



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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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Paul Manz

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

Living God, as in Jesus Christ you set us free from sin and death, help us to devote ourselves this day to the healing and liberation of others so that all people may have the gift of fullness of life and peace in you; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Katie Ginn

Call to Worship (responsive)

Let us delight in God's gift of sabbath;

let us honor the day of the Lord.

We delight in the God who sets us free;

we honor the Lord by doing justice.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 796 – *We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

* Call to Confession

We have been buried with Christ in baptism, in order that we might be raised with him through faith in the power of God. 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. We dismiss the prophets you send and ignore your call to service. We waste your gift of sabbath and reject your offer of healing. Forgive us, God of grace. Let us approach you again with reverence and with awe, giving thanks for your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (time for silent confession)

* Declaration of Forgiveness (responsive)

Once we were dead in sin; now we are alive in Christ. 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

Michael Ginn

Prayer for Illumination

Your Word, O God, enlightens our path and shows us the way to go. Open the ears of our hearts and speak to us now that we may know your desire for our lives, and respond with joy. Amen.

First Reading – Isaiah 58:9b-14

pew Bible pg. 601

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Ewald V. Nolte

John Ginn, clarinet

(words are in announcements)

Second Reading – Luke 13:10-17

pew Bible pg. 848

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – *On the Sabbath*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Hymn of Thanksgiving 792 – *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

* Affirmation of Faith: selections from A Brief Statement of Faith 1983 (unison)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People (responsive)

Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, we pray for the fulfillment of God's promise, saying: In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**

We pray for the church . . . Let your church be a living sign of the kingdom that cannot be shaken, where we will worship you forever. God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world . . . Be a rock of refuge and a strong fortress for those who are

in trouble or distress. Rescue the innocent from the wicked. God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community . . . Teach us to offer our food to the hungry, and provide for the needs of the afflicted so that your light may shine in us. God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for loved ones . . . Forgive their sins, heal their diseases, bring them up out of their despair, and satisfy them with your goodness. God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen us to run the race that is before us, laying aside the heavy burdens of sin and death and following the pioneer and perfecter of our faith: Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. **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

Jesus has taught us not to store up treasures for ourselves, but to be rich toward God — for where our treasures are, there will our hearts be also. With gratitude for God's grace, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offertory

- * 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)

Generous God, we bring you our offerings with gratitude that we have such gifts to share. May all that we share be used for your glory, and for the work of justice and peace, compassion and joy, in this community and in your world. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn of Consecration 800 – *Sometimes a Light Surprises*

- * Blessing and Charge (responsive)

The kingdom of God, the power of Christ, and the glory of the Spirit be with you forever. **Alleluia!**

Go in peace to love the Lord your God and love your neighbor as yourself. **Amen.**

- * Postlude – *Highland Cathedral*

Brian D. Yates

John Ginn, bagpipes

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

(* new added prayers *Dalton Aldridge – healing from motorcycle accident

*Terri Banks, friend of Pam Love – health issues

Linda Basden, neighbor of Janeil Harris – Alzheimer's

Jan Bozeman – constant pain

*Larry & Margaret Burge of Poplarville, friend of Michael Yore – Larry has cancer

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

Vida Davis, sister of Ruthie Davis – dementia

Jessica Dubing, daughter of a friend of Ruthie Davis – paralyzed from motorcycle accident

*Deidra Dickenson, Kathy Cain's sister – onset dementia

Cathy Dudley – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)

Sara Amos Evans, member of Pineview Presbyterian – recovering from major surgery

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

Hudson Elliott, grandson of friends of the Reidenbachs – home

after 6 months in NICU*Doug Everitt, Ben Yelverton's

stepfather – recovering from surgery

Teresa Ginn, Michael Ginn's aunt – dementia

Lee Graham, Pam Love's son-in-law – health issues

*Charles "Rocky" Hartfield, friend of Pam Love – health issues

Arlandra Harvey, former choir member – kidney transplant recovery

Peggy Henry, Karen Reidenbach's sister – continued strength through recovery from addiction

Charlotte Hill

Ann Johnson

Geraldine Jones

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

B.J. Lambert

* Wei Ting Liu, USM student, friend of Toney Gibson & Caitlynn Dunkle

– died of health complications

Margaret Lochhead – prayers for healing

Peggy McCarthy, friend of Iris Easterling – facing serious health issues

*Ruth McLarnan, Carolyn McLarnan's mother-in-law, passed away on Aug. 16

Deloris McLaurin, Glenn Nobles' first cousin – dementia

Anita Murphy, friend of Mary Cromartie – lung cancer

Glenn Nobles – endurance and strength

*Renee Parker, friend of Ruthie Davis – macular degeneration

Carolyn Mitchell Pintard, Bill & Betty Mitchell's daughter – grave health issues

Shannon Love Roberson, daughter of Pam Love – health issues

Jasmine Smith, Janet Baldwin's daughter – recovery from breast surgery

Laura Todd, Grayson Rayborn's cousin – multiple health issues

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

Korie Turner, friend of Ruthie Davis – prayers for courage

*Rose Marie Yore – recovering from spinal fusion surgery



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 September/October Today devotionals are on the narthex table.

Deacons and Elders will have a joint meeting today following worship.

Brown Bag Bible Study will meet Tuesday at 11 a.m.

Choir rehearsal will be Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Men of the Church will meet Thursday at 7 a.m. at Loblolly Bakery.

Back to School Swim Party

For Youth & Children

TODAY

3-5 p.m.

Cox's house

229 Steelman Rd.



Breadbasket week is

Aug. 25-28.

Volunteers are needed.

Please contact Martha to volunteer. 601-584-7574



Articles for the September newsletter

are due to Wes by noon
Thursday, Aug. 28,

wes@breadproject.com

Wild and Wonderful Fall Youth Retreat 2025

Sunday, Oct. 12, 4:30 p.m. through Monday, Oct. 13, 1:00 p.m.

See flyers throughout the church or
contact Christopher for more details.



Grades 3-5 and Youth

will sell \$10 parking slots
Saturday, August 30,
starting at 9 a.m.

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Iris Melody by Henry W. Baker, setting by Ewald V. Nolte)

1. The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness ~~faileth~~ never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he ~~leadeth~~
And, where the verdant pastures grow, with food he ~~feedeth~~.
3. And so, through all the length of days Thy goodness ~~faileth~~ never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

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 2026

Iris Easterling
Jeff Haydel
Rhoda Pickett

THE SESSION

Class of 2027

Tom Estes
Connie Roberts
Karen Reidenbach

Class of 2028

Gwen Combs
Pam Love
Charlie Parkman

Class of 2026

Robert Cummings, Jr.

THE TRUSTEES

Class of 2027

J T Johnson

Class of 2028

Althea Jerome

Class of 2026

Dixie Coats
Christopher Cox
Carrie Creel
Michael Yore

THE DEACONS

Class of 2027

Matthew Boucher
Judy Haydel
Ryan Reid
Sarah Beth Suttle

Class of 2028

Gwen Combs
Brandon Hayes
Carlie Kaeppler
Drew Suttle

Youth Representative

Elisa Suttle

CHURCH STAFF

Christopher Crotwell, Minister
Robert Cummings, Jr., Financial Officer
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**