

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

Gathering Music – *I Come with Joy!* David M. Cherwien

Prayer of Preparation (*you may prepare for worship by praying silently*)
Divine Ruler, you reign forever. We exalt you above every struggle and distraction. Fill our hearts with your desires and give us the courage to pursue your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. We look to you, for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements Elisa Suttle

Call to Worship (responsive)
God is great and greatly to be praised;
There is no end to God’s greatness.
God’s kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
God’s dominion endures throughout all ages.
Let us worship God.

- * Hymn of Praise 366 – *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*
- * Call to Confession
When we call upon God, God answers. Even when our steps stray from God’s path, even when our feet slip, God listens to us and answers our prayers. Let us offer our prayer of confession.
- * Prayer of Confession (unison)
Generous God, you freely offer us all we need. You offer us the bread of life, so we may never be hungry again. You offer us living water, so we will never thirst. But we scoff at your gifts, wasting our money, time, and energy on things that do not satisfy. Forgive us and call to us again, reminding us of your gifts of new life that are ours if we would only accept them.
(time for silent confession)
- * Declaration of Forgiveness (responsive)
Incline your ear, listen: God makes an everlasting covenant with us. **God forgives us, renews us, refreshes us, and leads us onward. Thanks 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 Michael Ginn

Prayer for Illumination
Holy, Holy, Holy One, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak, and to give all glory, honor, and praise to your threefold name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading – Isaiah 55:1-5 pew Bible pg. 598
The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *My Lord, What a Morning* arr. by Jay Althouse
Morgan Burroughs, soloist

Second Reading – Matthew 14:13-21 pew Bible pg. 796
The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – *He Had Compassion on Them* Tommy Suttle, Director of Discipleship

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

- * Hymn of Thanksgiving 738 – *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*
- * Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed – traditional (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 life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People (responsive)
Let us pray in the Spirit, who helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
In the Spirit, we pray for the church . . . Let the mission and ministry of your church be a sign of your miraculous grace, feeding the hungry in Christ’s name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
In the Spirit, we pray for the earth . . . The eyes of all your creatures look to you, for you give them their food in due season. Open your hand, to touch and heal the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
In the Spirit, we pray for all nations . . . Hear the voices of those who cry for justice; answer the prayers of those who struggle for peace. Let your rule of love prevail throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
In the Spirit, we pray for this community . . . Teach us to use the resources you have given us to respond to the hunger of our neighbors, sharing Christ with them, in word and in bread. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for loved ones . . . Show your compassion to those who suffer, uphold those who are falling, and be near to those who cry to you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray to you, O God, confident that all things work together for good for those who love you and are called according to your purpose. Above all, we give you thanks, O God, that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **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.

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 – *Be Thou My Vision*

Marilynn Ham

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)

God of unending gifts, we praise you for your abundant goodness. As you are generous, we want to be generous too. May the gifts we bring extend your generosity into the world, so that all people may be made whole by your goodness and grace. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn of Consecration 498 – *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

* Blessing and Charge (responsive)

May the blessing of the Trinity—holy, holy, holy Lord—be with you now and always.

Alleluia!

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? **And I said, “Here I am; send me!” Amen.**

