

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude – *How Firm a Foundation*

Anna Laura Page

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

Generous God, provider of our daily bread, you give us rest in green fields and satisfy our hungry souls. Take the simple gifts we bring and transform them into a great feast so that all people may taste and see the goodness of your coming realm; through Jesus Christ, the bread of life. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Durwood Blackwell

Call to Worship (responsive)

Look to the Lord, for God is faithful,

**giving us our food in due season.**

Call on the Lord, for God is near,

**ready to rescue us from danger.**

Let us worship God.

\* Hymn of Praise 720 – *Jesus Calls Us*

\* 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 are always faithful to us, yet we pursue our own desires. You are generous beyond measure, yet we jealously hoard your gifts. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to comprehend the height and depth and breadth of your great love for all; 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

Miriam Crotwell

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 – Psalm 145:10-18

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

pew Bible pg. 506

Anthem – *Gospel Medley*

The Quartet

Second Reading – John 6:1-21

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

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Sermon – *What are They Among so Many?*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\* Hymn of Thanksgiving 834 – *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

\* Affirmation of Faith: (responsive)

Adapted from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Study Catechism, Question 3

How do you live for the love of God?

**I love because God first loved me. God loves me in Christ with a love that never ends. Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself. I live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death, for my sake. Therefore, I take those around me to heart, especially those in particular need, knowing that Christ died for them no less than for me.**

Prayers of the People (responsive)

In our trouble and need, we look to the Lord, the giver of our daily bread, saying: God of abundant grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church . . . Fill us with the fullness of your love; strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and let your Word dwell in our hearts. God of abundant grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world . . . Frustrate the plans of the wicked—those who consume the poor like bread; give refuge to all who are in need. God of abundant grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community . . . Multiply your good gifts among us, so that all may eat and be satisfied, and have enough to share with others. God of abundant grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for loved ones . . . Sustain them in their times of struggle; surround them with the love of Christ, the love that surpasses all understanding. God of abundant grace, **hear our prayer.**

Generous God, as you provide for us each day, nourish and strengthen us in faith and faithfulness, so that we may share your grace in a hungry world; through Jesus Christ, the bread of life. **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

Every generous act of giving is itself a gift from God above. As people of faith and action, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offertory – *Meditation on Deep River*

Charles Callahan

\* 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)

**We give you thanks and praise, O God, for you have chosen the poverty of the world to make your people rich in faith. Help us to put our faith into practice through the offering of our lives – giving food to the hungry, clothes to the naked, and shelter to the poor, all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, your Word made flesh. Amen.**

### GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn of Consecration 803 – *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

\* Blessing and Charge (responsive)

The blessing of the one God – Spirit, Son, and Father – be with you now and always.

**Alleluia!**

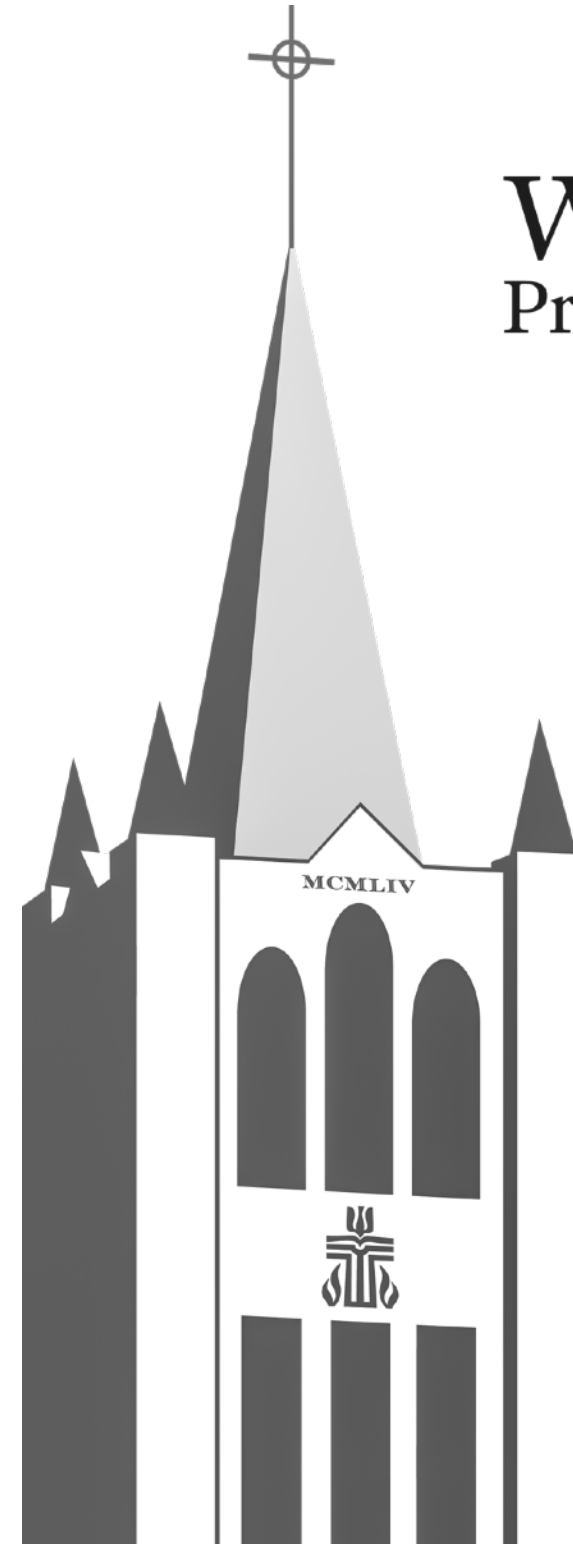
Lead a life worthy of your calling, giving glory to God in all things. **Amen.**

\* Postlude – *Postludium*

Gordon Young



\* 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)

*Ann Aldridge – at home recovering*

*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*

*\*Kim Davis, Dan Davis’s sister-in-law – starting chemo*

*Vida Davis, sister of Ruthie Davis – 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*

*Anderson Hembree, son of a friend of Nancy Johnson – prayers for successful physical therapy*

*Charlotte Hill – prayers for transition to Ohio*

*\*Keith Hill, friend of the Reidenbach’s – upcoming surgery.*

*\*Althea Jerome – recovering at home*

*Ann Johnson*

*Geraldine Jones*

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

*B.J. Lambert – strength and endurance*

*Betty Mitchell – hip replacement recovery*

*Glenn Nobles – endurance and strength*

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

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

*Joe Stennett, friend of the Reidenbach’s – 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 – beginning chemo and radiation following throat surgery*

*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 OF COMFORT

*For the family and friends of Pamela Bridges, wife of Parrish Bridges of First Trinity, Laurel*



## 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 July/August Today devotionals are on the narthex cabinet.**

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

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

### Senior Adult Vacation Bible School

**Parkway Heights**

**August 5-7**

**8:30 a.m. until noon**

Westminster, with other local churches, will have a Bible school for all adults age 55 and older at Parkway Heights. Come enjoy singing, worship, snacks, fellowship and door prizes. To register, see Tommy, Sharon Potin, pick up a brochure from the narthex, drop by the office, or register online: [parkwayheights.org/calendar](http://parkwayheights.org/calendar). Deadline to register is July 31.



### Rally Day and Blessing of the Backpacks

will be **Aug. 11**. Please join us for a potluck breakfast in Montague Hall at 9:00.

Blessing of the backpacks will be during worship. Be sure to bring your backpack to church.

Blessing of the Backpacks!



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