

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Day of Pentecost

June 8, 2025

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *O Day Full of Grace*

Michael Burkhardt

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

Come, Holy Spirit! Transform this humble gathering into the church of Jesus Christ — people of dreams and visions, people of hope and witness, people of love and service. Burn away all that is false in us, ignite in us a passion for the gospel, and sweep us out into the world to love and serve the living God. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Robin Roberts

Call to Worship (responsive)

Your sons and daughters call to you, O God:

**Pour out your Spirit on all flesh!**

The young and old cry out together:

**Pour out your Spirit on all flesh!**

Let us worship God.

\* Hymn of Praise 289 – *On Pentecost They Gathered*

\* Call to Confession

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

\* Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. We try to build towers to the heavens, and ignore the plight of people on earth. We sneer at the voices of prophets and squander the gifts of your Spirit. Forgive us, God of grace. Lead us, by your Holy Spirit, to live as your beloved children, those you have called and claimed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(time for silent confession)

\* Declaration of Forgiveness (responsive)

Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. 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

Michael Ginn

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, send us your Spirit to guide us into the truth, so that we may know and trust the good news of the gospel, and look with hope and joy for the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading – Genesis 11:1-9

pew Bible pg. 8

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *The Lord's My Shepherd*

Carl F. Mueller

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie in pastures green;  
He leadeth me the quiet waters by. My soul He doth restore again;  
And me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness,  
Even for His own Name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill;  
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.  
My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.  
Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house for evermore my dwelling place shall be.  
Amen.

Second Reading – Acts 2:1-21

pew Bible pg. 885

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – *There Came a Sound*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Ordination and Installation of a Ruling Elder

Sentences of Scripture and Statement of Purpose

\*Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

\*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**

Constitutional Questions and Questions to the Congregation

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Declaration and Charge

- \* Hymn of Thanksgiving 292 – *As the Wind Song*

Invitation to Offering

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods yet refuses to help a sister or brother in need? Remembering God's great love for the world, let us offer the gifts of our lives.

Offertory – *We Now Implore the Holy Ghost*

Dietrich Buxtehude

- \* 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)

**Eternal God, take and use these gifts for your purpose in the world — giving food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, and new life to the dead. Teach us to live each day for you, so that future generations will know your goodness and praise your glory; in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

- \* Hymn of Consecration 280 – *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

- \* Blessing and Charge (responsive)

Beloved children, may the love of the holy triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – abide with you forever. **Alleluia!**

Now go forth in Jesus' name, remembering his new commandment to love one another, just as he has loved us. **Amen.**

- \* Postlude – *Veni Creator*

Russell Schulz-Widmar



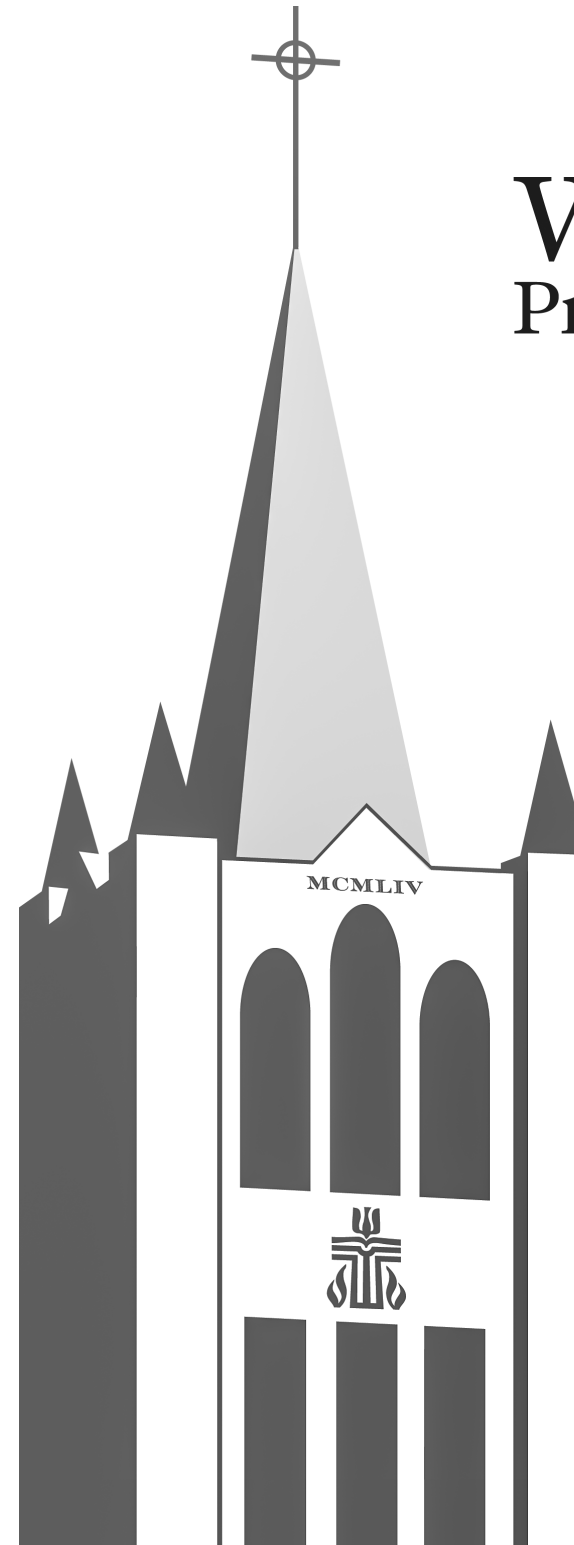
\* Please stand at the \* as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold**.

