



# 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-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 24, 2017

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Now Thank We All Our God* Karg-Elert

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

My prayer today is for a grateful heart. Fill me with gratitude, Lord. Amen

Chiming of the Hour

Young Disciples – *I Love You Lord* Jenny Maul, director

Greeting and Announcements Catherine Edmonson

Call to Worship – (*responsive*) Psalm 147

Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

**He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.**

Sing to the Lord with grateful praise; make music to our God.

**His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his delight in the legs of the warrior; the Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.**

Let's worship the Lord our God.

\* Hymn of Praise 13 – *The Mighty God with Power Speaks*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession (*unison*) The Ambrosian Liturgy

**Lord Jesus Christ, who stretched out your hands on the cross and redeemed us by your blood, forgive me, a sinner, for none of my thoughts are hidden from you. Pardon I ask, pardon I hope for, pardon I trust to have. You, who are merciful, spare and forgive me. Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

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

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children

Michael Ginn

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson – Psalm 50:7-15

pew Bible pg. 452

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *Canticle of Praise*

John Ness Beck

As a Father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

For He knoweth our frame; He remembreth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth,  
For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone. And the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting to them that fear Him,  
To such as keep His covenants. The Lord hath prepared His throne in the heavens,  
And His kingdom ruleth over all.

Praise ye the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the heights!

Praise ye Him, all His angels, Praise ye Him, all His hosts.

Praise ye Him, sun and moon, Praise Him, all ye stars of light.

Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:

Fire and hail; snow and vapours; stormy wind fulfilling His word!

King of the earth, and all people, princes and all judges of the earth,

Young men and maidens, Old men and children, Let them praise the name of the Lord!

For His name alone is excellent, His glory is above the earth and heaven.

Praise ye the Lord!

Sermon – *Starting Point: It's All God's*

Rev. Dr. Mike Anderson

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\* Affirmation of Faith: (*responsive*)

The Heidelberg Catechism

What advantage comes from acknowledging God's creation and providence?

**We learn that we are to be patient in adversity, grateful in the midst of blessing, and to trust our faithful God and Father for the future, assured that no creature shall separate us from his love, since all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot even move.**

\* Hymn of Thanksgiving 829 – *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Prayers of Intercession 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 Him! Praise Him!*

Hayes

- \* The Doxology – Hymn 606
- \* Prayer of Dedication

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

- \* Hymn of Consecration 687 – *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*
- \* Charge and Benediction
- \* Postlude – *Recessional*

Saint-Saens



\* Please stand at the \* as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold**. Also, please take your bulletin and papers home or place them in the recycling basket in the narthex.



## **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*

*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*

*William Pollacci, 2 month old having heart surgery on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>,*

*nephew of a coworker of Alicia Westbrook*

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

*Jerry Spann, friend of Ruthie Davis – cancer surgery*

*Margaret Suttle – recovering at home*

*Jay Wellons, son-in-law of Gene and Fluffy Fair, tumor*

## **PRAYERS OF COMFORT**

*For the people affected by Hurricanes Irma and Maria*

### **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**

1st Thessalonians 5:17 encourages us to pray continually. Following a disaster, our best response is first to seek God's presence on behalf of those in need.

PDA is also in touch with the Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network (FLAPDAN), which is a mutually agreed upon partnership between six presbyteries in Florida. This is a unique platform in which PDA can relate to all six presbyteries at once for disaster situational awareness.

The needs for the response **are great**. God's people are once again called to stand in the "GAP" – Give, Act, Pray.

**How to give.** Make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church. Put on memo line hurricane disaster relief. We will be sure to get your contribution to the right place.

Our Presbytery has a new website. It is [www.pbyofms.org](http://www.pbyofms.org)



## 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.

**Today Grades 3-5** will meet from 4:15-5:30 and **the Youth** will meet from 5-6:30 p.m.



Next Sunday is **World Communion Sunday**. We will celebrate the sacrament of the **Lord's Supper**. Communion Sundays are also **Breadbasket Sundays** – a time when you are encouraged to bring contributions for the Breadbasket ministry.

In your bulletin is a flyer explaining peace and global witness. Please be praying about **your gift**. **Offering envelopes will be in next Sunday's bulletin**. When you give to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, 25% of your gift stays local, bringing the power of reconciliation and peace of Christ to our community.



**Brown Bag Bible Study** meets Tuesday at noon. We will be studying 11 Kings 5 & 6.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, Sept. 28, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.



Margaret Lochhead is seeking volunteers to fill **Breadbasket applications** for Oct. 2-6. Easy step-by-step instructions are available. A signup sheet is on the narthex cabinet.



Please join us Wednesday night at 5:30 for **potluck**. Bring your favorite dish or dessert.

**After supper Mike will present:** Richard Foster's *Streams of Living Water*. Foster examines the "streams of living water" — the six dimensions of faith and practice that define Christian tradition. He lifts up the enduring character of each tradition and shows how a variety of practices, from individual study and retreat to disciplines of service and community, are all essential elements of growth and maturity. Foster examines the unique contributions of each of these traditions and offers as examples the inspiring stories of faithful people whose lives defined each of these "streams."

**Chancel Choir** will meet at 7.

Annual Budget Amount	Giving Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	Previous Week's Giving
\$456,500.00	\$281,348.44	\$325,890.31	\$2,629.00

**Grades 3-5 and Youth** will sell \$10 parking slots Saturday, Sept. 30, starting at 3 p.m. for the USM game.



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