



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *God of Grace*

Paul Manz

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

God of all, thank you for your many blessings. Your mercies are new every morning, your grace is sufficient, and you remain present in times of trouble. Your words alone can heal us, your love saves us, and your name makes us whole. Revive our faith, resurrect our hope, and renew our commitment to love one another, that we may offer you gratitude. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Tommy Suttle

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous.

Praise befits the upright.

Praise the LORD with the lyre; make melody to God with the harp of ten strings.

Sing to the Lord a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

Let us worship the Lord.

* Hymn of Praise 415 – *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

* Call to Confession

Christ came for us in the midst of our sins. Knowing that Jesus meets us where we are, let us offer our prayers of confession.

* Prayer of Confession – (*unison*)

Merciful God, we acknowledge our guilt, and seek your face and your forgiveness. For we have not offered steadfast love to you or each other. We have not moved forward in faith, but have allowed ourselves to be stifled by fear. Revive us, raise us up, that we might live before you, rejoicing in the knowledge of your love.

(time for silent confession)

* Declaration of Forgiveness (*responsive*)

People of God, hear and believe the good news: Christ came to bring healing, forgiveness, and new life to all who sin and suffer. **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

* 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

Alicia Westbrook

Prayer for Illumination

Holy, Holy, Holy One, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak, and to give all glory, honor, and praise to your threefold name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading – Matthew 9:2-17

pew Bible pg. 789

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Come Follow Me*

Words by Sally Albrecht, Music by Jay Althouse

The kingdom of heaven is near. As you have received, so, then must you give.

Be not afraid with the Lord at your side, for Jesus died so we may live.

He said, "Come follow me. Come follow me. Come by yourselves to a quiet place.

Come follow me. Come follow me."

That someday we may see His face.

Those who are weary, take rest.

Look to Him for comfort and He will soothe your soul.

For He is gentle and humble in heart, and Jesus died to make us whole.

He said, "Come follow me. Come follow me.

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Second Reading – Matthew 9:18-34

pew Bible pg. 790

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Sermon – *Take Heart*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

* Communion Hymn 529 – *Draw Us to the Spirit's Tether*

Invitation to Offering

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offertory – *Be Thou My Vision*

Paul Manz

THE EUCHARIST

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.**

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 of the People

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Holy God, you have filled us with your life. You have embraced us in your love. You have fed us with your grace. Now send us out into your beloved world to share your life, your love, your grace with all. Blessing and honor and glory to you, holy, holy, holy Lord. Amen.

* Hymn of Consecration 620 – *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

* Blessing and Charge (*responsive*)

May the blessing of the Trinity—holy, holy, holy Lord—be with you now and always. **Alleluia!**

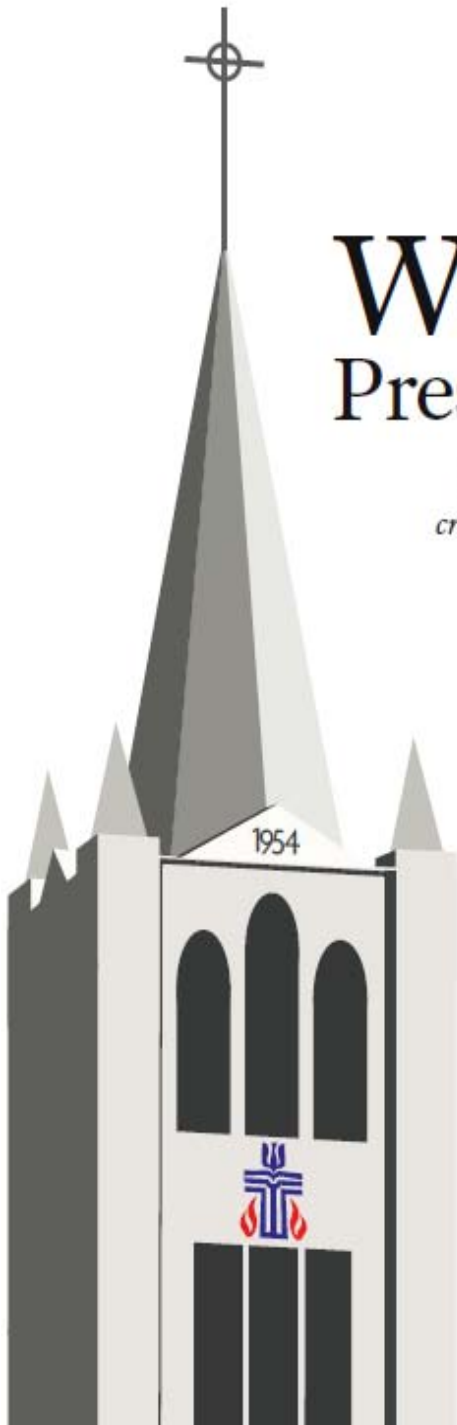
Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" **And I said, "Here I am; send me!" Amen.**

* Postlude – *O for a Thousand Tongues*

Paul Manz



* 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 the PCUSA's Office of Theology and Worship and the Presbyterian Association of Musicians.



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PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

(new added prayers)*

Janet Baldwin – family issues

Linda Basden, neighbor of Janeil Harris – Alzheimer's

Jan Bozeman – constant pain

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

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

Malcolm Curtis, Janet Baldwin's co-worker – health issues

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

Erica Gilmore, friend of Janet Baldwin – family issues

Teresa Ginn, Michael Ginn's aunt – dementia

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

Geraldine Jones

B.J. Lambert

Rebecca Lawrence, friend of Karen Reidenbach – recovering from injuries from a car accident.

Deloris McLaurin, Glenn Nobles' first cousin – dementia

Anita Murphy, friend of Mary Cromartie – lung cancer

Glenn Nobles – endurance and strength

Lola Norris

Renee Parker, friend of Ruthie Davis – macular degeneration

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

Sheema Reid, Carolyn McLarnan's sister-in-law – lymph nodes issues

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

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

Jerry Spann, friend of Ruthie Davis – cancer

Korie Turner, friend of Ruthie Davis – prayers for courage

Ella Young, sister of Janet Baldwin – struggling with dementia

PRAYERS FOR A SAFE JOURNEY

A group from Westminster will leave Saturday for Montreat. They will be gone June 13-20.

*Bradley Graham, Dylan McDaniel, Liv Reid, Elisa Suttle, Mae Westbrook, Trip and Gage Mobley from First-Trinity Presbyterian in Laurel
House Crew: Ginny Graham, Jacob Suttle, and Sarah Beth Suttle*

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.

Growing Spiritually will meet today following worship.

Meistersingers Concert will be today at 3 p.m. at Westminster.

The May/June *Today* devotionals are on the narthex cabinet.

The Youth will not meet today.

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

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

The Deacons will meet June 14 at 11:35 a.m. and **the Session** will meet June 21.

New Beginnings will meet Monday, June 15 at noon. Please let Martha or Tommy know if you plan to attend.

If you need something **notarized**, contact Martha in the office. No charge for members.

There is a box on the narthex cabinet labeled glasses for your **donated glasses**. **These will be taken to the Lion's Club.**

The **furniture warehouse** is in need of donations. Call the office if you have items to donate and we will schedule a pickup.

We are **collecting clothes** (women and children) for the domestic abuse shelter. Call Ann Johnson (601-268-6632) to schedule a drop-off time.

Breadbasket volunteers are needed to fill applications for June 15-18. Please call the office (601-584-7574) to volunteer.

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**