



# 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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Christ the King Sunday

PRELUDE “Fanfare to Christ the King” by Charles Callahan

Mrs. Kay Guiles

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, you raised Christ from the dead and established him as Lord over every rebellious power. Give us grace to serve him wisely and faithfully that the world may see his glorious inheritance among the saints and recognize the freedom of joyful obedience in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

CHIMING

WELCOME

Tommy Suttle, Director of Discipleship

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

The Lord God is our shepherd.

**We are the people of God’s pasture, the sheep of God’s hand.**

God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.

**But the proud and power-hungry will be fed with justice.**

HYMN #36 “For the Fruit of All Creation”

vs. 1 *For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God.  
For the gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.*

vs. 2 *In the just reward of labor,  
God's will be done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will be done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will be done.*

vs. 3 *For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne.**

(time for silent confession)

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## GLORIA PATRI

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, we long for your beautiful Word, your living Word who shows us the way. In Scripture and sermon, in silence and song, reveal to us your desires and grant us steadfastness of heart, that we may walk in your truth. Amen.

### FIRST READING – Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING – Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.

All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’

Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’

And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’

Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’

Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’

And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON – “When Was It?”

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

## THE EUCHARIST

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving 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.**

Words of Institution

Communion

Prayer after Communion

ANTHEM – “Bringing in the Sheaves”

Haley Chapman, soloist

vs. 1 *Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,  
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve.  
Waiting for the harvest and the time of reaping,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.*

Refrain:

*Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves.  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.  
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves.  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.*

vs. 2 *Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,  
Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze.  
By and by the harvest and the labor ending,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves. (Refrain)*

vs. 3 *Sowing in the springtime, sowing in the summer,  
Waiting for the autumn when we may receive  
Our blessings and our harvest. All our labors ended.  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves. (refrain)*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.  
(time for silence)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**Holy God, giver of every good and perfect gift, we thank you for your grace and for your love. Most especially, we thank you for our Savior and King, Jesus Christ. Today, we once more demonstrate our gratitude, committing our resources, our time, our hearts, and our lives to your service. Receive our pledges and use our lives to proclaim the good news that you are with us always and that your love has no end. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE “Choral Improvisation on Now Thank We All Our God” by Sigfred Karg-Elert

***Dismissal by Rows—follow instructions of ushers***

***Offerings may be placed in the plates that are in the Narthex as you depart.***

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

*Telina Birch, friend of Nancy Johnson – covets prayers for endurance and strength*  
*Dean Cromartie – on hospice*  
*Misty Dauphinee, friend of Nancy Johnson – preeclampsia, 36 weeks pregnant*  
*Ruthie Davis*  
*Sam Dossett – hospice care*  
*Fluffy Fair*  
*Jeanette Fulmer, friend of the Forsyths – diagnosed with cancer*  
*Craig Garner – recovery from hand surgery, chemo*  
*Wendy Graham, Jan Bozeman’s sister – continued prayers*  
*Mari Griffin, Brandon Hayes’ mother – ovarian cancer*  
*Mary Halliwell, friend of Mary and Dean Cromartie – pancreatic cancer*  
*Ben Jones, close friend and band mate of Wes Brooks – battling colon and lung cancer*  
*Geraldine Jones – special prayers for her family*  
*B.J. Lambert – prayers for endurance and strength*  
*Stephanie Liddell, Geri Jones’ daughter – health issues*  
*Jim Lundy, Sinclair Lundy’s brother – Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s*  
*JoAnn Johnson, JT Johnson’s sister-in-law – intestinal infection*  
*Roger Kuyrkendall, Carrie Creel’s father – dementia*  
*Harrison McClain, student at PCS – rehab at home, prayers for endurance and strength*  
*Sandy Nicholas – recovering at home*  
*Steve and Ellen Ramp*  
*James Reid, Carolyn McLarnan’s brother – frontotemporal dementia motor neuron disease and ALS*  
*Julie Reid, Carolyn McLarnan’s niece – starting more aggressive chemo*  
*Sheema Reid, Carolyn McLarnan’s sister-in-law – starting chemo*  
*Bones Roane, JT Johnson’s brother’s partner – spine cancer*  
*Lori Nolen Rockett, cousin of Nancy Johnson – hormone treatment for breast cancer*  
*Teressa Seals, friend of Nancy Johnson – stage 2 breast cancer*  
*Lavon Smith*  
*Allen Stanton, friend of Ben Yelverton – undergoing cancer treatment at MD Anderson, asking for endurance and strength*  
*Pam Thomas, friend of Sinclair Lundy – starting chemo for chronic lymphocytic leukemia*  
*Glenda Vaughn, Ruthie Davis’ niece – health issues*  
*Jack Watts, friend of Jan Bozeman – Alzheimer’s*  
*Shirley Wilbanks, Betty Mitchell’s cousin – stage 4 ovarian cancer*  
*Mike Zubajlo, Glenda Miller’s son-in-law – undergoing chemotherapy, prayers for endurance and strength*

## PRAYERS OF COMFORT

*For the family and friends of Elizabeth Curlee, sister of Iris Easterling*  
*For the family and friends of W. L. Cook, brother of Nancy Johnson*  
*Prayers for the people in El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Honduras as they deal with the devastation of Hurricane Iota*

*PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE WITH COVID-19 AND THE HEALTHCARE WORKERS*

*PRAYERS FOR OUR LEADERS*

*PRAYERS FOR OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ARMED FORCES*