



# 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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 2017

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Gathering Music – *Variations on 'Jesus Shall Reign'* Cherwien

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

Gracious God, speak to me so I will be able to hear, believe, and obey. Help me find my life and live it with conviction and joy. Thank you, Lord. Amen

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements Holley Holifield

Call to Worship – (*responsive*) from Psalm 34

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.  
O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.**

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

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession (*unison*) *The Gelasian Sacramentary*

**Be present, O Lord, to our supplications, nor let your merciful pity be far from your servants. Heal our wounds, forgive our sins; that, not being severed from you by our iniquities, we may evermore cleave to you and have fellowship one with another; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Master. (Time of Silent Reflection) Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri* Hymn 581

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Time with Children Mary Clare Royals

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson – Romans 12:9-21 pew Bible pg. 922

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God**

Anthem – *O Bread of Life from Heaven* David White

Second Lesson – Mathew 16:21-28 pew Bible pg. 798

The Word of the LORD.

Sermon – *It's Impossible to Say*

**Thanks be to God**

Rev. Dr. Mike Anderson

**GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

\* Hymn of Thanksgiving 533 – *In the Singing*

Tithes and Offerings

Call for the Offering

Offertory – *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Larson

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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 God thanks and praise.**

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, and to worship you in every place where your glory abides.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. You sent your only-begotten, in whom your fullness dwells, to be for us the way, the truth, and the life. Revealing your love, Jesus taught those who would hear him, healed those who believed in him, received all who sought him and lifted the burden of their sin. Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory. Amen**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**UNISON PRAYER**

**Help us, O God, to love as Christ loved. Knowing our own weakness, may we stand with all who stumble. Sharing in his suffering, may we remember all who suffer. Held in his love, may we embrace all whom the world denies. Rejoicing in his forgiveness, may we forgive all who sin against us. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory. Amen.**

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

- \* Hymn of Consecration 265 – *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*
- \* Charge and Benediction
- \* Postlude – *Trumpet Duet*

Roman



- \* 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**

*Erin Blanchard, Michael Raggio's goddaughter – recovering  
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 – rescheduled surgery*

*Sam Dossett – continued prayers*

*Morgan Newman, Mac and Lisa Forsyth's nephew – home from hospital*

*Geraldine Jones – foot pain*

*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*

## **PRAYERS OF COMFORT**

*For the victims of Hurricane Harvey  
See how you can help at [pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org)*

Your Pastor Nominating Committee continues its work to find the person God would call to come and be the pastor of our church. While we cannot report anything definite at this time, we are getting close. We hope in the next few weeks to be able to share a time line for a congregational meeting to call a pastor and the expected start date. We continue to covet your prayers as we near the end of our search.

### ***The Pastor Nominating Committee***

Gene Owns, Chair

Wes Brooks

Michael Ginn

Mary Cromartie

Ginny Graham

Robin Roberts

Mary Claire Royals



# 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.**

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 memo line of checks.



The church office will be closed tomorrow for Labor Day



No Youth or Children activities today.

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

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

PW Coordinating Team meets Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 9:30 a.m. in the Generation classroom.

## Wednesday Night Dinner

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.

Menu: Adults—Poppy seed chicken, green beans, salad, rolls, and dessert

Children—Corn dogs and tater tots

After supper the **youth will report on The Great Escape and Belize trips.**

Chancel Choir will meet at 7.

All Men of the Church **are invited to meet Thursday, Sept. 7, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.**

Grades 3-5 and Youth will sell \$10 parking slots Saturday, Sept. 9, starting at 3 p.m. for the USM game.



Our Presbytery has a new website. It is [www.pbyofms.org](http://www.pbyofms.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, email [property@wpchattiesburg.com](mailto:property@wpchattiesburg.com) and your request will be sent to the right person.

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. The second Wednesday of the month (September 6) 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 10). So if you can find 30 minutes for choir rehearsal once a month, you can join the Second Sunday Singers! Just stay an extra half-hour on Wednesday nights. Nursery provided.

Team Westminster Presbyterian Church came in sixth for donations to the Hattiesburg Alzheimer's Walk. Thanks to everyone who participated.

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 2017**

Mac Forsyth  
Jeff Haydel  
Karen Reidenbach

#### **Class of 2018**

Gene Owens  
Michael Raggio  
Robin Roberts

#### **Class of 2019**

Althea Jerome  
J. T. Johnson  
Cindy Nobles

### **THE TRUSTEES**

Franklin Bryant      Gene Fair      Wally Gregg

### **THE DEACONS**

#### **Class of 2017**

Dan Davis  
Lisa Forsyth  
Larry Royals  
Dudley Westbrook

#### **Class of 2018**

Shane Brooks  
Kathy Cain  
Howard Keever  
Beth Richmond

#### **Class of 2019**

David Daves  
Janeil Harris  
Butch Nobles  
Susan Turner  
**Youth Representative**  
Drew Suttle

### **CHURCH STAFF**

Mike Anderson, Interim Pastor  
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