



# 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

115 N. 25th Ave. Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
westminster@wpchattiesburg.com  
facebook.com/wpchattiesburg  
wpchattiesburg.com  
(601) 584-7574

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 2, 2018

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Gathering Music – *Prelude on Two American Folk Hymns*

Hastings

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

Holy God, you know the thoughts of our minds and all the works of our hands. Teach us both to honor you with our lips and to worship you in our hearts, so that we may live according to your Word; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Sinclair Lundy

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Every generous act is a gift from God

**who gives birth to us through the word.**

Let us worship God.

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

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession – (*unison*)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You lavish your love upon us, yet we let our hearts grow cold. You wash us clean in your mercy, yet we defile ourselves in sin. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us a new religion: to love you and one another even as you have loved us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(time for silent confession)

\* Assurance of Pardon

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

Hymn 581

**Glorify 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 Crotwell

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson – James 1:17-27

pew Bible pg. 980

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *God Be in My Head*

Rob Landes

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in my eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at my end, and in my departing.

Amen

Second Lesson – Mark 7:1-14

pew Bible pg. 818

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – *The Rule of Love*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\* Communion Hymn 630 – *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory – *The Gift of Love*

Leavitt

## THE EUCHARIST

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

. . . Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Hear us now as we pray as our Savior has taught.

**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.**

The Words of Institution

The Communion

Prayer After Communion (unison)

**Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world - because in Christ Jesus you have loved us to the end and beyond. Amen.**

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

- \* Hymn of Consecration 546 – *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*
- \* Charge and Benediction
- \* Postlude – *Tuba Tune in D*

Lang



\* 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*

## **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*

*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*

*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 – bone marrow transplant*

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

*Becky Smith, Ann Aldridge's friend – radiation treatments now and surgery in Oct.*

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

*Marty VanDensun, friend of Ruthie Davis – recurrence of cancer*

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

## **PRAYERS OF COMFORT**

*For the family and friends of Walter Stephenson, former member*

Second Sunday is upon us! **We are starting a new music program** this fall so people who would like to sing in the choir (but can't commit to a weekly rehearsal) can still join us once a month. September 5, we will devote half of choir rehearsal to a simple anthem, easy to learn and familiar. We'll sing the anthem the following Sunday (September 9). So if you can find 30 minutes for choir rehearsal once a month, you can join the **Second Sunday Singers!** Just join us this Wednesday at 6:30 for half an hour. Nursery provided.



## 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.

Communion Sundays are also **Breadbasket Sundays** – a time when you are encouraged to make contributions to the Breadbasket ministry. Envelopes are found in the pews or put Breadbasket on the memo line of checks.



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

The **church office** will be closed tomorrow for Labor Day.



**No Brown Bag Bible Study** this week.

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

<b>MEN'S BREAKFAST</b>	<b>Thursday, Sept. 6 6:30 a.m. Shoney's</b>	<b>Saturday, Sept. 8 8:00 a.m. Montague Hall</b>
 <p><b>After supper activities:</b>  <b>Adults</b> will meet in the sanctuary for singing and a devotion.  <b>Youth</b> will meet upstairs in the youth room.  <b>Children's Choir</b> will meet upstairs in the rotation Sunday school room.  <b>Chancel Choir</b> will meet at 6:30.</p>	<p>Please join us for Wednesday night dinner this week at 5:30. There is no charge for the meal, but donations are encouraged. We need a headcount, so please place a reservation slip in the offering plate.  <b>Menu:</b> Adults – King ranch chicken, green salad, roll, and dessert  <b>Children</b> – menu available</p>	

**Children and Youth Ministry meeting** will be Thursday, Sept. 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room.

**Grades 3-5 and Youth** will sell \$10 parking slots Saturday, Sept. 8, starting at 3 p.m. for the USM game.

Head deacon for the month of September is Katie Ginn.

**Pineview Presbyterian Church** cordially invites you to their 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary on September 9 at 11:00 a.m.

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 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 2020**

Katie Ginn  
Judy Haydel  
Sinclair Lundy  
Robert Lochhead  
**Youth Representative**  
Sarah Beth Suttle

#### **CHURCH STAFF**

Tommy Suttle, Director of Discipleship  
Sinclair Lundy, Financial Secretary  
Connie Roberts, Chancel Choir Director  
Jenny Maul, Children's Music Director

Martha Davis, Church Administrator  
Wes Brooks, Communications  
Randall Harris, Organist  
Ray Robinson, Sexton