* Postlude – *The Lord is My Light*

Mary MacDonald



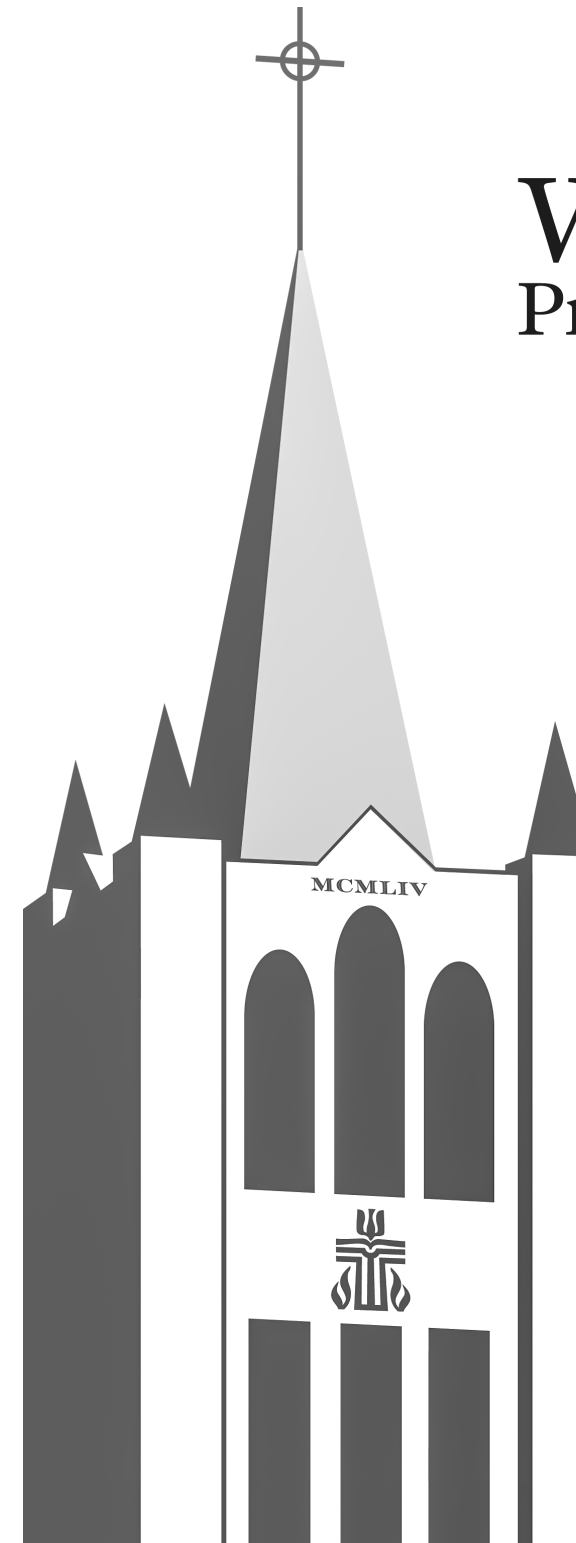
* Please stand at the * as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold.**

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

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

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

Brenda Owens – recovering from a broken ankle

Renee Parker, friend of Ruthie Davis – macular degeneration

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

**Michael Raggio*

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

Franklin Eugene Roberts, Robin Roberts' brother – health concerns

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 COMFORT

For the family and friends Sharon Lynn Crenshaw, mother of Cassie Reid and grandmother of Liv Reid



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.

Growing Spiritually will meet today following worship.

The Youth will meet at Updown Trampoline Park in Hattiesburg from 3:00-5:00 p.m. today.

No Brown Bag Bible Study this week because of VBS at Parkway Heights.

Men of the Church meet Thursday at 7:00 a.m. at Loblolly Bakery.

Senior Adult Vacation Bible School

Parkway Heights

August 3-5

9:30 a.m. until noon

Westminster, with other local churches, will have a Bible school for all adults age 55 and older at Parkway Heights. Come enjoy singing, worship, snacks, fellowship and door prizes.

To register, see Tommy, pick up a brochure from the narthex, drop by the office, or register online: parkwayheights.org/calendar

Deadline to register is today.

The speaker will be Rev. Trey Harper, and music leader is Tim Rigby. Edwards Street Fellowship Center will be the recipient of the mission focus.

YOUTH GET TOGETHER

Updown Trampoline Park

in Hattiesburg today from 3:00-5:00.

Tickets will be purchased by the church.

Youth will need to bring concession money.

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.

Rally Day and Blessing of the Backpacks will be Aug. 9. Please join us for a potluck breakfast in Montague Hall at 9:00 a.m. *Blessing of the Backpacks* will be during worship. Be sure to bring your backpack to church.

