



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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1, 2017

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Partita on 'Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Cori

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

Lord, this morning help me to lay aside my need to be in control. Help me
listen with a heart that is hungry for healing and holy love. In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements Althea Jerome

Call to Worship – (*responsive*) from Psalm 27

**The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

Let us worship the Lord our God.

* Hymn of Praise 468 – *In My Life*

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (*unison*) from Psalm 51

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according
to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions. Wash away all
my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my
transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you
only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.**

(Time for Silent Reflection) Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

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

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children Tommy Suttle

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture – Luke 6:27-38 pew Bible pg. 838

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God

Anthem – *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

David K. Striver

When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God.
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood,
See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did ever such love and conflict meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present much too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my life, my all.

Sermon – *God's Economy*

Rev. Dr. Mike Anderson

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Hymn of Thanksgiving – *Trust, Try, and Prove Me (insert)*

Tithes and Offerings

Call for the Offering

Offertory – *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

Biery

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Embracing God, we give thanks for being brought together by your Spirit. In your presence, we come to know the true depths of your love for us. And it is good. In your presence, our eyes are opened and we see the best of your creation. And it is good. In your presence, the fullness of grace teaches us to love one another as you love us. And that is good. We come together at this table to remember this sacrament.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Creator God, we are amazed at your holy and diverse creation. You made us in your image and offered us every good gift in the garden, yet we took for ourselves forbidden fruit, thinking we could be like you. In so doing, we **rejected your intended diversity for us, a human sin that we still can't shake.** Prophets came through the ages to help us mend our ways. And still we fought

and tried to conquer others to make all manner of nations live like one another. Jesus came and finally showed us how to truly love. He sat with sinners and tax collectors, he touched diseased bodies with gentleness, he lifted others from their deathbed and, even with his dying breath, promised rest to a thief on the cross. Gracious God, you gave us your Son. He died and rose again on the third day so that we might have life everlasting. With the ancestors, on this World Communion Sunday your people cry out:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The grains have been harvested and the bread has been baked. The grapes have been collected from the vine and the juice has been pressed. They come together on this table for a holy purpose. Holy Spirit come, breathe your blessings on these common elements of bread and juice. Bring us to the table with Christ. Hear us as we now declare the mystery that is our faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

UNISON PRAYER

Holy Triune God, we thank you for this meal that proclaims the peace and healing of the nations. We thank you for this meal where a little is enough to change our lives; where a little is more than enough to feed those whose hearts yearn for communion in community. May this bread and fruit of the vine nourish us so that we may grow in the faith and knowledge that in you, we are one. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn of Consecration 643 – *Now Thank We All Our God*
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude – *In Christ There Is No East or West*

Martin





PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Erin Blanchard, Michael Raggio's goddaughter – recovering

Marilyn Bowen, Sam Dossett's sister – colon cancer

Margaret Buckley – recovering from fall

Angela Cook, Sharecare member – prayers for family through difficult times

Ruthie Davis – health concerns

Sam Dossett – continued prayers

Mary Halliwell, friend of Mary and Dean Cromartie – pancreatic cancer

Crystal Miller, friend of Nancy Johnson – recovering after heart and lung transplants

B.J. Lambert – recovering at FGH

William Pollacci, 2 month old recovering from heart surgery,

nephew of a coworker of Alicia Westbrook

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

Larry Schruff, nephew of Martha Davis – recovering from a broken leg

Margaret Suttle – recovering at home

Jay Wellons, son-in-law of Gene and Fluffy Fair – recovering after tumor removal

PRAYERS OF COMFORT

For the family and friends of Ernest Eugene Quimby, Karen Reidenbach's brother

Upcoming Meetings

Inviting Committee—8:30 a.m., today in the conference room

Belonging Committee—11:30 a.m., today in the conference room

Property Committee—11:30 a.m., today in the generation room

Older Adult Task Team—10 a.m., Monday, in the generation room

PW Coordinating Team—9:30 a.m., Tuesday, in the generation room

Administration Committee—4:30p.m., Wednesday in the conference room

Diaconate—11:30 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 8, in the generation room

Session—12:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 8, in the conference room



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 the Youth will meet from 5-6:30 p.m.

Communion Sundays are also **Breadbasket Sundays** – a time when you are encouraged to make contributions to the Breadbasket ministry. Envelopes are in the pews or put Breadbasket on the memo line of checks.



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Give a gift of peace. Inserted in the bulletin is an offering envelope for peace and global witness. 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 your own community.

Brown Bag Bible Study meets Tuesday at noon. We will be studying II Kings 6.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, Oct. 5, 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.

Wednesday Night Dinner

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—King Ranch Chicken, green beans, black beans, salad, and dessert
Children—hot dogs and tater tots

After supper join us and the Liberty men in the sanctuary for singing of hymns and devotion.

Chancel Choir will meet at 7. Come join the **Second Sunday Singers** as we practice for the anthem to be sung Sunday, Oct. 8.

Share Care will be having a garage sale in our back parking lot Saturday, Oct. 7th from 8-12:30.

Annual Budget Amount	Giving Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	Previous Week's Giving
\$456,500.00	\$284,539.94	\$334,766.70	\$3,191.50

Fall more deeply in love with Jesus: attend Mississippi Presbyterian **Cursillo** Retreat at Camp Wesley Pines (Gallman, MS) Nov. 2-5. **It's uplifting, life-changing, and free.** Consider this your personal invitation. For details, see Kathy Cain, or Dean and Mary Cromartie. You can apply online at www.mspsbyteriancursillo.com/. Please pray about this.

616 Trust, Try, and Prove Me

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse. Test me in this — Malachi 3:10 NIV

1. Bring ye all the tithes in - to the store - house, All your mon - ey,
 2. When my wa - v'ring faith, in tri - als, fal - ters, When His guid - ing
 3. I have yield - ed Him my life for - ev - er, All I am, or

tal - ents, time, and love; Con - se - crate them all up - on the
 hand I can - not see, Then in won - drous love and ten - der
 have, or hope to be; Naught on earth my hold on Him can

al - tar, While your Sav - ior from a - bove speaks sweet - ly,
 mer - cy, Thro' His Word He says to me, My child, just
 sev - er, While I hear Him say to me, My child, just

Trust Me, Me, try Me, Me, prove Me, saith the Lord of hosts, and see
 Trust Me, yes, then try Me, prove Me,

If a bless - ing, un - meas - ured bless - ing, I will not pour out on thee.

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GIVING
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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

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Gene Owens
Michael Raggio
Robin Roberts

Class of 2019

Althea Jerome
J. T. Johnson
Cindy Nobles

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Margaret Brooks
Dean Cromartie
Kathryn Cummings

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Franklin Bryant Gene Fair Wally Gregg

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Kathy Cain
Howard Keever
Beth Richmond

Class of 2019

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Janeil Harris
Butch Nobles
Susan Turner

Youth Representative

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Katie Ginn
Judy Haydel
Sinclair Lundy
Robert Lochhead

Sarah Beth Suttle

CHURCH STAFF

Mike Anderson, Interim Minister
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
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