

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *The Feast is Ready*

Aaron David Miller

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

Eternal One, your breath gives life, your hands paint the skies, your love brings freedom, and your kingdom will endure beyond all generations to the ends of the earth. Let our mouths proclaim your praise and our hearts dwell on you alone, that we might shout, Hallelujah! to our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Tommy Suttle

Call to Worship – *(responsive)*

We gather with hope in our hearts,

for something happens here that teaches us God is present.

We know this place is sacred,

for something happens here that teaches us God is our center.

We gather with joyful praise,

for something happens here that teaches us God is forever faithful.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 509 – *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

* Call to Confession

God's law is right and just, offering us wisdom and enlightenment. Yet we ignore the importance of God's law in our lives and persist in our own ways. In humility, let us confess our sins.

* Prayer of Confession – *(unison)*

God of the law and the prophets, we do not want to admit all the commandments we have broken. We worship idols of money, success, and power. We use your name to justify whatever we do. We do not honor each other; we covet, we lie, we wish evil upon others. Our sins are too many to name. Forgive us. Speak to us and we will listen, remembering that you are our freedom and deliverer. (time for silent confession)

* Declaration of Forgiveness *(responsive)*

Do not be afraid: God loves us with an everlasting love; God's grace is unending. Siblings in Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God for such graciousness!**

* 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

Pam Love

Prayer for Illumination

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading – Isaiah 5:1-7

pew Bible pg. 552

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Come unto Me*

Matthew J. Armstrong

Suky Blythe, violin

Come unto me, come unto me, all you who labor.

Come unto me, come unto me, all you who labor, and I will give, give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn of me! For I am meek and lowly of heart, and you shall find rest unto your souls.

Come unto me, come unto me, all you who labor.

Second Reading – Matthew 21:33-46

pew Bible pg. 803

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – *Restore Us*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

* Communion Hymn 515 – *I Come with Joy*

Invitation to Offering

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offertory – *Turn Your Eyes*

arr. Cindy Berry

THE EUCHARIST

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving *and The Words of Institution (responsive)*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God... ...joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir.

Sanctus – “Holy, Holy, Holy” Hymn #552

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior... ... as we share this joyful feast.

Memorial Acclamation – “Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen” Hymn #553

**Christ had died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ had died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit... ... we bless you, God of glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer (unison)

**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.**

The Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe, for you
have satisfied our souls with this feast of your grace. Keep us faithful in your
service until your realm of glory comes; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

* Hymn of Consecration 530 – *One Bread, One Body*

* Blessing and Charge (*responsive*)

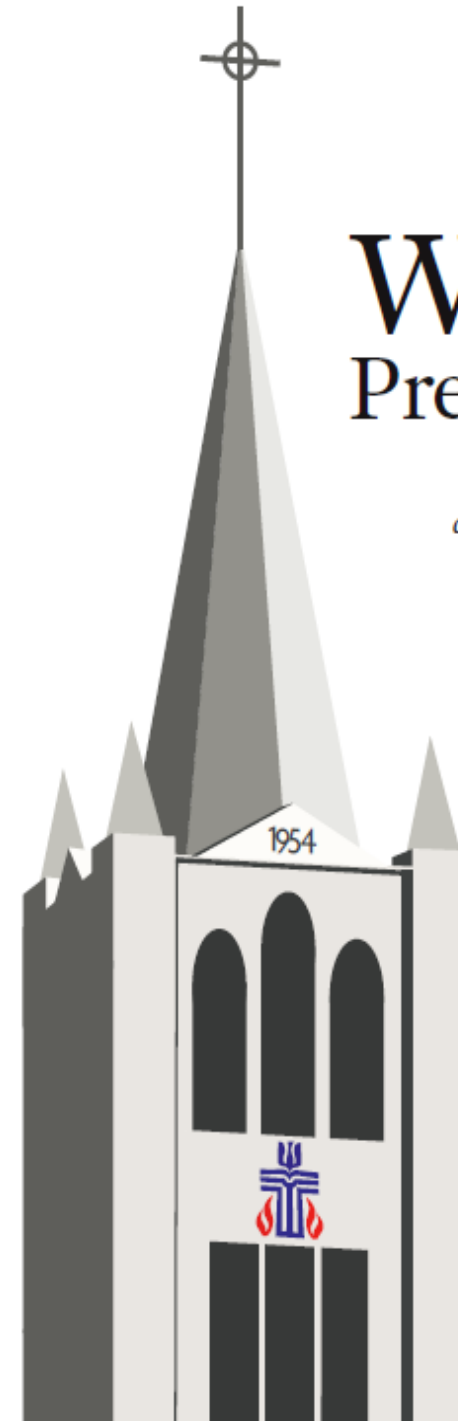
The blessing of the holy, triune God, who was and is and is to come—first and last,
beginning and end, Alpha and Omega—be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**
Go in peace to love the Lord your God with heart and soul and mind and strength,
and to love your neighbor as yourself. **Amen.**

