



# 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

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 23, 2018

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Toccata in G* Dubois

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

Great God, you sent Jesus Christ to serve the least and save the lost.

Take us in your arms and teach us to welcome all of your children so that we may be one family; in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Young Disciples – *We Are One in the Spirit*

Michael Ginn, Director

Greeting and Announcements

Eric Reidenbach

Call to Worship – *(responsive)*

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

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

The last are first in the realm of God;

**the least are welcomed in Jesus' name.**

Let us worship God.

\* Hymn of Praise 459 – *O Word of God Incarnate*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession – *(unison)*

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way.**

**We sow the seeds of conflict while you seek the harvest of**

**peace. We argue about who is greatest while you welcome the**

**last and least. Forgive us, God of grace. Draw near to us this day**

**with the wisdom of your Word, and teach us how to serve you;**

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

\* Assurance of Pardon

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

**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

Katie Ginn

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading – James 3:13-18

pew Bible pg. 982

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *Whoever Would Be Great Among You*

Ronald A. Nelson

Whoever would be great among you, must become your servant,  
and whoever would be first among you, must be a slave of all.

For the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve.

And to give his life, as a ransom for many.

Second Reading – Mark 9:30-37

pew Bible pg. 821

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – *Servant of All*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotnell

### GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\* Sacrament of Baptism and Profession of Faith

\* 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 188 – *Jesus Loves Me!*

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 – *Jesus Loves Me*

Larson

\* 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 462 – *I Love to Tell the Story*

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude – *The Prince of Denmark's March*

Clarke



\*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*

*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*




## 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.

**Youth and Children** will meet at the church from 5-6:30 today. Supper will be provided.

**Brown Bag Bible Study** meets Tuesday at noon. We will study Hosea chapter 6-9.



**Pot Luck** will be this Wednesday, at 5:30.  
After Pot Luck join us to hear about several of our members tell about their trip to Israel.

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

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, Sept. 27, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

**NEWSLETTER INFO** for October is due Sept. 24. Please email [wes@WPCHattiesburg.com](mailto: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.

If you wish to place **fresh flowers** in the sanctuary in honor or memory of someone or for a special occasion, please contact Martha Davis at the church office to reserve a date.

**Eye glasses needed.** There is a basket on the narthex cabinet for used eye glasses. These donated glasses are taken to the Lion's Club by Ann Johnson.



**Assistive listening devices** are available on the narthex cabinet.

**Children's bulletins** are available on the narthex cabinet.

Head deacon for the month of Sept. is Katie Ginn.

Fall more deeply in love with Jesus: attend Mississippi Presbyterian **Cursillo** Retreat at Camp Wesley Pines (Gallman, MS) Nov. 1-4. It's uplifting, life-changing, and free. Consider this your personal invitation. For details, see Sharon Potin, Beth Richmond or Dean and Mary Cromartie. You can apply online at [www.msprebyteriancursillo.com](http://www.msprebyteriancursillo.com)

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 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

Ray Robinson, Sexton