



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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A SERVICE OF INSTALLATION OF
The Reverend Christopher Crotwell as Pastor of
Westminster Presbyterian Church (USA)
Hattiesburg, Mississippi
April 8, 2018

GATHERING

Prelude – *Festival Alleluia*

Miller

Greeting

Rev. Charles Bowdler

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

* Sentences of Scripture (*unison*)

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the Most High is awesome, a great sovereign over all the earth.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

* Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Almighty and eternal God, by your grace you have called us in this time and place to be your servant people as we follow our servant Lord. Make your Holy Spirit move within and among us, that together we may live a new life in the crucified and risen Christ. Bind us together in faith, so that as we receive all spiritual gifts needed to fulfill our calling, we may support one another in common ministry; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

* Hymn 716 – *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

* Call to Confession

Susan Sumrall

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will

forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

* Confession of Sin (*unison*)

Almighty God, by water and your Holy Spirit you baptized us to be your own and called the church into being. We confess that we hold back the love of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our lives by the power of your Holy Spirit and make strong our common witness to the one Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

(time for silent confession)

Relying on the mercy of God, the people said.

Amen.

* Declaration of Forgiveness

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which God loved us, even when we were dead through our sin, made us alive together with Christ and raised us up with him. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Amen.

* 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.**

THE WORD

First Reading – Genesis 12:1-3

Rev. Dr. Rachael Knoll

Second Reading – Ephesians 4:1-7; 11-16 15:58

Sermon

INSTALLATION

A Litany of Gifts – Based on Romans 12:4-8, 11-13

Rev. Charles Bowdler

As in one body we have many parts and each part has its own function, so all of us together with Christ are one body, and we all belong to each other.

We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.

If your gift is to hear God's Word,
speak it out in faith.

If your gift is service,
live to serve others.

If your gift is the heart of a teacher,
teach what is true.

Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;
let officers work diligently for the people, and let those who serve the poor, serve gladly.

Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit,
serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering, constant in prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all.

Statement on the Ministry of the Church

Rev. Charles Bowdler

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Installation

Declaration of Installation

Welcome

Charge to the Newly Installed Pastor

Susan Sumrall

Charge to the Congregation

Wes Brooks

* Hymn 724 – *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

SENDING

* Charge Wes Brooks

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good
return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the
weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

* Blessing Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Alleluia! Amen.

* Postlude – *Postlude on OLD HUNDREDTH*

Bock

***A reception in the narthex will follow the worship service.
Everyone is invited.***

* If you are able, please stand.

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 2018

Gene Owens
Michael Raggio
Robin Roberts

Class of 2019

Althea Jerome
J. T. Johnson
Cindy Nobles

Class of 2020

Margaret Brooks
Dean Cromartie
Kathryn Cummings

THE TRUSTEES

Franklin Bryant Gene Fair Wally Gregg

THE DEACONS

Class of 2018

Shane Brooks
Kathy Cain
Howard Keever
Beth Richmond

Class of 2019

David Daves
Janeil Harris
Butch Nobles
Susan Turner

Class of 2020

Katie Ginn
Judy Haydel
Sinclair Lundy
Robert Lochhead
Youth Representative
Sarah Beth Suttle

CHURCH STAFF

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

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

Ray Robinson, Sexton