



“DO NOT BE AFRAID,
FOR I KNOW THAT YOU
ARE LOOKING FOR JESUS,
WHO WAS CRUCIFIED.
HE IS NOT HERE;

*he has risen,
just as he said.”*

MATTHEW 28:5-6 (NIV®)

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

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

Living God, through Jesus Christ you emptied the power of death and gave us the gift of life in fullness. Now dry our tears and send us out to tell the good news of the gospel: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Amen

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Call to Worship – *Arise, Shine; for Your Light Has Come*

K. Lee Scott

Greeting and Announcements

Tommy Suttle

Call to Worship – *(responsive)*

Hear the good news! Do not be afraid.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 232 – *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

* 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 raised Jesus to new life, yet we hold onto former things. You offer salvation to all, yet we fail to share this good news. Forgive us, God of grace. By your Spirit, make us witnesses to the wonder of the empty tomb and the fullness of life you promise; 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.**

* 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

Tommy Suttle

The Sacrament of Baptism for Emilia Kate Rosado

Baptism Hymn #488 – *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

Prayer for Illumination

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 – Isaiah 25:6-9

pew Bible pg. 568

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *What A Morning*

arr. James Covell and Edwin M. Willmington

Very early in the morning, the morning!

It was the women who found the stone rolled away!

The angel said, "He is risen indeed!" Very early Sunday morning!

My Lord, what a morning. What a morning. Lord, what a morning. Lord, what a morning.

Oh morning. What a morning. When the stars begin to fall.

Very early in the morning the stone was rolled away!

You'll hear the trumpet sound! Looking to my God's right hand.

When the stars begin to fall. Very early in the morning, early Sunday morning!

My Lord, what a morning, Lord, what a morning.

My Lord, what a morning when the stars begin to fall.

Lord, what a morning. What a morning, what a morning.

To hear the trumpet sound! To wake the nations My Lord, what a morning!

My Lord, what a morning! When the stars begin to fall.

When the stars begin to fall you'll hear the trumpet sound!

Sing alleluia! Christ now is risen! Sing alleluia! Christ is the Lord!

This is the day break; this is the morning! Death is now conquered!

Christ be adored! My Lord, what a morning!

Very early in the morning, very early Sunday morning!

Second Reading – Mark 16:1-8

pew Bible pg. 829

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – *They Said Nothing to Anyone*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Communion Hymn 233 – *The Day of Resurrection!*

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.

THE EUCHARIST

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving (*responsive*)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

In every time... ..we praise your name and join their unending hymn: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you... .. we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Blessed are you... .. now and forever. **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.

The Communion

Prayer After Communion (*unison*)

Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the witness of your word and the sharing of this meal you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence of Christ among us. Now send us forth from this place by the power of your Spirit to tell this good news to the world: The Lord has risen indeed! Amen.

* Hymn of Consecration 263 – *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

* Blessing and Charge (*responsive*)

Beloved children, may the love of the holy triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—abide with you forever. **Alleluia!**

Now go forth in Jesus' name, remembering his new commandment to love one another, just as he has loved us. **Amen.**

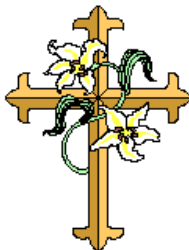
* Postlude – *Symphony V: Toccata*

Charles-Marie Widor



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

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Call to Worship Volume 48.1 Lectionary Aids 2014-2015 Year B.



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

(new added prayers)*

Terri Banks, friend of Pam Love – at UAB with reaction to chemo

Linda Basden, neighbor of Janeil Harris – Alzheimer's

Melissa Boivin, Jan Bozeman's family friend – at home, upcoming facial cosmetic surgery

Jan Bozeman – constant pain

Margaret Breland, friend of Jan Bozeman – at home, in therapy

Janet Burke – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)

Laura Pearce Cureton, Nancy Johnson's goddaughter – nerve block therapy continues

Vida Davis, sister of Ruthie Davis – dementia

Cindy Dawson, Catherine Sampson's daughter – cancer treatment at M D Anderson

Cathy Dudley – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd) no visitors

Bill and Louise Edwards, friends of Charles Brown – strength and endurance

Teresa Ginn, Michael Ginn's aunt – dementia

Wendy Graham, Jan Bozeman's sister – at home on Hospice

Kenny Harrell

Anderson Hembree, son of a friend of Nancy Johnson – prayers for successful physical therapy

Ann Johnson

Geraldine Jones

Roger Kuyrkendall, Carrie Creel's father – Alzheimer's

B.J. Lambert – pain from fracture of vertebra

Glenn Nobles – endurance and strength

Cala Raborn – recovering from car accident

Fergus Reid, Carolyn McLarnan's nephew – severe pain

Dena Faye Robertson, Glenn Nobles' sister – hospice for Alzheimer's

Zach Ross, friend of Althea Jerome – at UMMC with serious head injuries from car accident

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

Louise Traxler, Karen Reidenbach's mom – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)

Dr. Joe Washburn, Jan Bozeman's doctor – cancer, taking chemo

Sandra Young, mother of a friend of Carolyn McLarnan – on hospice

PRAYERS OF COMFORT

Family and friends of John Watkins, Rose Marie Yore's brother



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.

Today we will observe the **sacrament of communion**. All are welcome to receive God's gifts at the table. So that all may be served, we will use grape juice and gluten-free bread. Communion Sundays are also **Breadbasket Sundays** – a time when you are encouraged to make contributions to the Breadbasket ministry.

Youth and Children will not meet today.

PW Coordinating Team meeting is Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

Brown Bag will meet Tuesday at 11 a.m.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday at 7 a.m. at Loblolly Bakery.

