



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

Transfiguration Sunday

February 15, 2026

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Prelude on Deo Gracias*

Healey Willan

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

God of majesty and might, you have blessed us with revelations of your glory. Give us the gift of faith, that we may hear your voice for ourselves and see Jesus Christ revealed to us that we may stand on our own without fear. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Elisa Suttle

Call to Worship (responsive)

The Lord said to Moses: Come up to the mountain, and the glory of the Lord shone all around.

Let us worship the Lord our God.

Jesus led his disciples up a high mountain, and he was transfigured, shining like the sun.

Let us worship the Lord our God.

* Hymn of Praise 193 – *Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*

* Call to Confession

Standing in the light of Christ, we see the shadows hidden in our hearts. Let us tell the truth about ourselves, trusting in **God's** grace, that we might receive mercy and be renewed.

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Magnificent God, we cannot stand before the glory of your presence. You shine with divine light, and we are overwhelmed by your goodness. Lift us in your mercy, release us from our fear, and fill us with your Spirit, that we might reflect your light and share your love, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. (time for silent confession)

* Declaration of Forgiveness (responsive)

Children of God, hear the good news: Through Jesus Christ, the glory of God revealed among us, we are forgiven, again and again. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

* 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

God of shining splendor, your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder.
Overshadow us with your Spirit so that we may hear your Word and live
as faithful disciples and covenant people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading – Exodus 24:12-18

pew Bible pg. 62

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *How Great Thou Art*

Arr. by Dan Forrest

Second Reading – Matthew 17:1-9

pew Bible pg. 798

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – *Get Up and Do Not Be Afraid*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Hymn of Thanksgiving 182 – *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

* Affirmation of Faith: Adapted from The Confession of 1967, 9.08 (unison) –

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

Prayers of the People (responsive)

We approach God in prayer not as strangers, but as beloved children, baptized in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As children of God, we pray for the church . . . Send us down from the holy mountain to show and tell the gospel message: the transforming power of your grace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As children of God, we pray for the earth . . . Let this world be transformed, transfigure. Let it shine with your majestic glory in the promise of your new creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As children of God, we pray for all nations . . . Let the leaders of the earth be warned that you will thwart the plans of the wicked and restore the fortunes of the poor. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As children of God, we pray for this community . . . Establish justice and equity in this place. Answer those who cry out to you, who call upon your name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As children of God, we pray for loved ones . . . Be a lamp for those who wait in darkness. Speak to them with your loving voice, so that they will not be afraid. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, as you are well pleased with Christ, help us to live in a way that will be pleasing to you. As you have called us to listen to Christ, help us to always heed his word and seek his will. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, your beloved Child, our Savior and 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

There is only one Lord and God, from whom all things come and for whom we live. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offertory – *Oh Wondrous Type, O Vision Fair*

Healey Willan

* 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)

God of glory, as people brought gifts to the infant Jesus, we bring our gifts to you. May these gifts be used to lift up those who are oppressed, to bring deliverance to those who are in need, to support those who are poor, and to help those who are in trouble. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn of Consecration 156 – *Sing of God Made Manifest*

* Blessing and Charge (responsive)

Beloved children of God, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever. **Alleluia!**

As Jesus called the first disciples, so he calls to us this day: Follow me. **Amen.**

* Postlude – *Salzburg*

Robert J. Powell



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

Today's liturgy is in part adapted from the Call to Worship website, a resource created by the PCUSA's Office of Theology and Worship and the Presbyterian Association of Musicians.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

(* new added prayers)

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

Deidra Dickenson, Kathy Cain's sister – onset dementia

Cathy Dudley – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)

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

Teresa Ginn, Michael Ginn's aunt – dementia

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

Jim Harris, Dixie Coats' brother-in-law's father – in hospital with serious health issues

**Mckenna Hawkins, daughter of Michael Yore's friend – cancer*

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

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

Charlotte Hill

Ann Johnson

**Terri Johnson, Ann Johnson's daughter-in-law, ankle surgery Feb. 16*

Geraldine Jones

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

B.J. Lambert

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

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 – broken shoulder

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

Ella Young, sister of Janet Baldwin – struggling with dementia

PRAYERS OF COMFORT

For the family and friends of Bob Buckner, whose brother died last weekend

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.

Deacons will meet today at 11:35 a.m. in the Generation Room and the **Session** will meet in the conference room after worship.

PW Prayer Ministry will meet Tuesday at 10 a.m. There are prayer cards on the back of the pew for prayer requests. Please put the address so a card can be sent and place with the offering. Come join this group as they pray and write cards.

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

Chancel Choir will meet following Ash Wednesday service.

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

New Beginnings will meet Monday, Feb. 16, at noon. Please let Tommy or Martha know you are coming.

Circle 3 will meet Saturday morning for brunch. Please see Karen Reidenbach or Dixie Coats for more information.

Thanks to everyone who donated last Sunday to the Souper Bowl.

\$1,045 was collected for the Domestic Abuse Shelter.

Please fill out the slip in the bulletin if you plan on eating Wednesday night.

Menu: King ranch chicken, Spanish rice, bread, salad and dessert

WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 18

5:30 MEAL

6:00 SERVICE

**JOINT MEAL AND SERVICE WITH PARKWAY HEIGHTS
AT WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN**

**Breadbasket week is Feb.
23-26**

Volunteers are needed. Please contact Martha to volunteer.
601-584-7574

During the Lenten Season, a lunch and concert series will be held every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at various churches in Hattiesburg. Trinity Episcopal Church will be the host on February 25. To make a lunch reservation, please call 601-544-5551 beginning February 18. For additional information, brochures are available on the narthex cabinet.

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

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Rhoda Pickett

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Martha Davis, Church Administrator
Wes Brooks, Communications
Ray Robinson, Sexton

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