

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
November 9, 2025

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

Gathering Music – *Old 113th* Gerald Near

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

Living God of all the ages, your love defies death and your covenant is sure. Make us children of the resurrection so that we may celebrate with you and with all of your beloved ones at the marriage feast in the age to come; through Jesus Christ, who lives in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and always. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements Nancy Johnson

Call to Worship (responsive)

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Praise the Lord; our Redeemer lives!

Jesus Christ is coming in glory.

Praise the Lord; our Savior reigns!

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 645 – *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

* 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. We are quickly shaken in our faith and deceived by false prophets. We put our hope in this life only and deny your gift of resurrection. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us true hope and real comfort. Strengthen us in word and deed to proclaim the new life you offer; 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

Althea Jerome

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 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 pew Bible pg. 961 The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *Ain’-a That Good News!*

William L. Dawson

I got a crown up in-a the Kingdom, Ain’-a that good news! (repeat)

I’m a-going’ to lay down this worl’, Goin’ a shoulder up uh my cross,
Goin’ a take it home-a to my Jesus, Ain’-a that good news! (repeat)

I got a harp up in-a he kingdom. Ain’-a that good news! (repeat)

I got a robe up in-a the Kingdom, Ain’-a that good news! (repeat)

I got a Savior in-a the Kingdom, Ain’-a that good news! (repeat)

Second Reading – Luke 20:27-38 Pew Bible pg. 855
The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – *All of Them are Alive*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Hymn of Thanksgiving 234 – *Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

* 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 . . . Make us ready for the coming of the Lord, when your church will be gathered together to worship you in glory forever. God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world . . . Shake the foundations of this world, so that the power of evil will crumble. Restore the splendor of your good creation. God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community . . . Hear the prayers of those who cry to you for justice. Show them your great faithfulness. God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for loved ones . . . Surround them with your steadfast love. Guard them as the apple of your eye and hide them in the shadow of your wings. 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 – *Ewing*

George Thalben-Ball

* 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 238 – *Thine Is the Glory*

* 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.**

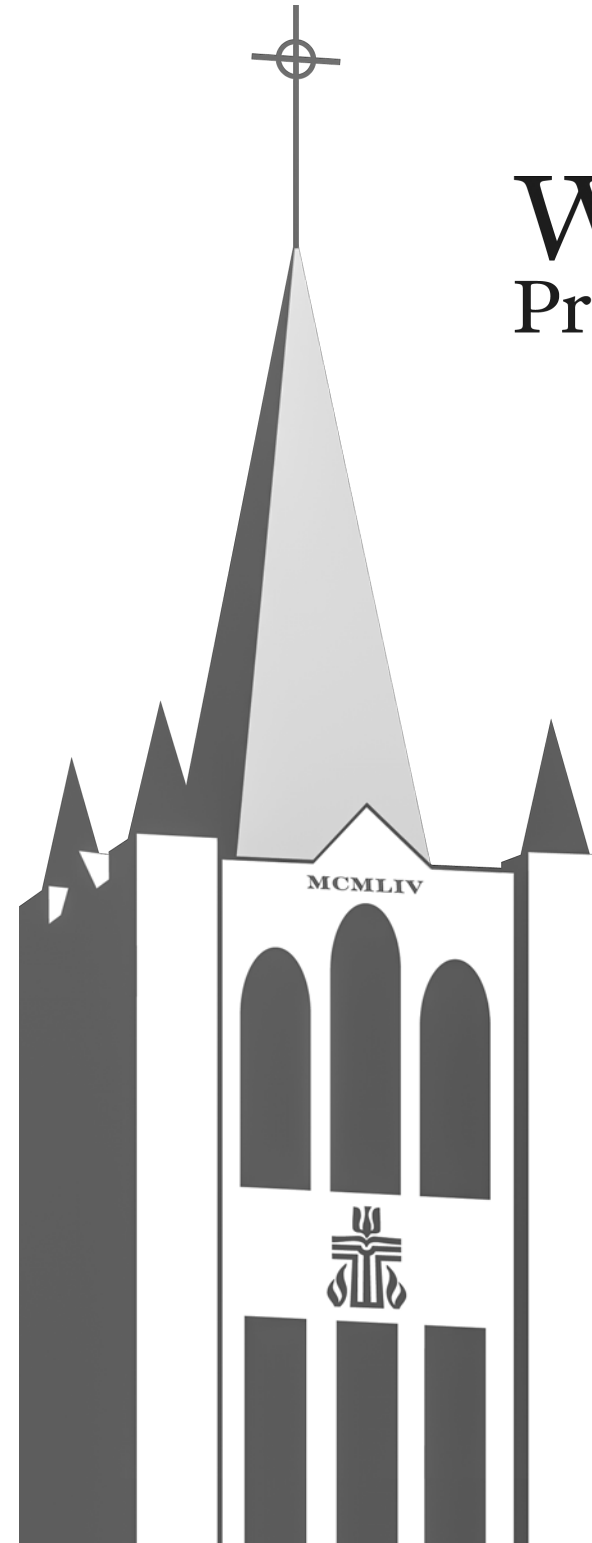
Go in peace to love the Lord your God and love your neighbor as yourself. **Amen.**

* Postlude – *Overture in C Major*

James Michael Stevens



* 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)

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

**Miriam Crotwell – recovery from a fall*

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

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

**Jim Harris, Dixie Coat's brother in law's father – in hospital with serious 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 addiction recovery

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

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

Prayers for a Safe Journey

Prayers for safe travels to El Salvador for Karen Reidenbach and members of 1st Presbyterian Church of Spirit Lake, Iowa. The team will be traveling from November 8th through the 12th.



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 November/December *Today* devotionals are on the narthex table.

Circle 1 will meet Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. and **Circle 2** will meet at 3:30 p.m.

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.

Deacons and Elders will meet Sunday, Nov. 16, at 11:35 a.m.

New Beginnings will be Monday, Nov. 17, at noon. Please call the office to let Martha know you are coming.

Pledge card, letter and budget have been mailed. If you have not received one, there are copies on the narthex cabinet.

*Happy Thanksgiving
Please Join Us
November 23*

You are invited to our **Thanksgiving luncheon** immediately following worship service in Montague Hall.

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

There is a box on the narthex cabinet labeled glasses to put your **donated glasses** in.

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.

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

