

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 2025

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

Gathering Music – *Toccata in G*

Theodore Dubois

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

Holy God, through Christ you came to heal our diseases and cleanse our sin. Let our lives be signs of gratitude for the gift of your amazing grace, so that all the world might know the good news of your saving love and the faith that makes us well. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Janeil Harris

Call to Worship (responsive)

Give thanks to God, who is our peace.

We give thanks with all our hearts.

Praise the Lord, who makes us whole.

We praise the holy name of God.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 610 – *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

* 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 offer us your grace, but we fail to show our gratitude. You heal us by your mercy, but we fail to give you glory. Forgive us, God of grace. Strengthen us in faith, so that we may be made well and live to praise your name; 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

Miriam Crotwell

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 – 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Pew Bible pg. 967

The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *The Prayer of Saint Francis*

arr. René Clausen

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, (repeat)

Where there is injury, let me bring love, help me to pardon.

Lord, make me an instrument where there is doubt, let me bring faith.

Where there is despair, let me bring hope.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is darkness, let me bring light. Where there is sorrow, let me bring joy.

O Lord, master divine, grant that I not so much seek to be consoled,

As to console, as to understand; to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, and in pardoning that we are pardoned.

For in dying we are born to eternal life.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Amen.

Second Reading – Luke 17:11-19

Pew Bible pg. 852

The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – *Your Faith has Made You Well*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Hymn of Thanksgiving 796 – *We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

* 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 . . . Help us to bear witness to the gospel: the saving power of Christ at work among us and in all the world. God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world . . . Be mindful of your gracious covenant. Feed the hungry and redeem the captives. Establish justice and righteousness on earth. God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community . . . Let us build houses and live in them, plant gardens and eat what they produce, and seek the welfare of this place. God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for loved ones . . . Heal those who are isolated by illness and restore them to our community, so that we may give thanks together. 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 – *Blessed Assurance*

Mark Hayes

* 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 772 – *Live into Hope*

* 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 – *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Diane Bish

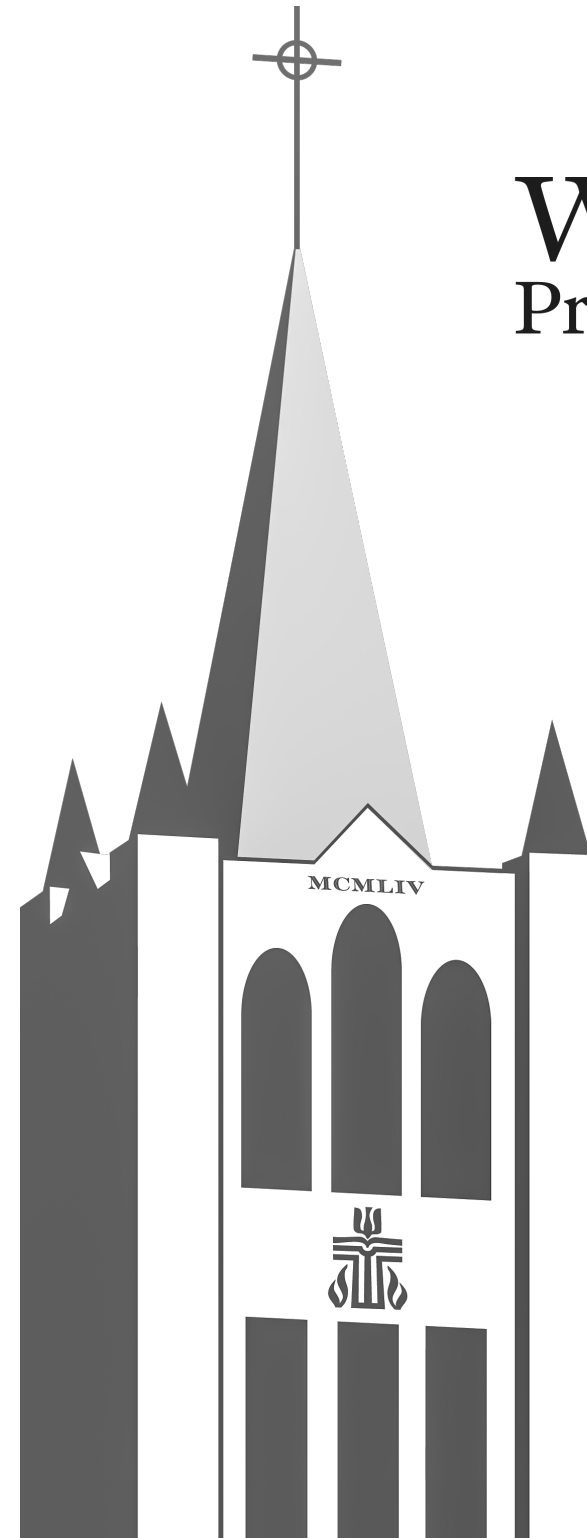


* Please stand at the * as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold.**

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*“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 – medical problems

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

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

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 Jones

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

*Pat Suber, Ann Johnson’s neighbor – heart catheterization on Monday

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

PRAYERS OF COMFORT

For the family and friends of Tom Estes

For the family and friends of Doug Everitt, Ben Yelverton’s stepfather



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 and Session will meet today following worship.

Youth and Children will not meet today.

Circle 1 will meet on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. and **Circle 2** will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Brown Bag Bible Study will meet on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.

Men of the Church will meet on Thursday at 7:00 a.m. at Loblolly Bakery.



Please join us for Wednesday night dinner this week at 5:30 p.m. There is no charge for the meal, but donations are encouraged. We need a headcount, so please place a reservation slip in the offering plate or call the office.

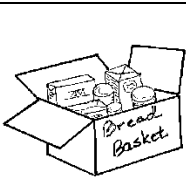
Menu: Adults — Chicken bacon ranch casserole, veggies, green salad, roll and dessert

Activities at 6:00 p.m. – Continuing a program based on the Brent A. Strawn book, *Lies My Preacher Told Me*. It is a book written to give an honest look at the Old Testament. Come and join us!

Chancel Choir will meet at 6:30 p.m.

On Sunday, October 19, there will be a **luncheon** in Montague Hall following worship. All are invited for this time of food and fellowship.

New Beginnings will meet on Monday, Oct. 20, at noon. Come join us for lunch and a program in Montague Hall. Let Tommy or Martha know if you are coming.



Breadbasket week is Oct. 20-24.

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

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This Sunday begins our mission emphasis of the “Thank Offering”.

For more information about the Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women, visit presbyterianwomen.org/thank.