\*Today's liturgy is drawn from the lectionary resource, *Call to Worship, Year C 2015-2016* and the *Book of Common Worship*, 1992.

# 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)

*Terri Banks, friend of Pam Love – at home with 24-hour care*

*Linda Basden, neighbor of Janeil Harris – Alzheimer's*

*Dave Beveridge, friend of Alice Crotwell – stomach cancer*

*Jan Bozeman – constant pain*

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

*Vida Davis, sister of Ruthie Davis – dementia*

*Jessica Dubing, daughter of a friend of Ruthie Davis – paralyzed from motorcycle accident*

*Cathy Dudley – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)*

*Bill and Louise Edwards, friends of Charles Brown – strength and endurance*

*Hudson Elliott, grandson of friends of the Reidenbachs—NICU at UMMC with undiagnosed health concerns*

*Teresa Ginn, Michael Ginn's aunt – dementia*

*Lee Graham, Pam Love's son-in-law – health issues*

*Mary Gunn – prayers for health concerns*

*Peggy Henry, Karen Reidenbach's sister – in rehab for addiction*

*Charlotte Hill*

*Patricia Holcomb, sister of Glenn Nobles – broken bone*

*Ann Johnson*

*Geraldine Jones*

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

*B.J. Lambert*

*\*Margaret Lochhead – prayers for healing*

*Deloris McLaurin, Glenn Nobles' first cousin – dementia*

*\*Anita Murphy, friend of Mary Cromartie – lung cancer*

*Glenn Nobles – endurance and strength*

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

*Shannon Love Roberson, daughter of Pam Love – health issues*

*\*Jasmine Smith, Janet Baldwin's daughter – diagnosed with breast cancer*

*\*Jerry Spand, executive board member of Oseola McCarty Center – lung cancer*

*Laura Todd, Grayson Rayborn's cousin – multiple health issues*

*Louise Traxler, Karen Reidenbach's mom – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)*

## PRAYERS FOR A SAFE JOURNEY

*A group from Westminster left yesterday for Montreat. They will be gone June 7-14.*

*Susan Crotwell, Bradley Graham, Sam Haydel, Dylan McDaniel, Olivia Reid, Elisa Suttle, Mae*

*Westbrook, Trip and Gage from First-Trinity Presbyterian in Laurel*

*House Crew: Ginny Graham, Jacob Suttle, and Sarah Beth Suttle.*

*Work Crew will be Meredith 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 on June 15.

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

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday at 7:00 a.m. at Loblolly Bakery.



**Today's Pentecost Offering** insert relates how young adult volunteers can learn skills to help them grow in Christ and lead our church into the future. There are offering envelopes in today's bulletin.

**New Beginnings** will meet June 16 at noon. Marybeth Bergin, Hattiesburg City Engineer, will discuss efforts to alleviate Gordon's Creek flooding. Please let Tommy or Martha know if you are coming.

**The furniture ministry** is in need of bedroom, kitchen, and living room furniture. This includes small book shelves, small desks, bedding and kitchen supplies. Please call the church office if you have items to donate.

**Eye glasses** are also being collected. There is a box on the narthex cabinet. These donated glasses are taken to the Lion's Club.



**Reminder:** During the summer months as the AC runs more frequently in the church, please help us be good stewards by keeping the interior doors of the building closed as much as possible. Thank you.



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**Children's bulletins** are available on the narthex table or ask an usher.