

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Festival Alleluia*

Dan Miller

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

God of grace and steadfast love in Jesus Christ, you taught us to pray— stubbornly, relentlessly, faithfully—crying out for justice night and day. Hear our prayers for the world you made. Give us the patience, strength, and hope to love and care for one another as you have loved and cared for us—stubbornly, relentlessly, faithfully—until justice reigns and peace prevails at the coming of Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Robin Roberts

Call to Worship (responsive)

Stand firm in the word of the Lord.

Let us call on God, our help.

Continue in the truth of the gospel.

Let us pray and not lose heart.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 12 – *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

* Call to Confession

The prophet Jeremiah once wrote that we are like broken vessels that hold no water, but God is gracious to us. 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. You call us to study the Scriptures, but we are easily distracted. You ask us to be persistent in prayer, but we are quickly discouraged. Forgive us, God of grace. Write your Word in our hearts, so that we may truly know you and joyfully serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (time for silent confession)

* Declaration of Forgiveness (responsive)

The prophet Jeremiah also wrote that as a potter holds a piece of clay, so God holds and graciously reshapes our lives. 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

Pam Love

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, from generation to generation you teach your people the way to live. Through words that are ancient you speak your living Word. Speak to us now with all that we need to know to honor you and walk in your way with honesty and humbleness of heart. Amen.

First Reading – Jeremiah 31:27-34

pew Bible pg. 642

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*

Carl F. Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God; Create in me a clean heart, O God;
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, unto me of thy salvation;

And uphold me, uphold me with thy free spirit, they free spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Create in me a clean heart, O God!

Second Reading – Luke 18:1-8

pew Bible pg. 853

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – *He Told Them a Parable About Their Need to Pray Always and Not to Lose Heart*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Hymn of Thanksgiving 688 – *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

* 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)

Trusting in the power of God to deliver us, let us make our prayers of intercession for all saying: God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church . . . Keep us faithful in proclaiming your Word, sharing the good news of salvation and carrying out the ministry of Christ. God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world . . . Grant justice to those who cry to you, do not delay in helping them. Establish your realm of peace on earth. God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community . . . Pluck up the seeds of violence and break down dividing walls. Plant and build good things among us. God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for loved ones . . . Let your watchful, loving eye preserve their lives from evil all through the day and night. God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful and mighty God, as you are one, make us one with you through Jesus Christ, whom you have sent to redeem us, and in whose holy name we pray. **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

God has called us to do good, to be rich in good works, generous and ready to share.
With gratitude to the giver of life, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offertory – *At the River*

arr. by Arron Copland

Michael Ginn. soloist

* 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 all good gifts, you bless us with so much to share. Use the gift of our money and the gifts of our lives to bring your healing and hope, your justice and peace to our neighbors, near and far. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn of Consecration 465 – *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

* Blessing and Charge (responsive)

