



# 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.

The **Session** will meet today following the congregational meeting.

On Sunday, April 18, immediately following worship there will be a called congregational meeting to elect new church officers.

## DEACONS

Mary Cromartie  
Kathy Cain  
Jacob Suttle  
Chad Edmonson  
Rose Marie Yore (2 year term)  
Durwood Blackwell (1 year term)

## ELDERS

Carolyn McLarnan  
Erik Graham  
Randall Harris

## YOUTH DEACON

Oliver Creel

## TRUSTEE

Althea Jerome

**New Beginnings** luncheon is tomorrow at noon in Montague Hall. Everyone is invited to attend but RSVPs are essential. Please call the church office or email [tommy@wpchattiesburg.com](mailto:tommy@wpchattiesburg.com). Laura Leggett from the Hattiesburg Zoo is our speaker and will bring Sebastian, an African crested porcupine, to be an ambassador for the animals in the zoo. He is quite a character and you all will enjoy him.

**PW Prayer Ministry** will meet Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Any prayer request can be put in the offering plate. Please include mailing addresses.

**Brown Bag Bible Study** meets Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. via ZOOM and in person in the parlor. Contact the office for ZOOM information.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, April 22, at 6:30 a.m. in Montague Hall for breakfast and fellowship.

**Breadbasket volunteers are needed.** Westminster has Breadbasket May 3-6. Volunteers are needed for Wednesday and Thursday. Please call Martha (601-584-7574) to volunteer.

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

Prelude "Voluntary on 'Christ Is Risen'" by Michael Burkhardt Mrs. Kay Guiles

Prayer of Preparation

Holy One, you have made us witnesses to the good news of the gospel that Jesus Christ, our flesh and bone, is risen from the dead. Open our minds to understand these things, and let your word be fulfilled in us so that we may share the bread of life with a hungry world; through Jesus Christ, our peace. Amen.

Chiming

Welcome Tommy Suttle, Director of Discipleship

Call to Worship (responsive)

On the cross, Jesus suffered and died.

**We are witnesses: Lord, have mercy.**

But now Jesus is risen from the dead.

**We are witnesses: He is risen indeed!**

Let us worship God.

Hymn #248 – "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

Call to Confession

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You sent the Lord of life among us yet we gave him up to die. You raised him from the dead yet we still do not believe. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to receive with gratitude the great gift of love you offer, and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(time for silent confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness (responsive)

Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Gloria Patri

**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.**

Children's Moment

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

**Gracious God, send us your Spirit to guide us into the truth, so that we may know and trust the good news of the gospel, and look with hope and joy for the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Reading – Acts 3:12-19

pew Bible pg. 887

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

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

Anthem – "Peace I Leave with You"

Walter L. Pelz

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:  
not as the world giveth give I unto you.  
Let not your heart be troubled; neither let it be afraid,  
Peace, peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:  
not as the world giveth give I unto you: my peace I give to you.

Second Reading – Luke 24:36b-48

pew Bible pg. 861

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon – "You are Witnesses"

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

Prayers of the People

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.**

Hymn #295 – "Go to the World!"

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (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**

Invitation to Offering

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods yet refuses to help a sister or brother in need?  
Remembering God's great love for the world, let us offer the gifts of our lives.  
(time for silence)

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Eternal God, take and use these gifts for your purpose in the world— giving food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, and new life to the dead. Teach us to live each day for you, so that future generations will know your goodness and praise your glory; in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Doxology

**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.**

Charge and Blessing

Postlude — "Alleluya" by William Faulkes



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## PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

*Telina Birch, friend of Nancy Johnson – covets prayers for endurance and strength*  
*JoAnn Clarke, sister of Glenda Brown – recovering from COVID at St. Dominic Hospital*  
*Katie Cole, granddaughter-in-law of Glenda Miller – receiving chemo*  
*Dr. Tim Cole, friend of Mary Cromartie – pancreatic cancer*  
*Deena Crawford, B.J. Lambert's daughter – prayers for health and endurance*  
*Sam Dossett – hospice care*  
*Fluffy Fair*  
*Jeanette Fulmer, friend of the Forsyths – diagnosed with cancer*  
*Wendy Graham, Jan Bozeman's sister – continued prayers*  
*Mary Halliwell, friend of Mary Cromartie – pancreatic cancer*  
*Yennefer Herrera, Alejandro Herrera's daughter*  
*Wil Howie, Founder of Living Waters for the World – reconstructive surgery & radiation*  
*Gloria MacDonald, Robert MacDowell's daughter – chemo for breast cancer*  
*Joe Pack's friend named JJ – recovering from stroke*  
*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 – Lewy Body*  
*Roger Kuyrkendall, Carrie Creel's father – dementia*  
*Bernice McIntosh, Mac Forsyth's aunt – declining health*  
*Sandy Nicholas – recovering at home*  
*Becky Nobles, Glenn Nobles' sister-in-law – recurring cancer*  
*Steve and Ellen Ramp*  
*Julie Reid, Carolyn McLarnan's niece – non-Hodgkin's lymphoma*  
*Sheema Reid, Carolyn McLarnan's sister-in-law – starting chemo*  
*Bones Roane, JT Johnson's brother's partner – effective transplant*  
*Lori Nolen Rockett, cousin of Nancy Johnson – awaiting test results*  
*Teressa Seals, friend of Nancy Johnson – reconstructive surgery*  
*Allen Stanton, friend of Ben Yelverton – back home in Clinton, receiving treatment at UMMC*  
*Kathy Vail, organist at Main Street Methodist and Meistersingers – breast cancer*  
*Glenda Vaughn, Ruthie Davis' niece – health issues*  
*Gregory Vaughn, Ruthie Davis' nephew – prayers for healing*  
*John Watkins, Rose Marie Yore's brother – prayers for healing*  
*Jack Watts, friend of Jan Bozeman – under hospice care*  
*Mike Zubajlo, Glenda Miller's son-in-law – undergoing chemo, prayers for endurance and strength*