

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Gathering Music – *Love Divine*

Paul Manz

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

Holy God, you know the thoughts of our minds and all the works of our hands.

Teach us both to honor you with our lips and to worship you in our hearts, so that we may live according to your Word; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Kate Roberts

Call to Worship – (responsive)

With our words and in our actions,

**let us praise the living God.**

With our lips and in our lives,

**let us glorify the Lord.**

Let us worship God.

\* Hymn of Praise 630 – *Fairest Lord Jesus*

\* Call to Confession

It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against the ways of evil.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

\* Prayer of Confession – (unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You lavish your love upon us, yet we let our hearts grow cold. You wash us clean in your mercy, yet we defile ourselves in sin. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us a new religion: to love you and one another even as you have loved us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.** (time for silent confession)

\* Declaration of Forgiveness (responsive)

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. 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

Katie Ginn

Prayer for Illumination

God of every generation, by the wisdom of your Word and the power of your Spirit, help us to comprehend the height and depth and breadth and length of your great love for us; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading – James 1:17-27

pew Bible pg. 980

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *Let us Break Bread Together on Our Knees*

Hal H. Hopson

Second Reading – Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

pew Bible pg. 819

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – *Why Do Your Disciples Not Live According to Tradition?*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

\* Communion Hymn 506 – *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table*

Invitation to Offering

Consider the generosity of our Lord Jesus Christ, who – though he was rich – for our sakes became poor. With gratitude for the grace of Jesus Christ, let us offer our lives to God.

Offertory – *Immortal Love*

Healey Willan

**THE EUCHARIST**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving (responsive)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.**

The Words of Institution

The Communion

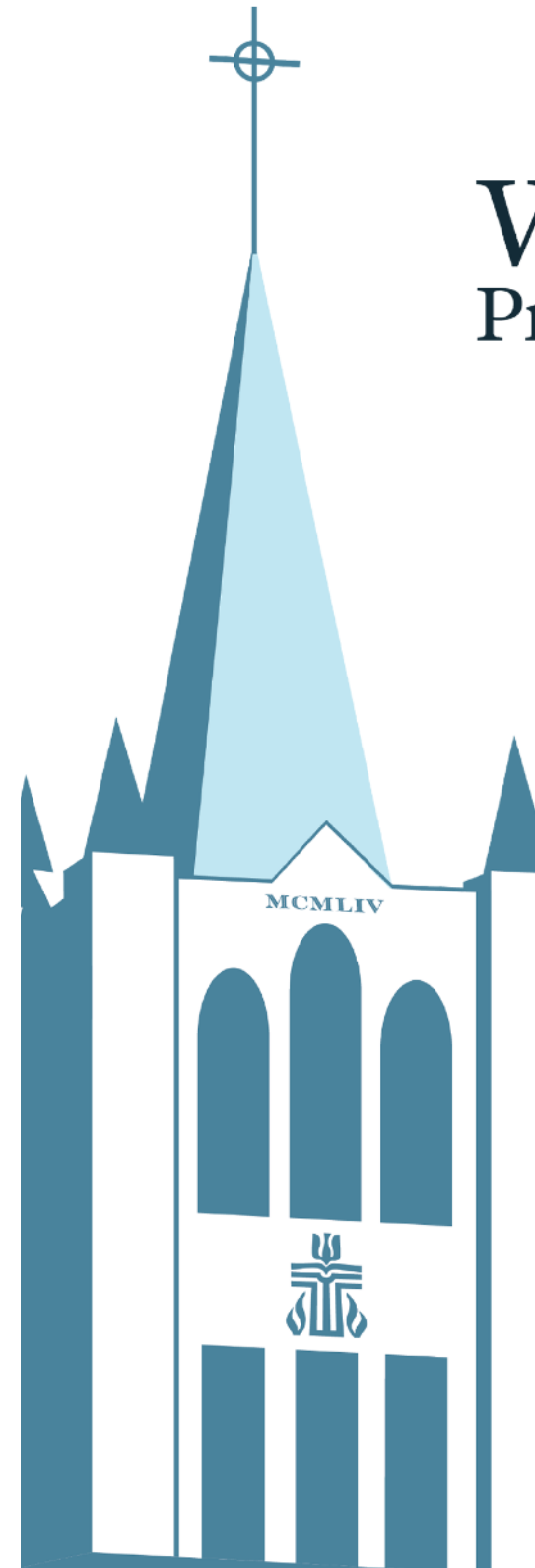
Prayer After Communion (unison)