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. **Amen.**

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

* Postlude – *Toccata Pontificale*

Gordon Young

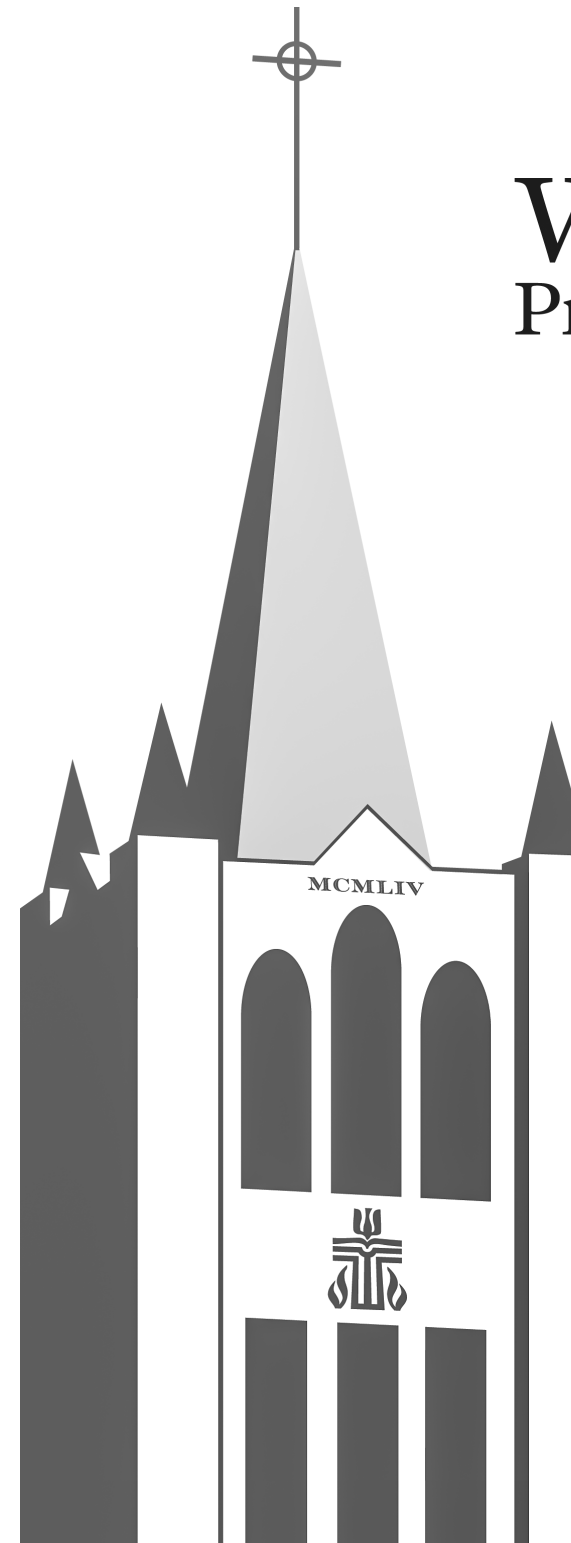


* Please stand at the * as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold.**

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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PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

(* new added prayers)

**Debbie Aldridge, Ann Aldridge's daughter – prayers for recovery*

Tab Buchanan – health issues

Terri Banks, friend of Pam Love – health issues

Linda Basden, neighbor of Janeil Harris – Alzheimer's

Jan Bozeman – constant pain

**Franklin Bryant – recovering from broken pelvis at home*

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

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

Kelsey Curtis, Janet Baldwin's son – prayers of comfort following accident

Deidra Dickenson, Kathy Cain's sister – onset dementia

**Danny Dossett, Sr., Pam Dossett's cousin – ICU at FGH following heart valve replacement*

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

**Mary Gunn – continued positive medical reports*

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

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

Charlotte Hill

Ann Johnson

Geraldine Jone

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

B.J. Lambert

Vivian Lochhead, daughter of Bob and Margaret Lochhead – eye issues

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

Butch Nobles' mother – recovering from broken hip

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

**Michael Raggio – prayers for recovery*

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.

Today there will be a **luncheon** in Montague Hall after worship. All are invited for this time of food and fellowship.

New Beginnings will meet tomorrow at noon. Come join us for lunch and a program in Montague Hall. Let Tommy or Martha know if you are coming.

Youth and Children will meet today from 5-6:30 p.m. A meal will be provided.

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. All are welcomed to join.

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

Chancel Choir will meet at 6:30 p.m. No Wednesday night supper or activities.

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



Breadbasket week is Oct. 20-24.

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

To donate to WPC online, scan the QR code and follow the instructions.



This Sunday continues our mission emphasis of the "Thank Offering". Please visit presbyterianwomen.org/thank for more information. Be sure to drop by the table by the office to receive a cookie after worship.

Tom Estes' service will be Saturday, October 25. Visitation will start at 9:30 a.m. with the service at 11:00.

Trunk or Treat will be Wed. Oct. 29. Katie is asking for individual wrapped candy to be donated. Please leave candy on pew outside the office.