The office will be closed Monday, April 1.

OFFICE CLOSED



Potluck is this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Choir 6:30 p.m.

There will be a congregational meeting April 7. The purpose of the meeting will be to hear a report from the church officer nominating committee and to elect new officers for the class of 2027.

Youth and Children will leave following worship on April 7 to go to the Aquarium in Gulfport and will return by 5:30 p.m. Be sure to bring your sack lunch.

You are cordially invited to
Jackson Creel's senior organ recital.
It will be held at
Provine Chapel
on the campus of Mississippi College
in Clinton
Sunday, April 7, at 3 p.m.



Giving to **One Great Hour of Sharing** enables the Presbyterian Hunger Program to help transform lives and enrich communities. See envelope in today's bulletin.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



***The Easter lilies
are placed in
our sanctuary this morning to the glory of God.***

In loving memory of

Susan Larsen Boerwinkle given by Jane & Grayson Rayborn
Bill and Margaret Boyd given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Brown given by Charles A. Brown
Delmar H. Brown given by Charles A. Brown
Mirneal C. Brown given by Charles A. Brown
Alma Jeannette (Monkey) Burns given by J. T., Nancy and Holley Johnson
Bill and Margaret Boyd given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Compton given by Charles A. Brown
Jane and Bill Cook given by J. T., Nancy and Holley Johnson
W. L. Cook given by J. T., Nancy and Holley Johnson
A. D. and Helen Cromartie given by Mary Cromartie
Dr. Dean Cromartie given by Mary Cromartie
Dr. Dean Cromartie given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Dr. Dean Cromartie given by J. T., Nancy and Holley Johnson
Calvin Crotwell given by Christopher Crotwell family
Kenner and Florence Day given by Connie & Robin Roberts
Nell and Bill Dishong given by Jane & Grayson Rayborn
Parents of Tom and Fran Estes
Eugene and Estella Fair given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Clara Imogene Ginn given by Michael Ginn
Donald Ginn given by Michael & Katie Ginn
Cowen and Florence Gooch given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
David and Florence Gruchy given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Frank Hagan given by Jane & Grayson Rayborn
Mary Halliwell given by Mary Cromartie
Dr. Emmett and Jeanne Herring given by Connie & Robin Roberts
Hallie Jeanne Herring given by J. T., Nancy and Holley Johnson
Carol and Harry Hickman given by J. T., Nancy and Holley Johnson
Roy and Sarah Hogrefe given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe

Pat and Cora Jeffery given by Mary Cromartie
Lita Gayle Jerome given by Althea Jerome
O. H. Jerome given by Althea Jerome
Mary and Pope Johnson given by J. T., Nancy and Holley Johnson
Harweda and Jack Johnson given by the Chad Edmonson family
Richard Kelly given by *Jane & Grayson Rayborn*
Ed and Elizabeth Larsen given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Sandra Little given by Martha & Dan Davis
Wanda Westbrook Matthews given by the Dudley Westbrook family
Dorothy and Mark McLarnan given by Carolyn McLarnan
Dr. Keith McLarnan given by Carolyn McLarnan
Dr. Keith McLarnan given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Barbara Myers given by Sharon Potin
Mick Nelson given by Charles A. Brown
Richard Potin given by Sharon Potin
Richard Potin given by Charles Brown
Richard Potin given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Faren Edward Raborn given by Michael & Katie Ginn
Georgia and Grayson Rayborn, Sr. given by Jane & Grayson Rayborn
Terry Rayborn given by Jane & Grayson Rayborn
David and Mary Reid given by Carolyn McLarnan
David and James Reid given by Carolyn McLarnan
Rev. Alton and Margie Roberts given by Connie & Robin Roberts
Larry Royals given by Mary Clare Royals
Tom and Margaret Suttle from the Suttle family
Edward Walker given by Katie & Michael Ginn



In honor of
Our parents given by the Christopher Crotwell family
Linda and Frank Heard given by the Suttle family
Steve Ramp given by Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe
Althea and Ken Travis given by Althea Jerome
The staff at Westminster given by Iris Easterling

Just as the human body needs eyes, hands, ears, lungs, etc., so does the Body of Christ. We have many small group opportunities for growth, fellowship and service here at Westminster. We encourage members to use their gifts to participate in the mission of this congregation and to invite others to join us in serving Jesus Christ.



The Seal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

A Symbolic Statement of the Church

The Cross – Christianity

The Transept – Bible and Pulpit

The Dove – The Holy Spirit

The Intersection – Baptismal Font or

Communion Cup

Flames – Implied triangle, the Trinity

Class of 2024

Erik Graham
Randall Harris
Carolyn McLarnan

THE SESSION

Class of 2025

David Daves
Dan Davis
Beth Richmond

Class of 2026

Iris Easterling
Jeff Haydel
Rhoda Pickett

THE TRUSTEES

Robert Cummings, Jr. Althea Jerome J T Johnson

Class of 2024

Kathy Cain
Mary Cromartie
Chad Edmonson
Jacob Suttle

THE DEACONS

Class of 2025

Alice Crotwell
Pam Dossett
Susan Higgs
Howard Keever

Class of 2026

Dixie Coats
Christopher Cox
Carrie Creel
Michael Yore

Youth

Sam Haydel

Representative

CHURCH STAFF

Christopher Crotwell, Minister
Sinclair Lundy, Financial Secretary
Kay Guiles, Organist
Katie Ginn, Youth and Children Director

Tommy Suttle, Director of Discipleship
Martha Davis, Church Administrator
Wes Brooks, Communications
Ray Robinson, Sexton

Michael Ginn, Chancel Choir; **Children's Music Director**