



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-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 22, 2017

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him* McDonald

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

Thank you, God, for loving me not only as I am, but as the person you want me to become. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Mary Dayne Gregg

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

from Psalm 37

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land and enjoy security.

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. Our steps are made firm by the Lord, when he delights in our way; though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong, for the Lord holds us by the hand.

Wait for the Lord, and keep to his way, and he will exalt you to inherit the land. Let us worship the Lord, our God.

* Hymn of Praise 667 – *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

The Gelasian Sacramentary

O God, who desires not the death but the repentance of sinners, we beseech you, in your loving kindness, to turn your people to yourself; that when they devote themselves to you, you may remove the scourges of your anger; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri*

Hymn 581

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children

Mary Clare Royals

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson – Psalm 99

pew Bible pg. 480

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *The Peace of God*

John Rutter

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

Amen

Second Lesson – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

pew Bible pg. 959

Sermon – *Faithfulness on Full Display*

Rev. Dr. Mike Anderson

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Affirmation of Faith: (*unison*)

(Hymnal pg. 35)

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 738 – *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

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 – *Sarabande*

Corelli

* The Doxology – Hymn 606

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn of Consecration 722 – *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* (vs. 1-4)

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Benediction – *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will,
and when, and where until your blessed face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.

* Postlude – *Finale Jubilante*

Willan

*There will be a congregational meeting following the service.
If you need to leave, please do so during the Postlude.*



* 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 at home

Brandi Carter, friend of Nancy Johnson – postponed cancer scans

Ruthie Davis – health concerns

Andrew Dennis, Beverly and Charles Dennis' son – melanoma

Sam Dossett – continued prayers

Jan Drummond, friend of Sinclair Lundy – diagnosed with Parkinson's

Fluffy Fair – recovering from broken hip at Merit Health Wesley

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

Crystal Miller, friend of Nancy Johnson – hospitalized with pneumonia

B.J. Lambert – recovering at Bedford Care

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

Louise Van-Deck, friend of Harry and Carol Hickman – recovering from stroke

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

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/.



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.

Congregational Meeting
Today immediately following worship
Pastor Nominating Committee will report

Meistersingers Concert
Today at 3 p.m.
Westminster Presbyterian Church

Bonfire & Cookout
Sunday, Nov. 5, at 5 p.m.
Jeff & Judy Haydel
(45 Moss Lane, Petal)
Bring a chair
Join us for BBQ, hot dogs, hayride & bonfire
New Beginnings-caravan from the church at 4:30

For:
New Beginnings
PreK-Youth & their families

Trunk or Treat

Wednesday night at 5:30 in the church's back parking lot. Decorate your trunks, SUV's or trucks for **Trunk or Treat**. Everyone is encouraged to bring candy, decorate your vehicles if desired, and enjoy the evening. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be grilled. Please fill out the reservation form and come join us.



Chancel Choir will meet at 7.

Brown Bag Bible Study meets Tuesday at noon. We will be studying II Kings 7.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, Oct. 26, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

Annual Budget Amount	Giving Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	Previous Week's Giving	Last Year YTD Giving
\$456,500.00	\$313,837.44	\$361,395.89	\$10,392.00	\$321,519.62

Grades 3-5 and Youth will sell \$10 parking slots Saturday, Oct. 28, starting at 2:30 p.m. for the USM game.



NEWSLETTER INFO for November is due Nov. 24.
Please email wes@WPCHattiesburg.com



We will celebrate the sacrament of the **Lord's Supper** next Sunday. During the coming week, prepare yourself through prayer and scripture reading to receive the grace our Lord offers to you at his table. Communion Sundays are also **Breadbasket Sundays** – a time when you are encouraged to make contributions for the Breadbasket ministry.



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