

Thou  
*Preparest a Table*



# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

November 19, 2017

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Whatever God Ordains Is Right* Lind

O Praise the Lord with One Consent Best

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

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. Zephaniah 1:7

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements Robert Lochhead

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

To thee, O Lord, we lift up our eyes,

**Thou art enthroned in the heavens!**

Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,

**So our eyes look to the Lord our God until he shall be gracious to us.**

Our confidence is in the God of Heaven!

**Alleluia! Let us worship Him with joyful hearts!**

\* Hymn of Praise 305 – *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**We confess to you, dear God that we are often reluctant in our faith. We tend to play things safe even when we know that you want us to take risks. We are reluctant to tithe; we are reluctant to admit our faults and we justify the way that we think, speak, and behave. We confess that we avoid a risky faith because we are terrified of failure. In our hearts, we know that we belong to you and that you have bought us with a price; risking the life of your only Son. Please forgive our stubbornness and our lack of trust. Merciful God, forgive us and change us to become more like Jesus. We now confess the sins we haven't named out loud . . .**

- \* Assurance of Pardon – *(responsive)*  
 Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.  
**Blessed are the ones whose sin the Lord will never count against them.**  
 The wages of sin is death,  
**But the gift from God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord!**  
 Friends, God loved us so much that he sent his only Son to pay the penalty for our sins. That is the message of the gospel; our sins are forgiven because of Jesus and our **Father’s** love for us!  
**Alleluia!**

- \* The Congregation’s Response: *Gloria Patri* Hymn 581

**PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

Time with Children Tommy Suttle

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson – I Thessalonians 5:1-11 pew Bible pg. 960

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Second Lesson – Matthew 25:14-30 pew Bible pg.807

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – *Don’t Be Afraid of Risky Business*

Tommy Suttle, Director of Discipleship

**GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

- \* Affirmation of Faith: *(unison)* Book of Order G-3.0200 and .0400

**The Church of Jesus Christ is the provisional demonstration of what God intends for all humanity. The Church is called to be a sign in and for the world of the new reality which God has made available to people in Jesus Christ: sin is forgiven; reconciliation is accomplished, the dividing walls of hostility are torn down. The Church is the body of Christ and is called to give shape and substance to this truth.**

**The Church is called to undertake this mission even at the risk of losing its life, trusting in God alone as the author and giver of life, sharing the gospel, and doing those deeds in the world the point beyond themselves to the new reality in Christ.**

- \* Hymn of Thanksgiving 350 – *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

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 – *Jesus Calls Us*

Smith

\* The Doxology – Hymn 606

\* Prayer of Dedication

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn of Consecration 12 – *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude – *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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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,  
out of ICU and breathing on her own, on dialysis to jumpstart her kidneys*

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

*Crystal Miller, friend of Nancy Johnson – hospitalized with pneumonia*

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

*Margaret Suttle – recovering at home*

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



## 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.

**Children and Youth** will not meet today but they will meet on Nov. 26, at 5 p.m. to practice for the program on Dec. 3. Supper will be provided.

**No Brown Bag** until Dec. 5.

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

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

**Choir meets Wednesday at 7 p.m.**



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.

## PLEDGE CARDS

Pledge cards are available on the narthex cabinet for anyone needing to turn in their pledge for 2018. The Administrative Committee is finalizing the budget and needs to know your pledge. Place card in offering plate, in office or mail.

Thanks to everyone who has already turned in their pledges.



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

**NEWSLETTER INFO** for December is due Nov. 22.  
Please email [wes@WPCHattiesburg.com](mailto:wes@WPCHattiesburg.com)



# HAPPENINGS AT WESTMINSTER



## Shoeboxes Info on narthex table Due TODAY

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 DUE DEC. 14

**It's time to start shopping for Christmas gifts for our friends at Boswell.** This year 100 males and 53 females will be looking forward to receiving something special from us. The collection boxes and copies of the wish list are in the narthex. Please do not wrap the gifts but bring gift bags.

*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  
today at 6 p.m.*

*Heritage United Methodist Church  
3 Baracuda Dr, Hattiesburg, MS 39402  
(Northside of U.S. 98 past Half-Shell Restaurant)  
(offering will go to Breadbasket)*



**The Church-Wide Work Day** is Saturday, Dec. 2, starting at 9 a.m. to place the Chrismon tree and spruce up the church. Please join us at 8:30 for breakfast hosted by Men of the Church.



### **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** Dec. 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. 17<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

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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 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