**Holy God, we give you thanks that you have made us one in the body and blood of Christ our Lord. Send us forth, in the power of your Spirit, to proclaim the peace of Christ and share your reconciling love with sisters and brothers, near and far; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

- \* Hymn of Consecration 351 – *All Who Love and Serve Your City*
- \* Blessing and Charge (responsive)  
The blessing of the one God – Spirit, Son, and Father – be with you now and always.  
**Alleluia!**  
Lead a life worthy of your calling, giving glory to God in all things. **Amen**
- \* Postlude – *Allegretto* David Thorne



- \* Please stand at the \* as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold**.  
The liturgy for this service was drawn from the *Book of Common Worship* (2018)  
and *Call to Worship Lectionary Aids for 2014-2015, Year B*.



# 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*

*Jan Bozeman – constant pain*

*Deena Crawford, B.J. Lambert's daughter – peace and comfort*

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

*Vida Davis, sister of Ruthie Davis – dementia*

*Cathy Dudley – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)*

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

*Denis Evangelista, El Salvador Living Waters for the World Coordinator – successful visa application*

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

*Jamie Green, friend of Glenn Nobles – heart surgery*

*Charlotte Hill*

*Ann Johnson*

*Geraldine Jones*

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

*B.J. Lambert – strength and endurance*

*Glenn Nobles – endurance and strength*

*Carlene Pearce, friend of Nancy Johnson – diagnosed with breast cancer,*

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

*Debbie Quimby, Karen Reidenbach's aunt – hospitalized with multiple health issues*

*Fergus Reid, Carolyn McLarnan's nephew – severe pain*

*Dena Faye Robertson, Glenn Nobles' sister – hospice for Alzheimer's*

*Joe Stennett, friend of the Reidenbachs – upcoming surgery and health concerns*

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

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

*Elizabeth Robinson, Betty & Bill Mitchell's daughter – chemo and radiation treatment*

*Isobel Treen, Carolyn McLarnan's cousin – heart issues*

*Daris Valetine, music director and pianist at Pineview – lost his house and car in a fire*

*Rose Marie Yore – rehab following surgery*

*Sandra Young, mother of a friend of Carolyn McLarnan – on hospice*

## Prayers For Thanksgiving

*For the birth of Elliott Davis Dunn, grandson of Dan & Martha Davis*



## 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 we will observe the **sacrament of communion**. All are welcome to receive God's gifts at the table. So that all may be served, we will use grape juice and gluten-free bread.

Communion Sundays are also **Breadbasket Sundays** – a time when you are encouraged to make contributions to the Breadbasket ministry.

**The September/October Today devotionals** are on the narthex cabinet.

**The PW Coordinating Team meeting will be on** Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

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

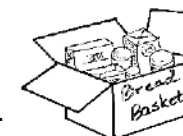
**A memorial service for Kenny Harrell** will be held in the Columbarium on Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 10:00 a.m. There will be a time for fellowship afterwards in Montague Hall.

**Choir** will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

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

**Breadbasket volunteers are needed.**

Westminster has Breadbasket Sept. 9-12. Please call Martha (601) 584-7574 to volunteer.



**3-5 and Youth** will sell \$10 parking spots Saturday, Sept. 7, starting at 4:00 p.m. for the USM game.

Following worship on **Sunday, Sept. 8, there will be a luncheon** in Montague Hall. All are invited to this time of fellowship.

**Circle 3** will meet on Sunday, Sept. 8, at 5:00 p.m. A nursery will be provided.