



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

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 16, 2018

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Variations on 'Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy'* Linker

Prayer of Preparation

God of John, Elijah, and all the prophets, in Christ you came to lead us in the way of everlasting life. Set our minds on holy things so that we may have the courage to take up the cross and follow you; through Jesus the Messiah. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Ellie Forsyth

Call to Worship – *(responsive)*

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

I called to God: Lord, save my life!

God has delivered my soul from death.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 157 – *I Danced in the Morning*

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession – *(unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. We protect what is dear to us and neglect what is dear to you. We preserve our own way of life and profit at the expense of others. Forgive us, God of grace. Show us the error of our ways, and guide us back to your path of righteousness, justice, and

peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (time for silent confession)

* Assurance of Pardon

* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri*

**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

Tommy Suttle

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading – Psalm 19

pew Bible pg. 433

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Let the Words of My Mouth*

K. Lee Scott

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, Oh Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom,
teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns
and spiritual songs, singing with hearts full of thanks to the Lord.
And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of our Lord
Jesus, giving thanks to the Father through him, giving thanks to the
Father, giving thanks to the Father through him. (repeat)

Amen

Second Reading – Mark 8:27-38

pew Bible pg. 820

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – *Who Do You Say that I Am?*

Rev. Dr. Crotwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Affirmation of Faith: (*unison*) The Apostles' Creed

**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 693 – *Though I May Speak*

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 – *Meditation on BEACH SPRING*

Linker

- * 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 839 – *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

- * Charge and Benediction

- * Postlude – *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Linker





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

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 Rush McClinton, Jeanne Herring's nephew, who died Sept. 10.



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 **Session** will meet today following worship in the conference room.

New Beginnings and the youth/children will have their annual intergenerational cookout at Tommy's house at 5 p.m. today. 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.

PW Prayer Ministry will meet Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the generation room. If you would like to include someone on the prayer list, please fill out a card found on the back of the pew and place in the offering plate.

Brown Bag Bible Study meets Tuesday at noon. We will study Hosea chapter 6.



Boswell Choir will be performing this coming **Wednesday night**. Please join us at 5:30 in the sanctuary for the concert. Pizza and salad will be served at 6:15. Please fill out a reservation slip and place in offering plate.



Chancel Choir will meet at 7 p.m..

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

Grades 3-5 and Youth will sell \$10 parking slots Saturday, Sept. 22, starting at 3 p.m. for the USM game.

PW Fall Gathering will be at Prospect Presbyterian Church in Meridian Saturday, Sept. 22. See Mary Dayne for more information.



At 8:45 on Sunday, Sept. 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.

NEWSLETTER INFO for October is due Sept. 24. Please email wes@WPCHattiesburg.com.



Pinebelt Christian Women and Men Job Corps Banquet to celebrate changed lives will be Thurs., Oct. 4 from 6-8 p.m. at Hattiesburg Country Club. For more information see invitation on narthex cabinet. See Geri Jones for tickets.

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

CHURCH STAFF

Christopher Crotwell, Minister
Sinclair Lundy, Financial Secretary
Randall Harris, Organist
Director Wes Brooks, Communications

Tommy Suttle, Director of Discipleship
Martha Davis, Church Administrator
Connie Roberts, Chancel Choir
Michael Ginn, Children's Music Director

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