



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

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 7, 2018

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Dykes

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

Faithful God, in Christ Jesus you came to us as a little child to lead us to your eternal realm. Help us to receive your promise with childlike trust and joy so that we may one day rest in the loving arms of Christ; in whose holy name we pray. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

In Jesus Christ we know the glory of God;

he sustains all things by his mighty word.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 260 – *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* (vs 1-3)

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession – (*unison*)

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. You create us in your image, yet we dishonor your holy name. You call us to live as one body, yet we seek out separate ways. Forgive us, God of grace. By the work of your Spirit within us make us holy and whole, so that we might live for your glory; 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 – Isaiah 41:17-20

pew Bible pg. 584

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table*

Ferguson

Second Reading – Matthew 25:31-46

pew Bible pg. 807

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Sermon – *Haunted by Water*

The Rev. Wil Howie

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Communion Hymn 526 – *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory – *Melodie from "Orpheus"*

von Gluck

Emily Batley, flute

THE EUCHARIST

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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 our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Hymn 552 – *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty... ...Great is the mystery of faith:

Hymn 553 – *Christ Has Died; Christ is Risen*

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us... .. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen

And now Lord hear us as we pray together the words our Savior has taught us:

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.

The Words of Institution

The Communion

Prayer After Communion (unison)

Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world - because in Christ Jesus you have loved us to the end and beyond. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn of Consecration 310 – *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude – *Come Into His Presence*

Baird





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 – multiple myeloma bone 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

***The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Martha and Howard Rodgers by their daughter, Janet Rodgers Bennett.***



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.

During communion, in order that all might be welcome, we will serve grape juice. Also, an elder near the table will have a plate with gluten free bread available for those that require it.

The Rev. Wil Howie, honorably retired, served as Executive Director for *Living Waters for the World*. Now as their volunteer Ambassador, he helps LWW as they serve as a resource to churches and service organizations, training and equipping people with the skills necessary to bring good news and clean water to those in need throughout the world.

Prior to this, Rev. Howie served as pastor of two PC (USA) churches in north Mississippi. He is a second-career minister having worked in the counseling/mental health sector prior to his ordination in 1990. He holds a bachelors degree in sociology from Mississippi College, a masters degree in education / counseling psychology from the University of Southern California and a masters degree in divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga.

Living in the hills and woods outside of Oxford, Mississippi, he is married to the Rev. Michele Howie. They have three children and four grandchildren.



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

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 chapters 11-12.



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 is:

Adult – chicken and sausage jambalaya, green salad, French bread, bread pudding

Children – menu available

After-supper activities:

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

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

Circle 3 will meet upstairs.

Chancel Choir will meet at 6:30 p.m..

Growing Spiritual meeting, Oct. 14, at 8:30 a.m. in the conference room.

PW Circles 1 & 2 meet Tuesday, Oct. 9. **Circle 1** will meet in the parlor at 9:30 a.m. and **Circle 2** will meet at 7 p.m. in the generation room.

Circle 3 will meet Wednesday, Oct. 10, after supper upstairs.



All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, Oct. 11, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

Feeling cold during worship? We have a solution, thanks to Randall and Sharon. There are **shawls available** on the narthex cabinet for your use. Please return to basket after service.

Next Sunday the **Diaconate** will meet in the generation room following worship. The **Session** will meet on Oct. 21 following worship in the conference room.



Second Sunday Singers. Here's your chance to sing with the choir on next week's anthem! Just come to the choir room this Wednesday night at 6:30 for a brief 30-minute rehearsal and sing on Sunday, Oct. 14.

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



Bonfire/Cookout

Sunday, Oct. 14, at 5 p.m.

At the Haydel's (45 Moss Lane, Petal)

All are invited

Bring chairs, dessert or appetizer

Caravan from church at 4:30

CHURCH COOKOUT



New Beginnings

We will go to Lauren Rogers Museum of Art in Laurel on Thursday, Oct. 18 to tour the Da Vinci Machines exhibit. We will leave the church at 9:30 a.m.

A dutch treat lunch will follow in downtown Laurel. Please let Martha know by email or phone. martha@wpchattiesburg.com or 601-584-7574

Head deacon for the month of October is Robert Lochhead.

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
Susan Turner

Class of 2020

Katie Ginn
Judy Haydel
Sinclair Lundy
Robert Lochhead

Class of 2021

Chad Edmonson
Brandon Hayes
Rhoda Pickett
Beth Richmond

Youth Representative

Jackson Creel

CHURCH STAFF

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

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

Ray Robinson, Sexton