



Give Thanks
unto
the **LORD**;
for He is good.



Psalm 106:1

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 18, 2018

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Now Thank We All Our God*

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

Eternal God, as human kingdoms crumble and earthly temples turn to dust, you remain faithful: our rock and salvation. Build us up as the temple of your Spirit so that we may stand firm in hope and faith; through Jesus Christ, the cornerstone. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Young Doves – *Keep Your Lamps*

Michael Ginn, Director

Greeting and Announcements

J. T. Johnson

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Hold fast to your hope without wavering,

for God who has promised is faithful.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 367 – *Come Ye Thankful People Come*

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession – (*unison*)

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. You warn us of what is to come, but we ignore the signs of the times.

You promise us a new creation, but we cling to the ruins of this world. Forgive us, God of grace. Wash away the stain of our sin and keep us faithful in love and in deed, while we await your coming in 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

Katie Ginn

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading – I Samuel 1:4-20

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The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – Thanksgiving Hymn

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Second Reading – I Samuel 2:1-10

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Sermon – *A Love of Life*

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 37 – *Let All Things Now Living*

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 – *Now Thank We All Our God*

Putnam

- * 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 712 – *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*
- * Blessing for our Thanksgiving Feast
- * Benediction
- * Postlude – *Now Thank We All Our God*

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



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Marilyn Bowen, Sam Dossett's sister – colon cancer

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

Ruthie Davis – upcoming surgery

Sam Dossett – continued prayers

Lauranne Doggett, Sarah Brannon's sister – Alzheimer's

Fluffy Fair – recovering from a broken arm

Sarah Ellena, daughter of Martha Ann and Charles Hogrefe – recovery from alcohol addiction

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 and Parkinson's

Donald Marr, Sr., friend of Nancy Johnson – brain cancer

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

Tom Teel, Sally Lodge Teel's husband (pastor of Ruth Memorial Pres. In Poplarville) – prayers for strength and healing

Virginia VanWart, friend of Janet Burke – lung cancer

Shirley Wilbanks, Betty Mitchell's cousin – stage 4 ovarian cancer

PRAYERS OF COMFORT

For the family and friends of Ron Sims, Lola Norris' brother

For the victims of the fires in California



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.

Today is Commitment Sunday. Pledge cards are available in the narthex if you need one. During worship, you may place your pledge cards in the plate during the offering. Those who wish to do so may also come forward at that time and place their cards in the basket at the front of the sanctuary.

*Happy Thanksgiving
Please Join Us Today*

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



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)*

No Youth or Children activities today or Wednesday.

No Brown Bag Bible Study this week.

PW Prayer Ministry will meet Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Generations classroom.

Wednesday night suppers will start back in January.

No Wednesday night activities this week.

New Beginnings monthly luncheon is tomorrow at noon in Montague Hall. Everyone is invited to attend, so RSVPs are essential. The guest speaker is Rita McCarty, an anthropologist at Camp Shelby. Come hear her talk about native American history in our area. Please contact Tommy Suttle at tommy@wpchattiesburg.com.

It's time to start shopping for Christmas gifts for our friends at Boswell. 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. The Boswell staff sorts the gifts so please don't wrap, rather provide a gift bag.

The office will close Wednesday at noon and all-day Thursday.

The December newsletter information is due to Wes by Nov. 24. wes@wpchattiesburg.com



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

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