



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

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2026

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Old 113th*

Gerald Near

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

God of Abraham and Sarah, Rebekah and Isaac, Jacob and Rachel; your faithfulness endures through generations. You give us salvation and we offer you our soul; you justify our lives and we put our faith in you. Thank you for peace of mind, joy of heart, and green pastures that praise you. Continue to guide us, O God, that we may grow for generations to come. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Shane Brooks

Call to Worship (responsive)

O LORD, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD!

* Hymn of Praise 320 – *The Church of Christ in Every Age*

* Call to Confession

God hears our voices and our supplications. We can call on God in all our joys, doubts, successes, and failures. Knowing that God will listen, let us confess.

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of our salvation, incline your ear to us. You have given us power: power to heal, to bring hope, to comfort, to restore. But we ignore that power, choosing to live our own lives. At worst, we abuse that power, storing up riches for ourselves without an eye for the needs of others. Forgive us. Remind us of our call to proclaim your good news, and to welcome each other as we would welcome you. (time for silent confession)

* Declaration of Forgiveness (responsive)

The ancient words still bring truth today: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Praise be to God for this abounding love!

* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri* Hymn 581

**Glorify 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

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 – Romans 5:1-8

pew Bible pg. 917

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem — *Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer*

Mozart (1776-91)

Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer, born the blessed Virgin Mary's Son,

Who upon the cross a victim hast man's salvation won,

From whose side, which man had pierced, flowed the water and the blood:

By thy sacred body broken in death and in life our food,

In death and in life be our food.

Second Reading – Matthew 9:35-10:10

pew Bible pg. 790

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Sermon – *The Harvest is Plentiful, But the Laborers Few*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Hymn of Thanksgiving 727 – *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

* Affirmation of Faith: Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33 (unison)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ

in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

Prayers of the People (responsive)

Let us pray in the Spirit, who helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for the church . . . Through the power of your Holy Spirit, fill us with the hope of the gospel—the hope that will never disappoint us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for the earth . . . Let all the earth make a joyful noise to you, for your steadfast love endures forever and your faithfulness is for all generations. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for all nations . . . Teach the leaders of this and every nation to keep their promises and follow your way, so that all may have fullness of life in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for this community . . . Let us be laborers in the field of your harvest, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ and helping those who are suffering. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for loved ones . . . Incline your ear to those who cry for help. Pour out your saving, life-giving power for those who call upon your holy name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray to you, O God, confident that all things work together for good for those who love you and are called according to your purpose. Above all, we give you thanks, O God, that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our 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

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 – *Aberystwyth*

Gerald Near

* The Doxology – Hymn 606

* Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God of unending gifts, we praise you for your abundant goodness. As you are generous, we want to be generous too. May the gifts we bring extend your generosity into the world, so that all people may be made whole by your goodness and grace. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn of Consecration 724 – *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

* 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 – *Trumpet Tune*

Frederick Swann



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

**Brenda Owens – recovering from broken ankle*

Renee Parker, friend of Ruthie Davis – macular degeneration

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

Sheema Reid, Carolyn McLaman'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 left yesterday 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.

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

New Beginnings will meet tomorrow at noon. Please let Martha or Tommy know if you plan to attend.

The Youth will not meet today.

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.

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

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**