

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 2025

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Festival Trumpet Tune*

Mark Thewes

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

Holy God, you sent Jesus Christ to fulfill the promise of Scripture. Help us to hear and believe the gift and challenge of the gospel, so that we may accept and follow Jesus as our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Tommy Suttle

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

Our faith and hope are in the Lord.

**God is our refuge and our rock.**

Now faith, hope, and love abide;

**and the love of God will never end.**

Let us worship God.

\* Hymn of Praise 722 – *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

\* Call to Confession

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

\* Prayer of Confession – (*unison*)

**God our Redeemer, we confess that our lives do not reflect your glory. You are loving, patient, and kind; we are envious, boastful, and arrogant. You rejoice in the truth; we revel in our wrongdoing. Forgive us, God of grace. Put an end to our selfish ways and teach us to love one another as you have loved us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.** (time for silent confession)

\* Declaration of Forgiveness (*responsive*)

As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us: You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased. 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

Alicia Westbrook

Prayer for Illumination

Light of the world, your good news is for all people. In this day's reading and proclamation, attune our ears to hear your life-giving Word. Open our hearts to receive your blessing, that we may bear your light in our lives, giving witness to your glory and strength. Amen.

First Reading – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
934

pew Bible pg.

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *The Music of Thy Name*

Craig Courtney

Jesus, my Shepherd, Husband, Friend, my Prophet, Priest and King:

My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;

But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

'Till then I would Thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath;

And may the music of Thy name refresh my soul in death.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Second Reading – Luke 4:21-30

pew Bible pg. 835

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – *All in the Synagogue Were Filled with Rage*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

\* Communion Hymn 218 – *Ah, Holy Jesus*

Invitation to Offering

God has prepared an abundant feast of grace and blessing for us. Let us share these good gifts with the world.

Offertory – *Ayre*

James Kimball

## 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 Words of Institution

The Communion

Prayer After Communion (*unison*)

**Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.**

\* Hymn of Consecration 693 – *Though I May Speak*

\* Blessing and Charge (*responsive*)

May the blessing of the Lord our God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. **Alleluia!**

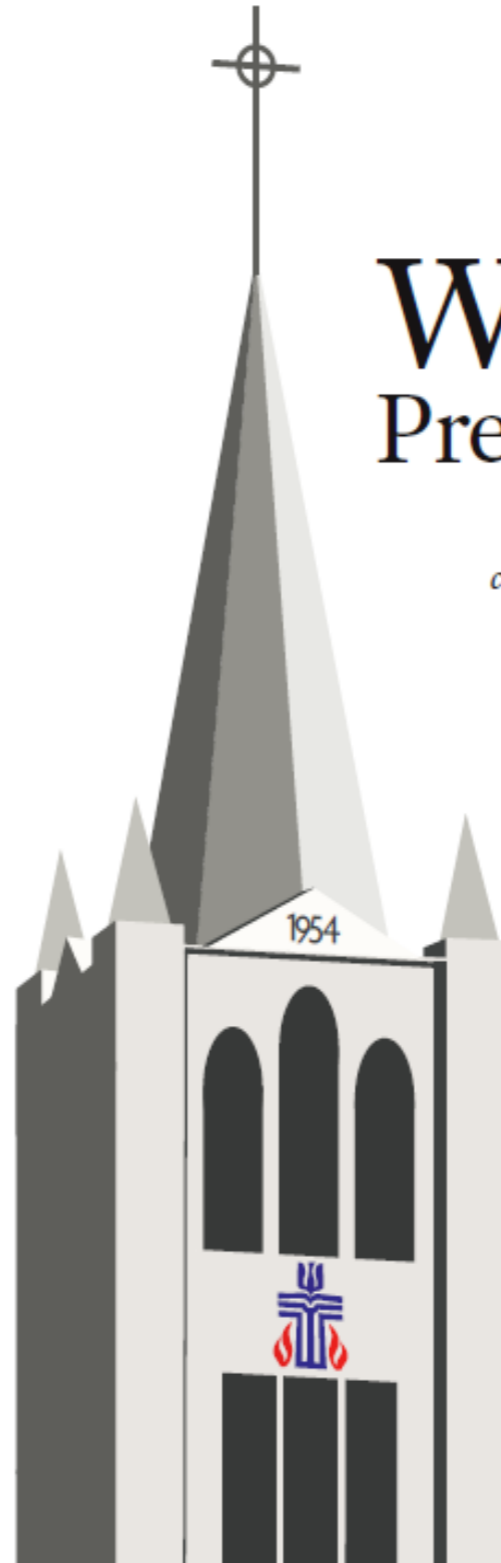
In the name of Jesus, bring good news to the poor. **Amen.**

\* Postlude – *Rondo Giocoso*

Douglas Wagner



\* Please stand at the \* as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold**. Today's liturgy is from *Call to Worship Lectionary Aids for 2015-2016, Year C*.



# 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*

*Glenda Brown – prayers for health*

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

*Kim Davis, Dan Davis' sister-in-law – battling cancer*

*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*

*Brigitte Glowiak, Carolyn McLarnan's family – breast cancer*

*Arlandra Harvey, former choir member – waiting for a kidney transplant*

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

*Charlotte Hill*

*Ann Johnson*

*Geraldine Jones*

*Collier Knutson, grandson of a friend of Gwen Combs – waiting on heart transplant*

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

*B.J. Lambert – strength and endurance*

*Margaret Lochhead's coach's niece – diagnosed with malignant brain tumor*

*Laura Mills, Ann Johnson's friend – cancer diagnosis*

*\*Betty Mitchell – recovery from knee surgery*

*Glenn Nobles – endurance and strength*

*Mary Norval, co-worker of Chrissy Yelverton – cancer treatments*

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

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

*\*Stephanie Cummings Shaver, daughter of Kathryn and Robert Cummings – stem cell transplant*

*Gibson Smith, friend of Charles Brown – cancer*

*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*

## PRAYERS OF COMFORT

*For the family and friends of Richard Alan Dudley, brother of John Dudley*



## 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.

**Growing Spiritually** will meet today following worship.

**The Youth** will be going to First Trinity in Laurel today. We will leave our church at 4:00 p.m. and arrive back at 7:15 p.m.

**The PW Coordinating Team** will meet on Tuesday at 9:30 p.m.

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



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 – Curry ground turkey cabbage soup, grilled cheese, salad, and dessert  
**Activities** at 6:00 p.m. – The youth and children will retire upstairs, and Tommy will lead the adults in a book study by J. Ellsworth Kalas titled *A Faith of Her Own: Women of the Old Testament*.

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

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

The Session has called for the **annual congregational meeting** on Feb. 9 following worship. Agenda includes: Information from Annual Statistical Report, End of Year Financial Highlights and 2025 budget highlights, election of church officer nominating committee, changes or restating of pastor's terms of call.

The **2024 giving statements** have been mailed. Please contact the office if you did not receive yours.



**Next Sunday**, everyone is invited to Montague Hall to enjoy some hot soup and dessert after worship. The Youth will be collecting donations for the **Super Bowl of Caring**.