



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

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2026

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *A Rejoicing*

Alfred Fedak

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

Holy God, you welcome us all. Your loving-kindness is a gift to all who receive it.

Teach us your ways, reveal your promises, and let your Holy Spirit rest upon us, that we might welcome others as you welcome us, in the name of Christ, now and forever. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Cala Raborn

Call to Worship (responsive)

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Your love, O Lord, forever we will sing.

From age to age, we will proclaim your faithfulness.

* Hymn of Praise 396 – *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

* Call to Confession

As we try to grow toward righteousness, we present ourselves to God in a spirit of honesty, naming where we still obey sin and death instead of goodness and life.

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

God who provides our every need, you have given us countless gifts. You have welcomed us for all of who we are. You have showered us with steadfast love. You have freely given us eternal life in Christ Jesus. We do not deserve these gifts. We take them and squander them. We continue to trust ourselves more than we trust you. We fail to embrace others as you have embraced us. Accept our confession. Be our glory and our strength for the days to come, our strength, shield, and deliverer. (time for silent confession)

* Declaration of Forgiveness (responsive)

Part of God's provision for all of us is a well of forgiveness that never runs dry.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

* 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

Althea Jerome

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 – Galatians 5:1, 13-26

pew Bible pg. 948

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Lord Jesus, Be Near Me*

Natalie Sleeth

(lyrics are located in announcements)

Second Reading – Matthew 10:40-42

pew Bible pg. 791

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Sermon – Whoever Welcomes

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Hymn of Thanksgiving 629 – *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

* Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen

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 . . . Help us to share the gift you have entrusted to us: the good news of your free gift of life in Christ, like a cold cup of water to a thirsty soul. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for the earth . . . Liberate the earth from the dominion of death and restore it with the blessing of abundant life, so that generations to come may sing your praise. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for all nations . . . Amid the daily news of war, famine, and disease, announce the good news of your peace. Come quickly to establish your holy realm. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Spirit, we pray for this community . . . Enable us to extend Christ's welcome to all, so that they may come to know and love you and receive your gift of everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

In the Spirit, we pray for loved ones . . . Remember those who are too often forgotten—the abused and neglected, the vulnerable and weak. Let them rejoice in your steadfast love. 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 – *Morning Song*

Wilbur Held

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 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 331 – *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

* 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 – *His Truth Is Matching On*

Alfred Fedak



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* 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)*

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

**Mike Gerald – recovering from motorcycle accident*

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

**Brenda Owens – recovering from a broken ankle*

Renee Parker, friend of Ruthie Davis – macular degeneration

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

**Michael Raggio*

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

**Franklin Eugene Roberts, Robin Roberts' brother – health concerns*

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 OF COMFORT

For the family and friends of Margaret Gooch, sister of Martha Ann Hogrefe

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.

**Red, Hot and Blue celebration
is today in Montague Hall
after worship.
Everyone is invited to
join us for some great food
and fellowship.**

The July/August *Today* devotionals (large and small print) 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.

Reminder: During the summer months as the AC

runs more frequently in the church please follow the OR code and follow the instructions.

stewards by keeping the interior doors of the building closed as much as possible. Thank you.

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**