



# 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-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 4, 2018

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Prelude on MORNING HYMN*

Binckes

*Prelude on DUKE STREET*

Cherwien

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

O Lord our God, you alone are holy. Teach us to worship you with all our heart and soul and mind and strength, and to love one another as Christ loves us, so that we may draw near to your eternal realm; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Durwood Blackwell

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**You shall love the Lord your God.**

Let us worship God.

\* Hymn of Praise 81 – *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession – (*unison*)

**Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. You call for faithfulness and love; we respond with half-hearted praise. You call for righteousness and peace; we respond with empty promises. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us how to worship you with the sacrifice you desire: loving you and loving one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord.** (time for silent confession)

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri*

Hymn 581

**Glorify 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

Christopher Crotwell

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson – Mark 12:28-34

pew Bible pg. 825

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *Lord, I Trust Thee*

G. F. Handel

Lord, I Trust Thee, I adore thee. Ah! Thou friend of man, restore me!

On thy loving grace relying, for the bread of life I'm sighing.

Quench my thirst and let my hunger cease,

fill my heart with joy and endless peace.

When the breath of life has left me, may my soul be blended with thee.

Second Lesson – Ruth 1:1-18

pew Bible pg. 210

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – *No Runaway*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\* Communion Hymn 511 – *Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven*

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory – *For All the Saints*

Choplin

## 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. . .**

**. . . 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 63 – *The Lord Is God*

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude– *Toccata in G*

Mansfield



\* Please stand at the \* as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold**.

Please remove all papers from the sanctuary when you leave.



## **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*

*Tash Clayton, Gene Owens' employer's daughter – kidney stones surgery, treating infection*

*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*

*Katie Hall, friend of Bob Lochhead – slowly recovering from a brain aneurism*

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

*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 – brain cancer*

*Jean Menefee – receiving treatment in Houston*

*Crystal Miller, friend of Nancy Johnson – recovering from double lung & heart transplant*

*Cindy Nobles – undergoing treatment for the recurrence of cancer*

*Tabitha Raggio – recovering from surgery*

*Stuart Ramsdale, friend of Gene Owens – cancer on liver, colon, and throat*

*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*

## **PRAYERS OF COMFORT**

*The family and friends of Margaret Pearson who passed away October 30*



## 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.

**The November/December *Today* devotionals** are on the narthex cabinet.

**Youth and Children** will meet at the church from 5-6:30 today. Supper will be provided.

**PW Coordinating Team** meets Tuesday, Nov. 6, at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor.



All Saints' Day is celebrated annually on November 1. This morning our Great Thanksgiving prayer will remember by name those members of Westminster who have gone before us into the realm of everlasting peace in the last two years. If you have an additional saint you would like for our church family to remember, please see the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**Stewardship season is here.** Pledge materials were mailed out this past week. If you have not received yours, please contact the church office. Information meetings about the proposed goal budget for 2019 will happen in the Generations classroom following worship today and at 4:45 on Wednesday. Commitment Sunday is November 18.

**Brown Bag Bible Study** meets Tuesday at noon. We will study Joel chapter 1.



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.

**Adult** – pork loin, corn pudding, green beans, salad, bread, and dessert

**Children** – menu available

**Adults** will meet in Montague Hall.

**Youth** will meet upstairs.

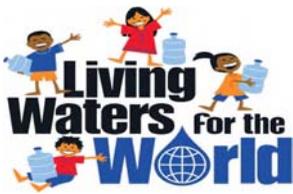
**Children's Choir** will meet upstairs in the rotation Sunday school room.

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

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, Nov. 8, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

Margaret Lochhead is seeking volunteers to fill **Breadbasket applications** for November 7-9. A signup sheet is on a narthex table.





There's still time to participate in the "Buy a Part, Be a Part" Living Waters for the World fundraiser. Please see the display in the narthex and see how you can help with the upcoming water purification system installation in Guadeloupe, El Salvador. Be sure to put "LWW" in the memo section of your check.



**The Church-Wide Work Day** is Saturday, Nov. 10, starting at 9 a.m.

### Shoeboxes Info on narthex table Due November 12

Currently, shoeboxes are not available. You can use a regular sized shoebox or purchase a plastic shoebox at a local dollar store. Please pick up an envelope from the narthex cabinet to put with your box and place filled box on the table outside the Generations classroom by Nov. 12.

Contact person is Sarah Brannon (601-602-6440)



Mark your calendars for Monday, Nov. 5, for profit give-back night at Glory Bound. A portion of their sales from 4:00 p.m. until closing will be donated to help **support our Living Waters for the World** mission.



**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, Nov. 11.

Christmas will be here before we know it, so please start thinking about our friends at **Boswell Regional Center**. This year their number of clients increased to 175 (111 males and 64 females), so meeting our goal for a gift for each person will take a little more effort. The wish list is similar to previous years' and copies are available in the narthex. Please don't wrap, rather provide a gift bag. The Boswell staff sorts the gifts and determine which client gets which gift. Thank you in advance for keeping this long-standing tradition going.

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 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  
Wes 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