  
Kathy Cain  
Howard Keever  
Beth Richmond

#### **Class of 2019**

David Daves  
Janeil Harris  
Butch Nobles  
Susan Turner

#### **Class of 2017**

Katie Ginn  
Judy Haydel  
Sinclair Lundy  
Robert Lochhead

#### **Youth Representative**

Sarah Beth Suttle

### **CHURCH STAFF**

Mike Anderson, Interim Minister  
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