



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

Thirty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time

November 12, 2017

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Sleepers, Wake* Bach

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

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Restore me to the joy of your salvation, and sustain me with a willing spirit. -

Psalm 51:10-11

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements Chad Edmonson

Call to Worship – (*responsive*) from Psalm 107

The Lord, our God, is in His holy temple. Be ready to greet the Redeemer!

Stand up and bless the Lord; stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.

God is with us and calls us to this holy hour.

We come rejoicing and praising God!

God is our strength and song, and his salvation is ours;

We praise Him with song; we lift up our joyful voices!

Come! Let us worship the Lord, our God!

* Hymn of Praise 369 – *Blessing and Honor*

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O Lord, we complain when there never seems to be enough time to do all the things that are demanded of us. Schedules become crowded. We live by the clock. We spend all of our time preparing for all the events that are coming our way, but we are rarely ready for you. We are guilty of wishing that you would come to us at more convenient times so that we can fit you into our busy lives. Forgive us, Lord, for trying to make you a scheduled event. We have moved you into a slot on our weekly calendars. Yet you are the eternal God who has always loved us and who is always ready to receive us. Teach us, merciful God, that with you as our foundation, we can handle anything that comes our way. Teach us to make you our main focus. Forgive us, O Lord, and help us to reorder the priorities in our lives. Forgive also the silent confessions of our hearts . . .

* Assurance of Pardon

* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri*

Hymn 581

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children

Kati Ginn

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson – I Thessalonians 4:13-18

pew Bible pg. 960

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Keep Your Lamps!*

Arr. Andre Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

Keep your children don't get weary, 'til your work is done.

Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

Second Lesson – Matthew 25:1-13

pew Bible pg. 806

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – *Fill Up the Bathtub, and Live Expectantly!*

Tommy Suttle, Director of Discipleship

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 384 – *Soon and Very Soon*

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 – *Blessed Assurance*

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* The Doxology – Hymn 606

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn of Consecration 839 – *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude – *Trumpet Tune*

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* 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

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
Fluffy Fair – recovering from broken hip at Merit Health Wesley
*Shelby Frichter, friend of Martha Davis' daughter – after giving birth, kidneys shut down
and lungs are filling up, on ventilator in ICU*
Mary Halliwell, friend of Mary and Dean Cromartie – pancreatic cancer
Crystal Miller, friend of Nancy Johnson – hospitalized with pneumonia
William Pollacci, at home doing well, nephew of a coworker of Alicia Westbrook
Sharon Sabin, friend of Mary and Dean Cromartie – advanced cancer and Parkinson's
Margaret Suttle – recovering at home
Louise Van-Deck, friend of Harry and Carol Hickman – recovering from stroke

PRAYERS OF REJOICING

*Victoria Cruz Roberts, born Saturday, Nov. 4,
to proud parents, Frank and Ashley Roberts
and welcoming siblings, Chazz, London, Christian, and Vaughn Calvin*

PRAYERS OF COMFORT

*For the family and friends of Dr. Don Odom, former Dean of the
WCU School of Music – passed away after a battle with cancer.*



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.

The November/December *Today* devotionals are in the narthex.

Today the **Diaconate** will meet at 11:30 and the **Session** will meet at 4:00.

Today the **Children and Youth** meet together at 5 p.m. to practice for the Christmas program. Supper will be served.

New Beginnings monthly luncheon is Monday, Nov. 13, at noon in Montague Hall. (This is a week earlier because of Thanksgiving). Everyone is invited to attend, so RSVPs are essential. Please contact Tommy Suttle at tommy@wpchattiesburg.com. Jeff Haydel will be our speaker. There is a box on the narthex cabinet in which to put questions you may have, or email your questions to the church. Jeff looks forward to having you ask questions ahead of time.

PW Circles 1 & 2 meet Tuesday, Nov. 14. **Circle 1** meets in the parlor at 9:30 a.m. and **Circle 2** meets at 7 p.m. in the generation room.



Brown Bag Bible Study meets Tuesday at noon. We will be studying II Kings 10-11.

There will be no more Wednesday night suppers until after the new year begins.

Choir meets Wednesday at 7 p.m.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, Nov. 16, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

Grades 3-5 and Youth will sell \$10 parking slots Saturday, Nov. 18, starting at 11:00 a.m. for the USM game.



Bread Breakers
Breaking bread from house to house

Breadbreakers is a supper club that provides a great way to get to know people from church. Groups will start up in January, **so don't miss out. Names will be randomly grouped for this fun fellowship. SIGN UP TODAY!** Sheets are located in the narthex.

HAPPENINGS AT WESTMINSTER



Shoeboxes Info on narthex table Due Nov. 19th

Contact person is Sarah Brannon

We were not furnished with shoeboxes this year like in the past. 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 Generation Room by Nov. 19.

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 collection boxes and copies of the wish list will be in the narthex. Please do not wrap the gifts.

*Happy Thanksgiving
Please Join Us November 19*

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. 19.*

*Heritage United Methodist Church
3 Baracuda Dr, Hattiesburg, MS 39402
(offering will go to Breadbasket)*



The Church-Wide Work Day will be Saturday, Dec. 2, starting at 9 a.m. to place the Chrismon tree and spruce up the church. Please join us!



Advent Workshop is Dec. 3 at 4:30.

This is an important way for everyone to begin preparing for Christmas. Come join us as we decorate and prepare our church for the Advent season. A meal will be provided and a program by the children and youth will be presented after supper.



In celebration of Advent, **Randall Harris will present an organ recital** December 10 at 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the holiday music.



Angel Tree Due Dec. 17

Sunday School classes are asked to designate a portion of their weekly offerings for the upcoming **Angel Tree holiday project**. The funds will buy Christmas gifts and clothing for children in need. All donations will be collected through **Dec. 17th**. Put "Angel Tree" on checks. For more details see Mary Clare Royals or Ginny Graham.

A CAROLING WE WILL GO Dec. 17. Meet at the church at 5 p.m. Hot dogs and chili afterwards.



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