



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

Christ the King

November 26, 2017

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* Hustad

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

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness;
Come into his presence with singing. We are His people and the sheep of His
pasture. from **Psalm 100**

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Grayson Rayborn

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

from Psalm 95

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God,

And a great King above all gods!

Come, let us worship and bow down before the Mighty Lord our God!

* Hymn of Praise 394 – *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We confess to you, O God, that you deserve our good faith and our best efforts, but we tend to be half-hearted at best. We have not given you 100 percent of our lives 100 percent of the time. People who are poor, lonely, sick, and imprisoned make us uncomfortable, so we ignore them. We lack the courage of our convictions. Forgive us; change us; teach us to be more like your Son, Jesus. Please assure us that our sins do not disqualify us from your kingdom. Forgive now the silent sins we keep hidden in our hearts . . .

- * 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 Mary Clare Royals

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson – Ezekiel 34:11-16; 20-24 pew Bible pg. 702

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Holy, Holy, Holy, My Father's World* arr. W. Toney

Will Toney, guitarist

Second Lesson – Matthew 25:31-46 pew Bible pg.807

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – *Just When We Least Expected It*

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 494 – *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

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 – *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

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* The Doxology – Hymn 606

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn of Consecration 268 – *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude – *Rigaudon*

Campra



* 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 – moved to Provision Living

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

PRAYERS OF COMFORT

For the family and friends of Melissa Randolph who passed away Nov. 14.

Her parents are Daniel and Janice Randolph of Hattiesburg, friends of David Arnold.



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 meet today at 5 p.m. to practice for the program on Dec. 3. Supper will be provided.

No Brown Bag until Dec. 5.

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. 30, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.



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.

HAPPENINGS AT WESTMINSTER

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.



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.

Save the Date: Johnson's Lights & Bites, Friday, Dec. 15, from 6-9 p.m.





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.



PreK-Youth's Christmas Party
Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 5:30 p.m.
Montague Hall

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