

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Laudamus Te*

Carl Mueller

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

God of seekers and dreamers, speak to us now as we wait for your promised word.

Protect your people, we pray. The road ahead may be long, but fill us with determination and courage. Teach us to be your body with faith and love, that we might serve one another as companions on the way, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Janeil Harris

Call to Worship (responsive)

Let the righteous be joyful!

**Sing to God; sing praises to God's name; lift up a song to the one who rides upon the clouds.**

Listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

**Ascribe power to God, whose power is in the skies.**

Let us worship God.

\* Hymn of Praise 14 – *For the Beauty of the Earth*

\* Call to Confession

Scripture tells us that our sufferings are known to Christ, that we can cast all our anxiety on Jesus, who restores, supports, strengthens and establishes us. Knowing this, let us come to God in a spirit of openness.

\* Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Christ our Savior, as you ascended, you left the work to us. You called us to keep the movement going, to witness to the ends of the earth, to pray, to heal, to glorify you through our thoughts, words, and deeds, to show the world a glimpse of the goodness you have given us. We have fallen short of this call. We have hidden ourselves in fear, sought our own comfort, and resigned ourselves to the status quo. Forgive us, and strengthen us to do your will, that we may be signs of your coming reign.**

(time for silent confession)

\* Declaration of Forgiveness (responsive)

Because Christ lives, we also live. Not because of anything we have done, not because of our belief or faithfulness: we live because Christ lives. **This is the Christ who forgives us. This is the God who is in us. This is the Spirit who is with us. Alleluia! Praise be to God!**

\* 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

Christopher Crotwell

Prayer for Illumination

God Most High, reigning in glory, send down your Spirit of wisdom to shine in your heavenly Word, so that we may worship you with joy continually blessing your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading – 1 Peter 5:6-11

pew Bible pg. 986

The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *Eternal Life*

Olive Dungan arr. William Stickles

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand,

To be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Second Reading – John 17:1-11

pew Bible pg. 879

The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – *All Mine Are Yours*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders and Deacons

Sentences of Scripture and Statement of Purpose

Election of Deacon

\* Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant (responsive)

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

\* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (unison)

**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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism

Constitutional Questions and Questions to the Congregation

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Declaration and Charge

\* Hymn of Thanksgiving 300 – *We are One in the Spirit*

Invitation to Offering

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods yet refuses to help a sister or brother in need? Remembering God's great love for the world, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offertory – *Meditation*

George Oldroyd

\* 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 (unison)

**Great God, to you we give our thanks; your steadfast love endures forever. With gratitude we bring our gifts to you. Bless us and our gifts, that our lives and our resources may be a source of healing and hope, of joy and justice in our world. Amen.**

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn of Consecration 634 – *To God Be the Glory*

\* Blessing and Charge (responsive)

May the love of the holy triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—abide with you forever. **Alleluia!**

Now go forth in Jesus' name, remembering his new commandment to love one another, just as he has loved us. **Amen.**

