



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-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 11, 2018

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Three Hymn Preludes in Classic Style*

Smith

I. *Fairest Lord Jesus*

II. *In the Garden*

III. *Come, Thou Almighty King*

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

Holy God, in Christ you have revealed the true measure of your generosity and the great treasure of your grace. Move us, even in the poverty of our hearts, to offer our lives to you, so that we may bear witness to the abundance of your love; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Catherine Edmonson

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

The Lord watches over the strangers;

God upholds those who are in need.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 697 – *Take My Life*

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession – (*unison*)

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. We revel in power and privilege while many are struggling to survive. We boast of our great contributions while some who have little give all. Forgive us, God of grace. Strip us of all pride and pretense and clothe us in your mercy alone, ready to meet you in 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

Michael Ginn

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading – Hebrews 9:24-28

pew Bible pg. 976

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Amazing Grace*

arr. by Richard Proulx

Matthew Gretz, violin

Second Reading – Mark 12:38-44

pew Bible pg. 825

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Sermon – *Observers and Caretakers*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Affirmation of Faith: (*unison*) The Apostles' Creed

**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 (see insert) – *What Does the Lord Require of You?*

Prayers of the People 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 – *Meditation on 'I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord'*

Graham

* The Doxology – Hymn 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn of Consecration 714 – *God of the Fertile Fields*

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude – *Canzona*

Roesch



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

What Does the Lord Require?

Micah 6:8
Response to the Word/Departing/Ordination

Words and Music by
Jim Strathdee
Adapted by
Linda White

①

B♭ F Gm

What does the Lord re - quire of

Dm E♭ B♭ Cm F

you? What does the Lord re - quire of

②

B♭ B♭ F/A Gm Dm/F

you? To seek jus - tice and love kind - ness

③

Jus - tice, kind - ness,

E♭ B♭/D Cm7 F B♭

and walk hum - bly with your God.

walk hum - bly with your God.

Detailed description: The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of four systems of music. The first system has a treble clef and a circled '1' above the first measure. The second system has a treble clef. The third system has a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with a circled '2' above the first measure of the treble staff. The fourth system also has a grand staff with a circled '3' above the first measure of the bass staff. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Eugenia Anderson, Pam Love's aunt – recovering from a broken hip

Marilyn Bowen, Sam Dossett's sister – colon cancer

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

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

Sharon Sabin, friend of Mary and Dean Cromartie – advanced cancer and Parkinson's

Becky Smith, Ann Aldridge's friend – recovering from surgery

Patty Talbot, Ann Aldridge's sister – recovering from surgery

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 Frances Jane Burkhalter, mother of Jean Menefee – services will be Monday, Nov. 12, in Fort Worth, TX

The family and friends of Joey Nobles, Glenn Nobles' nephew – died Nov. 6, in Tallahassee, FL



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.

Today the **Diaconate** will meet at 11:30 and the **Session** will meet at 12:30.

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

Stewardship season is here. Pledge materials have been mailed out. If you have not received yours, please contact the church office. Commitment Sunday is Nov. 18.

PW Circles 1 & 2 meet Tuesday, Nov. 13. **Circle 1** will meet in the parlor at 9:30 a.m. and **Circle 2** will meet at 7 p.m. in the Generations classroom.



Brown Bag Bible Study meets Tuesday at noon. We will study Joel chapters 1 & 2.

**WEDNESDAY
NIGHT
ACTIVITIES**

Wednesday night suppers will start back in January.
Children K-5 will meet upstairs at 5:30 p.m.
Circle 3 will meet upstairs at 6 p.m.
Choir will meet at 7 p.m.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, Nov. 15, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

Grades 3-5 and Youth will sell \$10 parking slots Saturday, Nov. 17, starting at 11:30 a.m. for the USM game.



New Beginnings monthly luncheon is Monday, Nov. 19, at noon in Montague Hall. Everyone is invited to attend, so RSVPs are essential. Please contact Tommy Suttle at tommy@wpchattiesburg.com.

HAPPENINGS AT WESTMINSTER



Shoeboxes Info on narthex table Due Nov. 12th

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

Boxes are now available in the narthex or 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.

BOSWELL'S GIFTS

It's time to start shopping for Christmas gifts for our friends at Boswell.

This year the men and women will be looking forward to receiving something special from us. The numbers have increased to 175

(111 males and 64 females). The collection boxes and copies of the wish list are available in the narthex. Please don't wrap, rather provide a gift bag. The Boswell staff sorts the gifts and determines which client gets which gift.

*Happy Thanksgiving
Please Join Us November 18*

You are invited to our **Thanksgiving luncheon** immediately following our worship service in Montague Hall next Sunday.



ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

*The Annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at
6 p.m. Nov. 18.*

*Parkway Heights United Methodist Church
(offering will go to Breadbasket)*

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
Butch Nobles
Susan Turner

Class of 2020

Katie Ginn
Judy Haydel
Sinclair Lundy
Robert Lochhead

Class of 2021

Chad Edmonson
Brandon Hayes
Rhoda Pickett
Beth Richmond
Jackson Creel

Youth Representative

CHURCH STAFF

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

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

Ray Robinson, Sexton