

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 20, 2022

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Fanfare and Processional*

Douglas E. Wagner

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

Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Savior, you pour out your power for the powerless and your salvation for the lost. Remember us in your new creation, so that we may live in peace with you in the presence of the Holy One, to whom be all honor and glory, through you, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Fran Estes

Call to Worship (responsive)

Blessed is the Lord our God,

who has sent us a mighty Savior.

Blessed is the Lord Jesus Christ,

who reigns in glory forever.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 367 – *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

* Call to Confession

In Christ, God came to reconcile all things, making peace through the blood of the cross. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. You sent Jesus down to save us and we handed him over to die. You lifted him up on the cross and still we mocked your holy realm. Forgive us, God of grace. We know not what we do. Save us from our sin and death, so that we may know true life in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (time for silent confession)

* Declaration of Forgiveness (responsive)

God has rescued us from the power of evil and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption. 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

Bob Buckner

Prayer for Illumination

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading – Jeremiah 23:1-6

pew Bible pg. 633

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Forever King!*

lyrics-Johanna Anderson

music-Dan Forrest

Who is God, that we should praise Him? Who is He, that we should sing?

Who is this exalted Savior, crowned the everlasting King?

Why fall at His feet in worship, Alleluias to Him bring?

Architect of every atom, Author of each passing hour,

Chief of all the changing seasons, Maker of each field and flower,

Speaking all into existence, God of majesty and power!

Morning Stars, all sing together, shout for joy, ye sons of God!

Rocks and stones, O be not silent, streams and rivers, give Him laud!

Clouds that frame the dome of heaven, sound your thunder and applaud!

Can creation fail to praise Him? How can we refuse to sing?

Come, fall at His feet in worship, Alleluias to Him Bring!

Reigning in eternal brightness, crown our Christ forever King! (repeat bold)

Second Reading – Luke 23:33-43

pew Bible pg. 859

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – *They Crucified Jesus with the Criminals*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Hymn of Thanksgiving 645 – *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

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

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)

Trusting in the power of God to deliver us, let us make our prayers of intercession for all, saying: God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church . . . Make us faithful in our witness to the promise of your coming reign, so that all may know your glory and grace. God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world . . . Raise up good leaders among the nations, who seek justice and righteousness and care for their people. God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community . . . By your tender mercy, O God, give light to those who wait in darkness and guide our feet in paths of peace. God our Savior, **hear our prayer.** We pray for loved ones . . . Give peace to those who are suffering and remember those who are dying. Give them a place with you in paradise. God our Savior, **hear our prayer.** Merciful and mighty God, as you are one, make us one with you through Jesus Christ, whom you have sent to redeem us, and in whose holy name we pray. **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

Consider the generosity of our Lord Jesus Christ, who—though he was rich—for our sakes became poor. With gratitude for the grace of Jesus Christ, let us offer our lives to God.

Offertory – *Andantino*

César Franck

* 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)

We praise you, great God, for you are ruler of the universe, and have sent your Son to be King of Kings. We rejoice that he has triumphed over all the powers of this world, and governs the nations with righteousness and justice. We celebrate the victory of his life, death, resurrection, and ascension to rule at your side. By your Spirit, claim our complete loyalty, and establish Christ's reign of peace in every land and in every heart. Accept the offering of our lives in the service of Christ's kingdom. He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn of Consecration 363 – *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!*

* Charge and Benediction (responsive)

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

* Postlude – *He Is King*

Robert J. Powell



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

(Liturgy drawn from the *Book of Common Worship 2018* and the resource “Call to Worship” for Year C in 2016.)

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

(* new added prayers)

Telina Birch, friend of Nancy Johnson – upcoming scan to determine if treatment is working

Jan Bozeman

Laura Pearce, goddaughter of Nancy Johnson – returned to work and walking with cane

Janet Burke

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

**Vida Davis, sister of Ruthie Davis – dementia and financial fraud*

Wendy Graham, Jan Bozeman's sister – recovering from stroke

Alese Patrick Hairston, friend of Ann Aldridge – in coma from head injury

Arlandra Harvey, former choir member – waiting for a kidney transplant

Alejandro Herrera – mass in lung

Jeanne Herring – recurrence of cancer

Jennie Jackson, friend of Nancy Johnson – upcoming scan

Ann Johnson

Harweda Johnson, Chad Edmonson's grandmother – broken pelvis

**Geraldine Jones – recovering at home*

Roger Kuyrkendall, Carrie Creel's father – dementia

B.J. Lambert – prayers for endurance and strength

Vivienne Lochhead, Bob and Margaret Lochhead's daughter – dealing with undiagnosed heart/lung issues

Bernice McIntosh, Mac Forsyth's aunt – declining health

Wanda Matthews, Dudley Westbrook's mother – health and mobility problems

Debbie Nobles, Butch Nobles' sister – recovery from thyroidectomy at UMMC

Cala Raborn – heart issues

Fergus Reid, Carolyn McLarnan's nephew – severe pain

Kem Reid, Ryan Reid's father – laryngeal cancer

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

Dena Faye Robertson, Glenn Nobles' sister – beginning dementia

Jenny Roberts Robbins, first cousin of Robin Roberts – broken back from car accident

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

Peggy Sanford, friend of Janiel Harris—Stage 5 renal disease

Molly Tracy, friend of Ann Aldridge's daughter – throat cancer

Louise Traxler, Karen Reidenbach's mom – stroke

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

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

Donna Wilson, teacher at Sacred Heart – colon cancer

PRAYERS OF COMFORT

For St. Paul's Presbyterian Church and all the people affected by Hurricane Ian



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.

Brown Bag will meet in the parlor at 11 a.m. Tuesday.

No Choir this Wednesday.

The office will close at noon on Wednesday and all-day Thursday.

New Beginnings will take a break in November and December, but will return Jan. 16.

Shoebboxes are due today. Please have your boxes at the church by 1 p.m.

*Happy Thanksgiving
Please Join Us Today*



You are invited to our **Thanksgiving luncheon** immediately following our worship service in Montague Hall today.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

*will be held at 6 pm. tonight
at Westminster
(Nursery provided)*

BOSWELL GIFT TIME

A long tradition for WPC has been to provide Christmas gifts for the clients at Boswell Regional Center, whose mission is to provide specialized program options for adult Mississippians with intellectual and developmental challenges. This year we need to provide gifts for 63 men and 26 ladies. A list of acceptable and needed items is on the narthex cabinet. Please provide only new items, do not wrap the gifts but provide a gift bag. If you would prefer to donate money rather than furnish a gift, someone else will shop for you. Make checks out to Westminster and put Boswell on the memo line or put cash in the pew brown envelopes and mark Boswell. Large boxes for gifts are ready and waiting in the narthex today. The deadline is December 12. If you have any questions, please see Sharon Potin.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS READERS

If your group of friends, or members of your family, would like to volunteer to assist with the lighting of the Advent Candles this season during worship, please contact the church office. Also, please do the same if you would like to be a scripture reader at our Christmas Eve service.