

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Processional*

Alfred Fedak

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

God of glory, through Christ Jesus you have shared with us the baptism of your Holy Spirit and the cup of the new covenant. Make us faithful disciples, serving the last and the least and giving our lives for others, so that we all may have a place at the table you have prepared; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship (responsive)

The Lord alone is our refuge;

God is our dwelling place.

Call on the name of the Lord;

our salvation comes from God.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 30 – *O God, in a Mysterious Way*

* Call to Confession

Since we have, in Jesus our Savior, a great high priest in the house of God, let us approach God with confidence, claiming the promise of our baptism. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. We try to master your creation but cannot grasp your great design. We want to share the throne of glory but cannot bear the cross of grief. Forgive us, God of grace. Save us from ourselves and give us the humility to trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(time for silent confession)

* Declaration of Forgiveness (responsive)

This is the promise of the Lord—that by the power of the Holy Spirit God will transform our lives and remember our sin no more. 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

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty and eternal God, you sent Jesus into this world to testify to the truth. By the power of your Spirit help us to listen to his voice so that we may testify to the world that we are your people and you are our God; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Savior. Amen.

First Reading – Mark 10:35-45

pew Bible pg. 823

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *God Be in My Head*

Rob Landes

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in my eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at my end, and in my departing.

Amen

Second Reading – Job 38:1-7, 34-41

pew Bible pg. 420

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – *The Lord Answered Job*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Hymn of Thanksgiving 800 – *Sometimes a Light Surprises*

* 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 and 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

The Lord will humble the mighty and raise the poor from the dust. With awe and wonder, hope and joy, let us present our lives to the Lord. (time for silence)

Offertory – *Psalm*

Douglas Wagner

* 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)

To you, O God, we offer our lives—our abundance, our poverty, all that we have, all that we are—as a sign of our great thanksgiving for the treasure of your grace. Take and use us for good in the world that you so love; we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn of Consecration 13 – *The Mighty God with Power Speaks*

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude – *Hymn to Joy*

Anne A. Davis



* Please stand at the * as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold**. Please remove all papers from the sanctuary when you leave.



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.

The Session will meet today after worship.

Youth and Children will meet today from 5-6:30 p.m. A meal will be provided.

New Beginnings is tomorrow at noon. Our program will be provided by Jim Lee a gopher tortoise biologist with Nature Conservancy. Come join us. Please RSVP to Tommy.

PW prayer ministry meets Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the parlor. Prayer request cards are found on the back of the pew. Be sure to put an address and place in offering plate.

Brown Bag Bible Study meets Tuesday at 11 a.m. via ZOOM and in person in the parlor.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, Oct. 21, at 6:30 a.m. in Montague Hall.



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: Adults—King Ranch chicken, black beans, green salad, rolls, dessert
Children—menu available

Starting at 6, the activities are:

Youth will meet upstairs in the youth room.

Children's Choir will meet upstairs in the rotation Sunday school room.

The Adults will meet in Montague Hall. Christopher and Tommy will alternate teaching a study of the Gospel of Luke.

Chancel Choir will meet at 7.

October is Thank Offering month. We should be aware of God's blessings each day. Gratitude is an expression of our freedom that comes from God. In light of this, we can use our awareness of all the good things that come from God to share it with others. When we

give of ourselves, it transfers to people's lives and makes them aware of God's Love, Grace, and Mercy. This, in turn, causes them to go out and bless someone else as Colossians 3:17 says: And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Stop by the Gratitude Table and leave a message.

Trunk or Treat. ALL kids, no matter your age, can dress up and be treated to goodies
Oct. 27, at 6 p.m. Supper will be at 5:30.

A welcome party for international students will be held on Sunday, October 24th at 5 p.m. The Association of International Ministries (A.I.M.) is requesting food for this event. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to indicate if you will bring a covered dish or dessert. Bring what you prepare to Westminster's kitchen no later than 4:00 that afternoon. If what you bring needs to be refrigerated, please label it for the welcome party. Also, be sure to label any serving dish that needs to be returned to you. Questions? Call or e-mail Althea Jerome.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

(*new addition)

**Debbie Aldridge, Ann Aldridge's daughter – major foot surgery Oct. 18*

Telina Birch, friend of Nancy Johnson – covets prayers for endurance and strength

Janet Burke

JoAnn Clarke, sister of Glenda Brown – at home recuperating

Katie Cole, granddaughter-in-law of Glenda Miller – in remission

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

Deena Crawford, B.J. Lambert's daughter – prayers for health and endurance

Fluffy Fair

Lisa Fairchild, Kathy Cain's new administrator – radiation

Jeanette Fulmer, friend of the Forsyth's – diagnosed with cancer

Craig Garner for health issues and job search for Cyndi

Wendy Graham, Jan Bozeman's sister – continued prayers

Mary Halliwell, friend of Mary Cromartie – pancreatic cancer

Jeanne Herring – recurrence of cancer

Margie Hollingsworth, Maggie Sheetz's daughter – starting radiation in October

Yennefer Herrera, Alejandro Herrera's daughter

Jennie Jackson, friend of Nancy Johnson – breast cancer

Ben Jones, close friend and band mate of Wes Brooks – battling colon and lung cancer

Geraldine Jones – treatment for cancer

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 – starting chemo

Angela McCarty, principal of Longleaf Elementary—hospitalized after surgery

Bernice McIntosh, Mac Forsyth's aunt – declining health

Carolyn McLarnan

Becky Nobles, Glenn Nobles' sister-in-law – recurring cancer

Julie Reid, Carolyn McLarnan's niece – non-Hodgkin's lymphoma

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

Mimi Mitchell Roy, Bill Mitchell's sister – grave health issues

Larry Royals

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

Kathy Vail, accompanist at Main Street Methodist and Meistersingers – breast cancer

Glenda Vaughn, Ruthie Davis' niece – health issues

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

Richard and Ella Young, Janet Baldwin's sister and brother-in-law – Richard has Alzheimer's

Prayers for our nurses, doctors and healthcare workers

PRAYERS OF COMFORT

For the family and friends of Harrison McLain

*For the family and friends of Hart Hendricks, father of Emily Hendricks—a former choir director
and singer at Westminster*