



# 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

Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 27, 2017

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *A Rejoicing*

Fedak

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

In a world that seems to be spinning faster and faster, I thank you Father that we are safe, secure, and loved by the Rock that never fails, even Jesus. Amen

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Larry Royals

Call to Worship – *(responsive)* Psalm 71:1-6

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

**Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust. Upon you I have leaned from my birth: it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.**

Let us worship the Lord, our God.

\* Hymn of Praise 310 – *I Love Thy Kingdom Lord*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

*Coptic Liturgy of Basil*

**Lord our God, great, eternal, wonderful in glory, who keeps covenant and promises for those who love you with their whole heart; who are the life of all, the help of those who flee to you, the hope of those who cry to you. Cleanse us from our sins, secret and open, and from every thought displeasing to your goodness. Cleanse our bodies and souls, our hearts and consciences, that with a pure heart and a clear soul, with perfect love and calm hope, we may venture confidently and fearlessly to pray to you.**

*(Time of Silent Confession) Amen.*

\* Assurance of Pardon

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

Hymn 581

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children

Monnie Anderson

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson – Romans 12:1-8

pew Bible pg. 922

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *The Church's One Foundation*

arr. Dan Forrest

Second Lesson – Matthew 16:13-20

pew Bible pg. 798

The Word of the LORD.

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Sermon – *One and Only*

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 726 – *Will You Come and Follow 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 – *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

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\* The Doxology – Hymn 606

\* Prayer of Dedication

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

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

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude – *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

Sikes



## **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 – health issues*  
*Sam Dossett – continued prayers*  
*Jimmy Garraway – at home after minor surgery*  
*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 – recovering from stomach cancer surgery*  
*Jerry Spann, friend of Ruthie Davis – cancer surgery*  
*Margaret Suttle – recovering at home*  
*Catherine Raggio – successful foot surgery*  
*Will, friend of Victor Wang – battling spinal cancer*  
*Harriet Ware, Christian Women's Job Corps – recovering from knee surgery*

## **PRAYERS OF COMFORT**

*For the family and friends of Sandy Hendrix, friend of Gene and Fluffy Fair*

# 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 today at 11:30.

Today the **Youth** will meet from 5-6:30.

The **September/October Today devotionals** are in the narthex.

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

**Brown Bag Bible Study** meets Tuesday at noon. We will be studying II Kings 4.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, August 31, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

**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.

**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 email [property@wpchattiesburg.com](mailto:property@wpchattiesburg.com) and your request will be sent to the right person.



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.

<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>\$253,648.20</b>	<b>\$290,834.70</b>	<b>\$9,592.50</b>

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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#### **Class of 2018**

Gene Owens  
Michael Raggio  
Robin Roberts

#### **THE SESSION**

##### **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

#### **Class of 2018**

Shane Brooks  
Kathy Cain  
Howard Keever  
Beth Richmond

#### **THE DEACONS**

##### **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