



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-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 8, 2017

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow* Ford

Prayer of Preparation (*you may 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 Martha Ann Hogrefe

Call to Worship – (*responsive*) from Psalm 111

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works.

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

* Hymn of Praise 367 – *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (*unison*) Augustine

We ask not of you, O Father, silver and gold, honor and glory, nor the pleasures of the world, but grant us grace to seek your kingdom and your righteousness, and add to us things necessary for the body and for this life. Behold, O Lord, our desire; may it be pleasing in your sight. Forgive our wanton and willful sins. We present our petitions to you through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is at your right hand, our mediator and advocate, through whom you sought us that we might seek you. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri*

Hymn 581

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children

Mike Anderson

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture – Malachi 3:6-12

pew Bible pg. 778

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Consecration*

John Ness Beck

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord to Thee;

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;

Take my voice and let it sing always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be, filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;

Take my intellect, and use every power a Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

Sermon – *Open the Windows of Heaven*

Rev. Dr. Mike Anderson

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Time of Commitment

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

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 – *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated*

Purifoy

* The Doxology – Hymn 606

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn of Consecration – *Commit Your Way to God the Lord* (see insert)

- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude – *Now Thank We All Our God*

Bach



* 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
Margaret Buckley – recovering from fall
Angelo Cook, Sharecare member – prayers for family through difficult times
Ruthie Davis – health concerns
Andrew Dennis, Beverly and Charles Dennis' son – melanoma
Sam Dossett – continued prayers
Fluffy Fair – recovering from broken hip
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
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 Schruoff, 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



Men of the Church meet Saturday, October 14, at 9:00 a.m. in Montague Hall. All local first responders and their families have been invited for breakfast. Join us as we welcome our guests.

40th Year Anniversary

Your are cordially invited to attend the 40th year anniversary of
Pineview Presbyterian Church
Sunday, October 8, at 3 p.m.
Rev. Joe W. Rigsby, Guest Speaker



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 diaconate meets at 11:30 and **the session** meets at 12:30.

No Youth or children's activities today.

PW Circles 1 & 2 meet Tuesday, Oct. 10. **Circle 1** meets in the parlor at 9:30 a.m. and **Circle 2** meets at 7 p.m. in the generation room.

Circle 3 will meet following supper on Wednesday.



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. 12, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

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—beef noodle casserole, vegetable medley, green salad, and dessert
Children—pizza

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."

Circle 3 will meet after supper. **Chancel Choir** will meet at 7.

Annual Budget Amount	Giving Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	Previous Week's Giving
\$456,500.00	\$300,226.44	\$343,602.18	\$12,286.50

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/.

Grades 3-5 and Youth will sell \$10 parking slots Saturday, Oct. 14, starting at 2:30 for the USM game.

Older Adult Task Meeting Monday at 10:00 at the church.

Cookout and Bonfire Oct. 22 at 5 p.m. at the Haydel's. Everyone invited.

Commit Your Way to God the Lord

1. Com - mit your way to God the Lord: your cause will
2. Be still be - fore the Lord and wait, and do not
3. Sal - va - tion comes from God a - lone: the faith - ful and
4. Com - mit your way to God the Lord; to peace and

shine as bright as fire; de - light to do God's
fret when wrong suc - ceeds; re - frain from an - ger
know their help is sure; to heav - en, all our
truth and grace as - pire; then mer - cy shall be

ho - ly word and you shall find what you de - sire.
turn from hate, for God will pun - ish e - vil deeds.
needs are known, and in God's strength we are se - cure.
your re - ward; God's prom - is - es, your heart's de - sire.

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
Irregular

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 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