



# 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

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 26, 2018

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Two Pieces from 'Suite Gothique'*

Boellmann

*I. Chorale*

*II. Allegro*

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

*How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord! Our souls long for the courts of the Lord; our hearts and our flesh sing for joy to the living God.*

Amen.

*Psalm 84:1-2*

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Pam Love

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

A day in God's house is better than a thousand elsewhere. It is better to be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord than to live in the tents of wickedness.

**For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.**

No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

**O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

Come, let us worship the Lord of hosts, our God!

\* Hymn of Praise 394 – *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession – (*unison*)

**Loving, gracious, and patient God, we come to you this morning a frustrated people. We have constructed sanctuaries for you, we gather on Sundays to worship and praise you, we hear the teachings of Jesus and our intentions are to follow them and live our lives devoted to you. However, too often we find our own lives and personal agendas getting in the way. Forgive us, Lord when we try to keep you boxed up in the church believing**

that we can leave you here and simply return whenever we need you again. Forgive us when we do not turn to you with our first option. Create in us clean hearts, O Lord, and give us the confidence to trust in you at all times; even when things get tough and we think we know what is best. Forgive also the sins we confess in silence . . . .

\* 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

Mary Claire Royals

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading – I Kings 8:22-30

pew Bible pg. 272

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

Bach

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,  
Holy wisdom, love most bright;  
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring  
Soar to uncreated light.  
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,  
With the fire of life impassioned,  
Striving still to truth unknown,  
Soaring, dying round Thy throne.

Through the way where hope is guiding,  
Hark, what peaceful music rings;  
Where the flock, in Thee confiding,  
Drink of joy from deathless springs  
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure;  
Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.  
Thou dost ever lead Thine own  
In the love of joys unknown.

Second Reading – John 6:60-69

pew Bible pg. 868

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – *To Whom Shall We Go*

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 442 – *Just as I Am, without One Plea*

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 – *Near the Cross*

Waters

- \* 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 846 – *Fight the Good Fight*

- \* Charge and Benediction

- \* Postlude – *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Whitlock



\*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**

*Eugenia Anderson, Pam Love's aunt – recovering from a broken hip*

*Kinlock Bell – prayers for needed rest*

*Marilyn Bowen, Sam Dossett's sister – colon cancer*

*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*

*Frances Forsyth, Mac Forsyth's mother – recovering from fractured back*

*Mary Gunn, former member – thyroid cancer surgery*

*Katie Hall, friend of Bob Lochhead – slowly recovering from a brain aneurism*

*Mary Halliwell, friend of Mary and Dean Cromartie – pancreatic cancer*

*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*

*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*

*Virginia VanWart, friend of Janet Burke – lung cancer*

## **PRAYERS OF COMFORT**

*For the family and friends of Jack Foster Burke, Jr., husband of Janet Burke*

*For the family and friends of Dixon Montague, Frank and Mary Montague's son*



## 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.

**All Circle 3 ladies** are invited to a Dessert Party at the home of Alicia Westbrook (277 Woodstone Drive) today at 7 p.m. Come join us for some sweet treats, fellowship and a preview of our Bible study series for this year, "Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story". **We hope to see you all there!**

**The September/October Today devotionals** are on the narthex cabinet.

**Chancel Choir** will meet Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

**Assistive listening devices** are available on the narthex cabinet.

**Children's bulletins** are available on the narthex cabinet.

**Large print bulletins** are available on the narthex cabinet.

**Brown Bag Bible Study** meets Tuesday at noon. We will study Hosea chapter 4.

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

Head deacon for the month of August is Chad Edmonson.

**PW Coordinating Team** meets Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor.

**Family Night Suppers and Programs** start September 5.



We will celebrate the sacrament of the **Lord's Supper** next Sunday. During the coming week, prepare yourself through prayer and scripture reading to receive the grace our Lord offers to you at his table. Communion Sundays are also **Breadbasket Sundays** – a time when you are encouraged to make contributions for the Breadbasket ministry.

## PRAYERS OF REJOICING

*The rose today is in honor of Cori Claire McDaniel,  
born August 20, to parents, Shawn and Betsy McDaniel  
and welcoming sisters, Dylan and Bailey.  
Sharon Potin is the proud grandmother.*

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 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