\* Postlude – *The Heavens Declare the Glory*

Benedetto Marcello



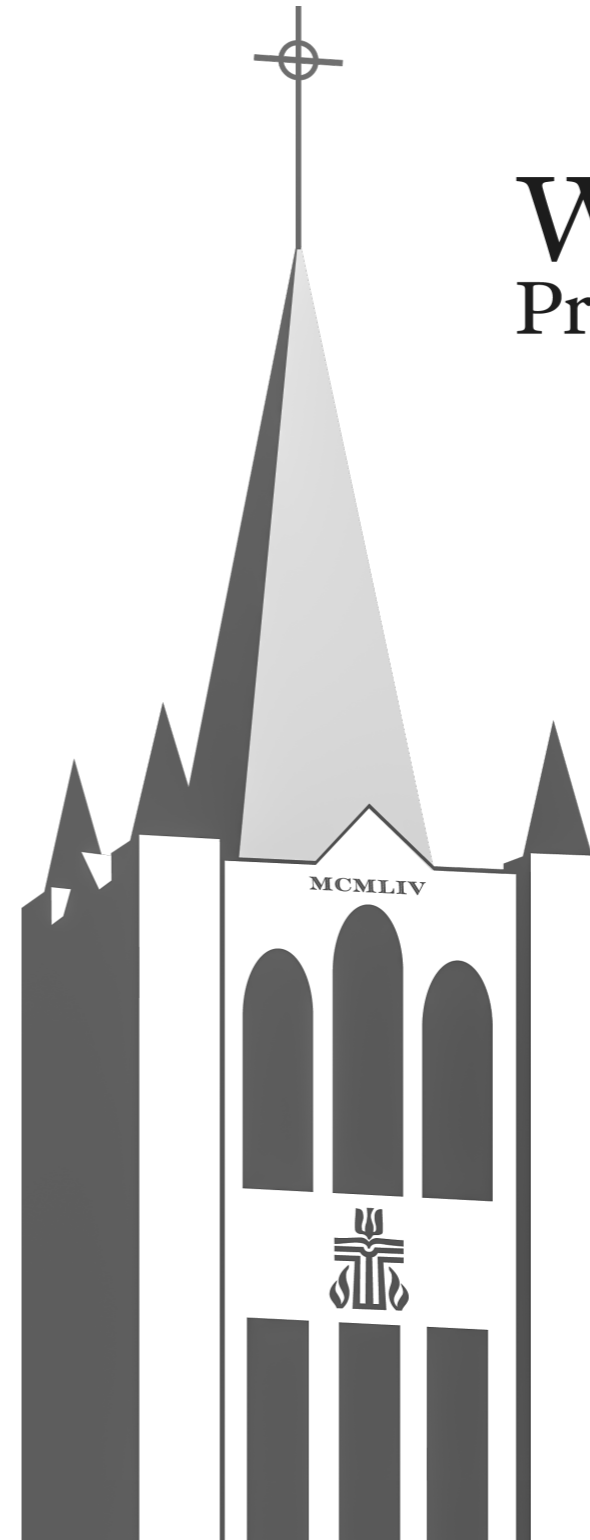
\* Please stand at the \* as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold**.

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.

# 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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## PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

(\* new added prayers)

*Janet Baldwin – family issues*

*Linda Basden, neighbor of Janeil Harris – Alzheimer's*

*Jan Bozeman – constant pain*

*Dutchie Bryant – recovering from fall*

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

*Laura Pearce Cureton, Nancy Johnson's goddaughter – nerve block therapy continues*

*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*

*Jim Harris, Dixie Coats' brother-in-law's father – in hospital with serious health issues*

*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*

*B.J. Lambert*

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

*Deloris McLaurin, Glenn Nobles' first cousin – dementia*

*Anita Murphy, friend of Mary Cromartie – lung cancer*

*Glenn Nobles – endurance and strength*

*Lola Norris – recovery from a fall*

*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 nodes issues*

*Laura Todd, Grayson Rayborn's cousin – multiple health issues*

*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*

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

*For Kate Roberts' passing all of her ordination exams*



## 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.

### Congregational Meeting Today

Our worship service this morning will also serve as a called congregational meeting for Westminster. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect Mary Cromartie as a deacon for the class of 2029. This work will be done as part of the liturgy for the ordination and installation of new officers.

**The May/June Today devotionals** are on the narthex cabinet.

**The Deacons and Session** will meet today after worship.

**The Youth** will not meet today.

**PW Prayer Ministry** will meet Tuesday at 10 a.m. There are prayer cards on the back of the pew for prayer requests. Please put the address so a card can be sent and place with the offering. Come join this group as they pray and write cards.

**Brown Bag Bible Study** will meet Tuesday at 11 a.m.

**Chancel Choir** will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

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

**New Beginnings** will meet tomorrow in the church parking lot at 11:00 to caravan to the Hattiesburg Art Center. Katie Ginn will give us a tour and explain her position as Art Center Manager and the programs they offer. After our tour, we will have a Dutch treat lunch at Trattoria Pizzeria in downtown Hattiesburg. Please let Martha know by phone (601-584-7574) or email (wpcmartha@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

### Dessert Auction Update

A grand total of \$5,810 was collected.  
Thanks to all who made this possible.



To donate to WPC online, scan the QR code and follow the instructions.

Reminder: During the summer months as the AC runs more frequently in the church, please help us be good stewards by keeping the interior doors of the building closed as much as possible. Thank you.

**RISE** is currently searching for an Executive Director. Please call 601-544-4855 or email (info@risenonprofit.com) for more information or check the bulletin board by the double doors.