



# 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-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 15, 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*

PRAYERS FOR A SAFE JOURNEY for Dave Daves who will be attending Living Waters for the World's 'Clean Water University' from the 18th through the 22nd. May he have safe travels and come home filled with knowledge and a clear vision of his role in God's plans for this important mission..

### **40<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary**

Your are cordially invited to attend the 40<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**New Beginnings**, Monday, October 16 12:00 Noon, Montague Hall. **Robert Hay, Jr.**, the southeast region ministry relations officer with the Presbyterian Foundation, will be with us. He will be speaking about leaving a legacy and how the Presbyterian Foundation can help. Contact Tommy if you plan to attend. 601-408-2589, tommy@wpchattiesburg.com

**PW prayer ministry will meet Tuesday, October 17, at 11:00 a.m.**

**Brown Bag Bible Study** meets Tuesday at 12:00 noon, October 17. We will be studying II Kings 6.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, Oct. 19, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

**Congregational Meeting** Sunday, October 22, immediately following worship. Pastor Nominating Committee will report

## Meistersingers Concert

Sunday, October 22, at 3 p.m.  
Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

**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  
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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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.

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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