

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude – *Fiery Praises*

Vidas Pinkevicius

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

Holy One, when Christ ascended into heaven to reign with you in power and glory, you sent the Spirit of truth to guide us into the way, the truth, and the life of Christ. Let your Spirit, our Advocate, guide us still — preserving us from judgment, protecting us from sin, and leading us into righteousness, so that we may testify to the good news: fullness of life and joy for all; through Jesus Christ our Savior and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

J T Johnson

Call to Worship (responsive)

From the valley of dry bones, we cry:

Come, Spirit, and renew the church!

All creation groans for redemption.

Come, Spirit, and renew the earth!

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 all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You send your Word to enliven us, yet we remain dry bones. You send your Spirit to empower us, yet we fail to dream new dreams. Forgive us, God of grace. Lead us according to your way, guide us into your truth, and deliver us from death to life; 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

Pam Love

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 – Acts 2:1-21

pew Bible pg. 885

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *When I Can Read My Title Clear*

arr. Sheldon Ridge Love

When I can read my title clear to mansions in the skies,
I'll bid farewell to every fear and wipe my weeping eyes. (repeat)
Then not a wave of care will roll across my peaceful breast
When I shall bathe my weary soul in seas of heavenly rest.
In seas of heavenly rest, I will bathe my weary soul in seas of heavenly rest.
Let cares like mighty torrents come and storms of sorrow fall!
May I but safely reach my home, my God, my heaven, my all.
My God my heaven my all, my God, my heaven my all,
May I but safely reach my home, my God, my heaven, my God, my all,
My God, my heaven, my all!

Second Reading – Ezekiel 37:1-14

pew Bible pg. 704

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – *Mortal, Can These Bones Live?*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crowell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders and Deacons

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 286 – *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

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 – *Come Down, O Love Divine*

Alfred Fedak

* 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 69 – *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

* Blessing and Charge (responsive)

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

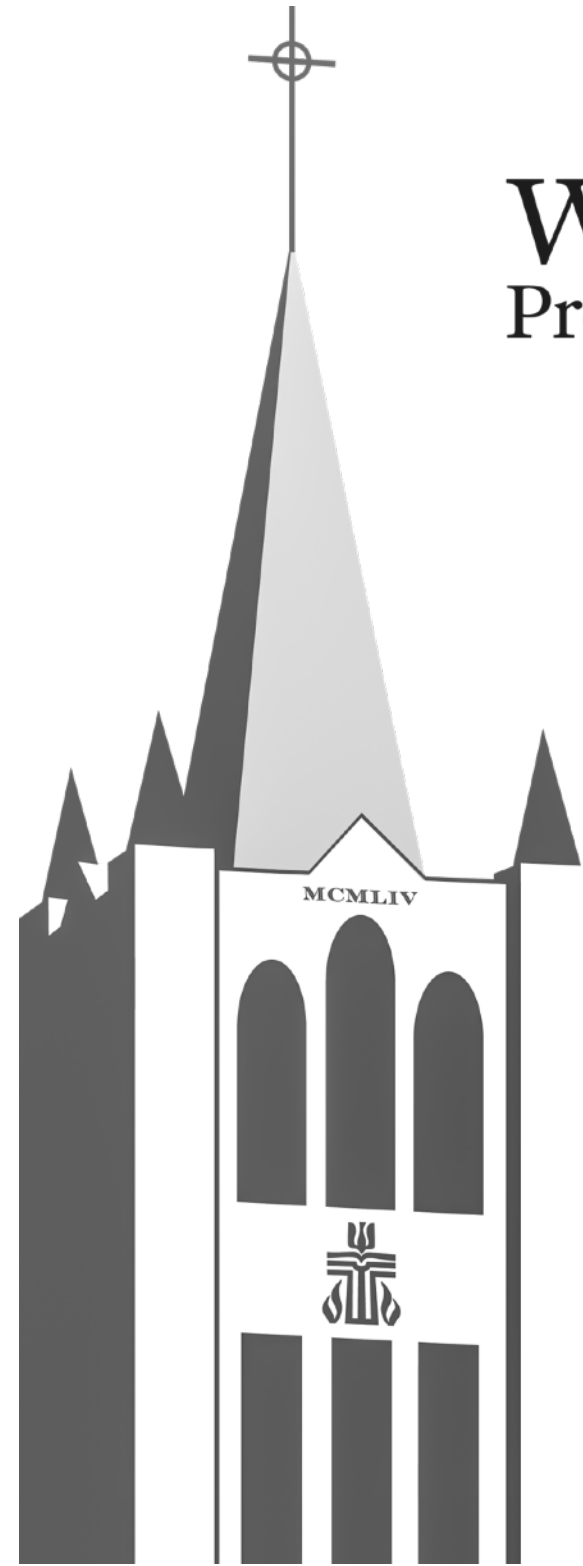
Now go forth in Jesus' name, remembering his new commandment to love one another, just as he has loved us. **Amen.**

* Postlude – *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Aaron David Miller



* 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*.

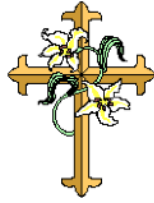


Westminster Presbyterian Church

*“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 UAB with reaction to chemo

Linda Basden, neighbor of Janeil Harris – Alzheimer's

Melissa Boivin, Jan Bozeman's family friend – at home, upcoming facial cosmetic surgery

Jan Bozeman – constant pain

Margaret Breland, friend of Jan Bozeman – at home, in therapy

Janet Burke – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)

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

Vida Davis, sister of Ruthie Davis – dementia

Cindy Dawson, Catherine Sampson's daughter – cancer treatment at MD Anderson

Cathy Dudley – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd) no visitors

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

Ann Johnson

Geraldine Jones

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

B.J. Lambert – pain from fracture of vertebra

Glenn Nobles – endurance and strength

Fergus Reid, Carolyn McLarnan's nephew – severe pain

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

Jeannette Russell, Janet Burke's twin sister – serious health issues

**Stephanie Shaver, Kathryn Cummings daughter – at UMC in Jackson*

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

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

Dr. Joe Washburn, Jan Bozeman's doctor – cancer, taking chemo

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

PRAYERS OF COMFORT

For the family and friends of Wendy Graham, Jan Bozeman's sister



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 May/June Today devotionals are on the narthex cabinet.

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.



The deacons and elders will meet today at 11:35 a.m.

Circle 3 will meet today at 5:00 p.m.

New Beginnings will meet at noon tomorrow. Make plans to attend and let either Tommy or Martha know.

PW Prayer Ministry will meet on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. There are prayer cards on the back of the pew for prayer requests. Please provide an address so a card can be sent and placed with the offering.

Ordination and Installation of new officers:

Deacons:

1. Matthew Boucher
2. Judy Haydel
3. Ryan Reid
4. Sarah Beth Suttle
5. Susan Crotwell (youth)

Elders:

1. Tom Estes
2. Karen Reidenbach
3. Connie Roberts

Trustee: J. T. Johnson

YOUTH CAR WASH

Friday, May 24

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Church parking lot

Donations accepted

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

The Chancel Choir will meet on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

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

Breadbasket volunteers are needed. Westminster has Breadbasket May 20-24. Please call Martha (601-584-7574) to volunteer.

Glenn Nobles and Durwood Blackwell

Invite you to their open garden

May 27

9:00 a.m. until noon

1102 Estelle St.

Hattiesburg, MS 39402

Everyone is welcome to come see their

award-winning daylily garden.

(refreshments will be served)