



# 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

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 30, 2018

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – Two Pieces

Manz

*I. Aria*

*II. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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

*Be still, and know that I am God . . . the Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. - **Psalm 46:10-11***

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Mary Dayne Gregg

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

(from I Chronicles 16)

O, give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples

**Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in his holy name!

**Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

Come, let us worship the Lord our God!

- \* Hymn of Praise 307 – *God of Grace and God of Glory* (vs. 1-3)
- \* Call to Confession
- \* Prayer of Confession – (*unison*)

**Loving God, forgive us for our ignorance and obstinance. We boast of all the good deeds we do in your name, yet we scoff at others who endeavor to serve you in ways that are different than our own. We claim to lead our lives guided by your spirit and following the example of your good and perfect son, Jesus; however we are too often dragged down by the millstone of pride, arrogance, and selfish ambition. Cut away from us the things that cause us to stumble in our faith. Cut away from us the things in us that cause others to stumble in their faith. Forgive us, O God, and cleanse our**

**hearts so that we might serve you selflessly. Hear now the silent confessions of our hearts . . .**

\* Assurance of Pardon (**responsive**)

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are the ones whose sin the Lord will never count against them.**

The wages of sin is death,

**But the gift from God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord!**

Friends, God loved us so much that he sent his only Son to pay the penalty for our sins. That is the message of the gospel; our sins are forgiven because of Jesus and our Father's love for us!

**Alleluia!**

\* The Congregation's Response: *God of Grace and God of Glory* (vs. 4)

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.**

**Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.**

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Time with Children

Michael Ginn

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading – Psalm 124

pew Bible pg. 498

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *We Glorify Thy Name, O God*

Joseph Haydn

Sing to the Lord with joy and gladness, sing to the Lord Jehovah,

Sing to the Lord Jehovah, shout in joyful songs of praise.

Sing to Him, sing to the Lord Jehovah, shout in joyful songs of praise.

Thou alone are just, just and merciful, Thou alone art gracious,

We praise Thy name, we give thanks unto Thee, Lord, we worship Thee,

We glorify Thy name, O God of Israel.

Second Reading – Mark 9:38-50

pew Bible pg. 821

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – *The Good Outside and the Bad Inside*

Tommy Suttle, Director of Discipleship

**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 451 – *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

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 – *Rex Gloriae*

Haydn

- \* 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 804 – *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

- \* Charge and Benediction

- \* Postlude – *Trumpet Duet*

Stanley



- \* Please stand at the \* as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold**.



## 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*

*Donald Marr, Sr., friend of Nancy Johnson – brain cancer*

*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*

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.mspsbyteriancursillo.com](http://www.mspsbyteriancursillo.com)



## 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.

**PW Coordinating Team** meets Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor.

**Brown Bag Bible Study** meets Tuesday at noon. We will study Hosea chapters 10-11.

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**, 50% of your gift stays local, bringing the power of reconciliation and peace of Christ to our community.



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.

### **The menu for Wednesday night is:**

A traditional Salvadoran meal including

Asado com pollo (**roasted chicken**)

Arroz frito (**fried rice**)

Frijoles refritos (**refried beans**)

Pupusas with curtido and red sauce (**hand made corn tortillas filled with beans and/or cheese, cabbage 'slaw' and salsa**)

Tres leche cake (**three milk cake**)

**Children** – menu available

### **After supper activities:**

**Adults and Youth** will meet in Montague Hall.

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

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

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, Oct. 3, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

**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.

Head deacon for the month of Sept. 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.

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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