



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

First Sunday after Christmas

December 30, 2018

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

Young

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

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

J. T. Johnson

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

(from Psalm 148)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Come! Let us worship the Lord our God!

* Hymn of Praise 132 – *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession – (*unison*)

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Hear also, O Lord, the silent confessions of our hearts . . .

* 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

Tommy Suttle

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading – I Samuel 2:18-20, 26

pew Bible pg. 214

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Second Reading – Luke 2:41-52

pew Bible pg. 833

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – *Where God Wants Us to Be*

Tommy Suttle, Director of Discipleship

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 159 – *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

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 – *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Kerr

* 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 134 – *Joy to the World*

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude – *Improvisation on ANTIOCH*

Joseph



* Please stand at the * as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold**.
Please remove all papers from the sanctuary when you leave.



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Lexie Aldridge, Ann Aldridge's daughter-in-law – blood disease, treatments not working

Melissa Altice, Claude Sanders' cousin – upcoming surgery, breast cancer

Marilyn Bowen, Sam Dossett's sister – colon cancer

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

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

Sinclair Lundy – recovery from knee surgery

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

Judy Nichols, friend of Martha Davis – brain tumor causing paralysis

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

Rhetta Richardson, sister of Kinlock Bell – right leg amputated, prayers for recovery

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

Judy Smith, Sharon Potin's sister –diabetic, Crohn's disease, and T.B.

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 Lenora "Nonie" Ford Wilson, sister of Sarah Brannon who passed away Dec. 21.



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 **January/February Today** devotionals are on the narthex cabinet.



No Youth or Children activities today.
No Brown Bag Bible Study until Jan. 8.
Wednesday night suppers will resume Jan. 9.
No Choir this week. Rehearsals will resume Jan. 9.

Church office will be closed Jan. 1-2.

Margaret Lochhead is seeking volunteers to fill **Breadbasket applications** for January 7-11. A signup sheet is on a narthex table.



All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, Jan. 3, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

The **Breadbasket Christmas tree** is in the narthex by the stairs. Please help us fill this tree with items to be used by Breadbasket. There is a list on the tree of items to purchase. For more information see Sharon Potin. The tree will be taken down this week but donations are welcomed anytime.

Stewardship Update: We have received commitments for \$372,180. Our operating budget for 2019 calls for \$518,000. If you haven't pledged yet, please turn in a card. Pledge cards are on the narthex cabinet.

There are **offering envelopes for 2019** on a table in the narthex. Be sure to pick up one today.



We will celebrate the sacrament of the **Lord's Supper** next Sunday. During the coming week, prepare yourself through prayer and scripture reading to receive the grace our Lord offers to you at his table. Communion Sundays are also **Breadbasket Sundays** – a time when you are encouraged to bring contributions for the Breadbasket ministry.

Following worship on January 6, Epiphany Sunday, you are invited to stay for a few moments and help us conclude the Christmas season by taking down the Chrismon Tree and removing the decorations.

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

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

CHURCH STAFF

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

Ray Robinson, Sexton