

# 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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## 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.

**A called congregational meeting** is today to elect an elder to fill an unexpired term.

CONGREGATIONAL  
**MEETING**

**Session** will meet today at 11:35 a.m.

**Youth and Children** activities are today 5-6:30 p.m. A meal will be provided.

**New Beginnings is Monday at noon.** Kay Guiles and Randall Harris will be our speakers. Come join us to hear about our organ and plans for the future. Please RSVP to Tommy ([tommysuttle@gmail.com](mailto:tommysuttle@gmail.com)) or Martha (601-584-7574).

**PW prayer ministry** will meet Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Generation room.

**Brown Bag Bible Study** will meet Tuesday at 11 a.m. via ZOOM and in person.

**Choir** will meet Wednesday at **6 p.m.**

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday at 6:30 a.m. in Montague Hall for breakfast and fellowship.

**Right Way to Throw Away** is May 21. **On Friday, May 20**, the furniture truck will be parked in the back parking lot for you to bring your throw aways from 9-11 a.m. There will be people here to help unload your vehicles. A flyer of accepted items was emailed and there is a copy of the flyer on the narthex cabinet for those who did not receive the email.

**May 22 is Youth Sunday.** Please support our youth. They are working hard planning the service. This is a great time for us to see the talents of our youth.



**Breadbasket volunteers are needed.** Westminster has Breadbasket May 30-June 2. Please call Martha (601-584-7574) to volunteer.

**THERE WILL BE A DIAPER SHOWER FOR LAURA ANNE COX TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP IN THE PARLOR. EVERYONE IS INVITED. HOSTED BY CIRCLE 3.**

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Trumpet Tune*

Brenda Portman

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

Lord Jesus Christ, show us your glory so that we may know the glory of God. Good Shepherd, teach us your way so that we may follow you all our lives. Beloved of God, give us your love so that we may truly love one another. All this we pray in your holy name. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

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Call to Worship (responsive)

God is making all things new.

**The thirsty receive the water of life.**

The Holy Spirit fell upon Peter.

**God gives all the repentance that leads to life.**

Jesus has given us a new commandment.

**We will love one another as Christ loved us.**

Let us worship God.

\* Hymn of Praise 305 – *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

\* Call to Confession

The Lord says: Come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

\* Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. You show your love for us in Jesus, but we fail to love one another. You give us freedom in the Spirit, but we deny the freedom of others. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to learn and keep your new commandment of love so that all will know we are yours; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(time for silent confession)

\* Declaration of Forgiveness (responsive)

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **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

Alicia Westbrook

Prayer for Illumination

God of abundant life, you have made this day, and so we rejoice and are glad in it. By the gift of your Spirit, tune our hearts and minds to hear your living Word afresh in this day and for this time. May our lives answer your eternal Word with resurrection hope. Amen.

First Reading – John 13:31-35

pew Bible pg. 877

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *I Give You a New Commandment*

Peter Aston

I give you a new commandment: love one another,  
Love one another; as I have loved, as I have loved you,  
so, you are to love one another.

I give you a new commandment to love one another.

If there is this love among you, then all will know,  
all will know that you are my disciples, that you are my disciples.

Second Reading – Acts 11:1-18

pew Bible pg. 895

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – *Who Was I to Hinder God?*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\* Hymn of Thanksgiving 299 – *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

\* Affirmation of Faith: (unison) The Apostles' Creed (Hymnal pg. 35)

**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

Rejoicing in God's promise of new creation, let us pray to the Maker of heaven and earth, saying: God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church . . . Make your home among us, O God. Let us be a true and trustworthy sign of the new thing you are doing. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world . . . Heal the suffering of your creation. Let all creatures join together in praise for your renewal of the earth. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community . . . Give us a new dream, a new vision of your amazing love for all people, without prejudice or partiality. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for loved ones . . . Be with them in their suffering. Wipe away the tears from their eyes. Let mourning, crying, and pain be no more. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, keep us working and praying for the coming of your holy realm of peace, when we will share abundant life with you; through Jesus Christ, our risen 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

Looking forward to that day when people will hunger and thirst no more, and God will wipe away every tear, and we will worship with all the saints around the throne of the Lamb, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offertory – *Andante*

Johann Jakob Froberger

\* The Doxology – Hymn 606

\* Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**With glad rejoicing we bring you our gifts, God of great abundance. May these gifts and all the gifts of our lives be part of what you are doing in the world to turn mourning into dancing and to bring joy throughout your creation, so that all your creatures might praise you, singing: Blessing, honor, and glory to you! Amen.**

### GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn of Consecration 295 – *Go to the World!*

\* Charge and Blessing (responsive)

The blessing of the eternal, triune God — Alpha and Omega, first and last, beginning and end — be with you all. **Alleluia!**

Come, Lord Jesus! **Amen.**

\* Postlude – *Finale Jubilante*

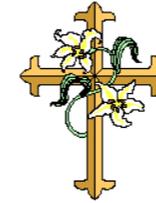
Healey Willan

*There will be a congregational meeting following the service.*

*If you need to leave, please do so during the Postlude.*



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



## PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

(\* new added prayers)

*Josh Astete, Karen Reidenbach's friend's brother – undiagnosed health issues*

*Jan Bozeman – recovering at home*

*Margaret Breland, friend of Jan Bozeman – at home following car accident*

*Tim Broome, Glenn Noble's Day Lily Club friend – diagnosed with cancer*

*Laura Pearce Brown, goddaughter of Nancy Johnson – 2 broken ankles from car accident*

*Peyton Brown, Daniel and Amanda Brown's family – prayers for peace*

*Janet Burke – at home recovering*

*Dimple Campbell, friend of Glenn Nobles – awaiting esophagus surgery*

*Dr. Tim Cole, friend of Mary Cromartie – pancreatic cancer*

*Fluffy Fair*

*Wendy Graham, Jan Bozeman's sister – continued prayers*

*Jeanne Herring – recurrence of cancer*

*Jennie Jackson, friend of Nancy Johnson – breast cancer*

*Ann Johnson*

*Harweda Johnson, Chad Edmonson's grandmother – broken pelvis*

*Geraldine Jones – at home recovering*

*Roger Kuyrkendall, Carrie Creel's father – dementia*

*B.J. Lambert – prayers for endurance and strength*

*Stephanie Liddell, Geri Jones' daughter – health issues*

*Gloria MacDonald, Bob MacDowell's daughter – treatment for cancer*

*Sue Marco, from Sacred Heart – various health issues and problems with liver*

*Bernice McIntosh, Mac Forsyth's aunt – declining health*

*Kem Reid, Ryan Reid's father – laryngeal cancer, PET scan May 2*

*Sheema Reid, Carolyn McLarnan's sister-in-law – infusion therapy*

*\*Hunter Rountree, serving in military in South Korea – diagnosed with MS*

*Jeannette Russell, Janet Burke's twin sister – serious health issues*

*Luke Henry Swanzy – 17-year-old, received bone marrow transplant at UAB*

*Glenda Vaughn, Ruthie Davis' niece – health issues*

*\*Samantha Walley, friend of Mary Dayne and Mac Forsyth – bleeding on brain from a fall*

*John Watkins, Rose Marie Yore's brother – prayers for healing*

*Madison White, daughter of a friend of Amanda Brown – diagnosed with cancer*

*Mary Gail Wildman, friend of Karen Reidenbach – recovering from hip surgery*

*Donna Wilson, teacher at Sacred Heart – colon cancer*

*Cherie Kwan Lee Wong, mother of a friend of Michael Yore – broken hip and vertebra*