



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

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 9, 2018

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *As the Deer* Ham

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

God of glory, at your command the thundering skies fall silent and the hills sing out with joy. Open our hearts to your Word and open our lips to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, in whose holy name we pray. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Durwood Blackwell

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Be strong; do not fear! God is with us.

The Lord will come to save us.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 610 – *Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (vs. 1-4)

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession – (*unison*)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way.
You call us to seek justice, yet we abuse and ignore the poor.
You call us to show mercy, yet we turn away from those in
need. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us the wisdom and courage
to abandon our places of privilege and to show our faith in
action; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(time for silent confession)

* Assurance of Pardon

* The Congregation's Response: *Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (vs. 5)

**To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children

Alicia Westbrook

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading – James 2:1-17

pew Bible pg. 981

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Gracious Spirit, Dwell in Me*

Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;

Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;

And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;

And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;

Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;

And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;

And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;

Show thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like thee;

Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,

And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;

Help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee;

Against all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;

Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

Second Reading – Mark 7:24-30

pew Bible pg. 819

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – *He Could Not Escape Notice*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

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 848 – *Trust in God*

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 – *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Lowie

- * 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 317 – *In Christ There Is No East or West*

- * Charge and Benediction

- * Postlude – *God of Grace*

Manz



*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

Sharol Buchanan, Tab Buchanan's daughter – recovering from broken bones

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

Hermon & Dena Robertson, Glenn Nobles sister and brother-in-law – health issues

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 – rejoicing for remission

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 Ann Wells Gaudet, mother of John Gaudet, who died August 30.



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.

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

Today the **Diaconate** will meet in the generation room following worship. The **Session** will meet on Sept. 16 following worship in the conference room.

PW Circles 1 & 2 meet Tuesday, Sept. 11. **Circle 1** will meet in the parlor at 9:30 a.m. and **Circle 2** will meet at 6 p.m. at Martha Ann Hogrefe's house (136 E. Lakeside Dr., Hattiesburg) for potluck. **Circle 3** will meet Wednesday, Sept. 12, after supper upstairs.



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

Admin meeting Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room.



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 – Roast beef, mashed potatoes, field peas, roll, and dessert

Children – pizza

After supper activities:

Adults will meet in Montague Hall.

Youth will meet upstairs in the youth room.

Children's Choir will meet upstairs in the rotation Sunday school room.

Circle 3 will meet upstairs following supper.

Chancel Choir will meet at 7 p.m..

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, Sept. 13, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

New Beginnings and the youth/children will have their annual intergenerational cookout at Tommy's house at 5 p.m. Sept. 16. We will carpool from the church at 4:30. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert to share. This is a fun event for all that includes swimming and fellowship.

At 8:45 on Sunday, September 23, the WPC Presbyterian Women will host a **church-wide breakfast** in Montague Hall. There will be a brief presentation about the Thank Offering. PW would like to encourage everyone to attend.

Citywide Prayer Meeting today at 6 p.m. at Hardy Street Baptist Church. Everyone welcomed.

Head deacon for the month of September is Katie Ginn.

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 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