* Postlude – Recapitulation of Communion Hymns arr. Sumrall



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

Today’s liturgy is in part adapted from the Call to Worship website, a resource created by the PCUSA’s Office of Theology and Worship and the Presbyterian Association of Musicians.



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*"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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PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

(* new added prayers)

Janet Baldwin – family issues

Linda Basden, neighbor of Janeil Harris – Alzheimer's

Jan Bozeman – constant pain

Larry & Margaret Burge of Poplarville, friends of Michael Yore – Larry has cancer

Malcolm Curtis, Janet Baldwin's co-worker – health issues

Deidra Dickenson, Kathy Cain's sister – onset dementia

Cathy Dudley – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)

Bill and Louise Edwards, friends of Charles Brown – strength and endurance

Erica Gilmore, friend of Janet Baldwin – family issues

Teresa Ginn, Michael Ginn's aunt – dementia

Mckenna Hawkins, daughter of Michael Yore's friend – cancer

Charles "Rocky" Hartfield, friend of Pam Love – health issues

Peggy Henry, Karen Reidenbach's sister – continued strength through addiction recovery

Charlotte Hill

Ann Johnson

Geraldine Jones

Rod Kyriakides, friend of Eric Reidenbach - diagnosed with pancreatic cancer

B.J. Lambert

Rebecca Lawrence, friend of Karen Reidenbach – recovering from injuries from a car accident.

Deloris McLaurin, Glenn Nobles' first cousin – dementia

Aubree Moore, sister of a teammate of Julia Haydel – battling childhood cancer for years

Anita Murphy, friend of Mary Cromartie – lung cancer

Glenn Nobles – endurance and strength

Renee Parker, friend of Ruthie Davis – macular degeneration

Carolyn Mitchell Pintard, Betty Mitchell's daughter – grave health issues

Sheema Reid, Carolyn McLarnan's sister-in-law – lymph node issues

Franklin Eugene Roberts, Robin Roberts' brother – health concerns

Louise Traxler, Karen Reidenbach's mom – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)

Jerry Spann, friend of Ruthie Davis – cancer

Korie Turner, friend of Ruthie Davis – prayers for courage

Ella Young, sister of Janet Baldwin – struggling with dementia



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 silence cell phones during the worship hour.



Today is **World Communion Sunday**. All are welcome to receive God's gifts. So that all may be served, we will use grape juice and gluten-free bread.

Communion Sundays are also **Breadbasket Sundays** – a time when you are encouraged to make contributions to the Breadbasket ministry. Envelopes are found on the pews or put Breadbasket on the memo line of checks.

Give a gift. Inserted in the bulletin is an envelope for World Communion Offering.

Growing Spiritually will meet today after worship.

The September/October Today devotionals are on the narthex cabinet.

The Youth will not meet today.

PW Coordinating Team will meet Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

No Brown Bag Bible Study this week.

Men of the Church will meet Thursday at 7 a.m. at Loblolly Bakery.



Please join us for Wednesday night dinner this week at 5:30. There is no charge for the meal, but donations are encouraged. We need a headcount, so please place a reservation slip in the offering plate or call the office.

Menu: Tex-Mex night

Activities: Christopher will continue teaching the book The Meaning of Your Life.

The children and youth will meet separately upstairs.

Chancel Choir will meet at 6:30.

Breadbasket week is Oct. 5-8.

Volunteers are needed. Please contact Martha to volunteer.
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