

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2024

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude – *Lancashire*
Callahan

Charles

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

Loving God, you sent Jesus Christ for us, to show your power and speak the truth.
By your grace, keep us from stumbling, so that we might enter your eternal realm;
through Christ, teacher of righteousness. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Althea Jerome

Call to Worship (responsive)

Blessed be the Lord our God,

who has delivered us from evil.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

maker of heaven and earth.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 321 – *The Church's One Foundation*

* 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 rain down mercy upon us, yet we murmur in our discontent. You cast out the evil within us, yet we fling curses at others. Forgive us, God of grace. Call us home from our wandering, deliver our souls from death, and cover us with your love; 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

Alicia Westbrook

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 – Numbers 11:4-6

pew Bible pg. 113

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Down in the River to Pray*

David L. Mennicke

As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good ol' way

And who shall wear the robe and crown; Good Lord, show me the way!

O sisters (brothers, fathers, mothers, sinners, children),

Let's go down, Let's go down, come on down.

Oh, sisters (brothers, fathers, mothers, sinners, children), let's go down.

Down in the river to pray.

Second Reading – Mark 9:38-50

pew Bible pg. 821

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – *Millstones, Fire, and Salt*

Tommy Suttle, Director of Discipleship

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Hymn of Thanksgiving 428 – *Before I Take the Body of My Lord*

* 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 . . . Teach us the power of fervent prayer, calling on you in our sickness and suffering and singing your praise in times of joy. God of abundant grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world . . . Empower ordinary people to take risks for the sake of peace and justice, always remembering the poor and vulnerable. God of abundant grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community . . . Bless the good that we seek to do in your name; help us to work together more effectively, finding common cause with all who do your will. God of abundant grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for loved ones . . . When danger and distress is all around, show the strength of your steadfast love, and the power of your helping hand. 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 – *Thaxted*

David Blackwell

* 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 432 – *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

* 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 – *Praise the Lord with the Drums and Cymbals*

Sigfried Karg-Elert

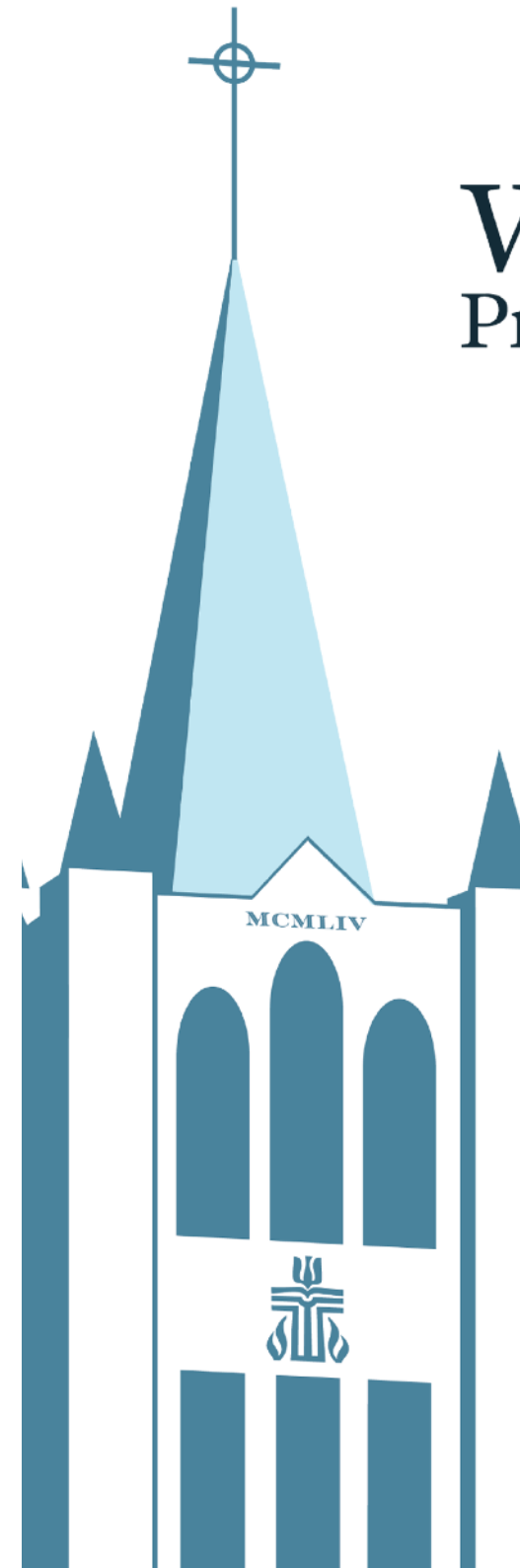


* Please stand at the * as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold.**
The liturgy for this service was drawn from the *Book of Common Worship* (2018)
and *Call to Worship Lectionary Aids for 2014-2015, Year B.*

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

Teresa Ginn, Michael Ginn's aunt – dementia

Brigitte Glowiak, Carolyn McLarnan's family – breast cancer

Janie Green, friend of Glenn Nobles – heart surgery

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

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

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 – recovering at home after long hospital stay*

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 Valentine, 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



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 September/October Today devotionals are on the narthex cabinet.

Intergenerational Cook-Out is today at Tommy Suttle's house (59 Moss Lane, Petal) from

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Carpool from the church at 3:30. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

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.

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 — Red beans and rice, green salad, French bread and dessert

Activities at 6:00 p.m. — Christopher and Tommy will be leading a series based on the book *The Thirteen Apostles* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. This will be a brief look at portraits of each of Jesus' disciples as a servant in ministry, a human being, and an individual. Examples will be drawn from scripture as well as historical writings and traditions.

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



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

You're cordially invited to a **wedding shower** in honor of Taylor Bosarge and Matthew Boucher on Sunday, October 6, following worship. They are registered on Amazon and Target. Everyone is invited!

Growing Spiritually will meet next Sunday at 11:35 a.m.



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