

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship for July 26, 2020

Online at 11:00 a.m.

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WORDS OF WELCOME AND PRELUDE

WORDS OF PRAISE

FROM PSALM 105

- One: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;
make his deeds known to all the people!
- All: For the Lord is our God,
faithful to a thousand generations!**
- One: Sing his praises; tell of his wonderful works,
and glory in his holy name!
Let those who seek the Lord rejoice!
- All: For the Lord is our God,
faithful to a thousand generations!**
- One: Search for God, and for his strength.
Never stop looking for him.
- All: For the Lord is our God,
faithful to a thousand generations!**

PRAYER

SONG OF PRAISE

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient and loving Father, you have been faithful to us in all things and all ways, but we are not faithful to you. Each day reveals new detours on which our wayward wills have departed from your Word. We struggle to be faithful, even to friends, spouses, family and children whom we love best.

Lord Jesus, we have no merit before you; so let your merit stand for us. We are full of sin, but you are full of righteousness on our behalf. We disobey you again and again, but you obeyed every time, in our place.

Holy Spirit, show us more of Christ, and change us into his holy likeness. Humble us until genuine sorrow for sin turns into the fruit of faithfulness.

(Silent Confession)

SONG OF RESPONSE

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
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TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

The Challenge of FOCUS

SONG OF RESPONSE

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."

We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.

And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

DECLARATION OF FAITH

FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (1983)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

RESPONDING TO THE CHALLENGE OF THE GOSPEL

SENDING SONG

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

BLESSING AND POSTLUDE

Leading the service today: Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Lissa Long, Pastor; Janie Bruce, Youth and Children;
Robin Zemp, Music; Meg Dorsel, Video

Lord, You Give the Great Commission” words by Jeffery W. Rowthorn
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The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in celebration of Kyle and Meghan (Fort) Moser, who were married in the Westminster sanctuary on July 25, 2020.

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

We are delighted that you have joined us for online worship, and we hope you are encouraged and strengthened in the faith. If you have a prayer request or questions about faith, life, or being part of the Westminster family, we invite you to reach out by call or text to one of our pastors.

Pastor Daniel Smoak: 843-872-1001

Pastor Lissa Long: 843-810-2232

For more information about Westminster or to subscribe to our weekly ENews and email updates visit our website at www.westminstercharleston.org

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

Summer Series: The Challenge of the Gospel

Today	Matthew 13:31-35, 44-52	The Challenge of FOCUS
August 2	Matthew 14:13-21	The Challenge of TRUST
August 9	Matthew 14:22-33	The Challenge of FEAR
August 16	Matthew 15:21-28	The Challenge of FAITH
August 23	Matthew 16:13-20	The Challenge of KNOWLEDGE
August 30	Matthew 16:21-28	The Challenge of REBUKE

4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with
 and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Based on an 18th-century German metrical version of a celebrated 5th-century Latin hymn, *Te Deum laudamus*, this abbreviated 19th-century English paraphrase is sung by both Protestants and Roman Catholics. It is set here to the tune composed and named for the German version.

Westminster Prays

Joe Smith	Meg Powell	Summer Garris	Andria Sanchez Freeman
Carol Cummings	Keith Gordon	Mary Ashley Barbot	Chrissie Bosworth
Bruce Yarnall	Shirley Seay	Doris Fox	Ginger Sieftring
Bill Myers	Larry Salley	Joyce Aydlett	Martin Davis
Anna Lee Myers	John Ligon	Daryn Baker	Susie Cashion
Dart Willer	Jim Holtzclaw	Curtis Sponseller	Kevin Ritzel
Bill Pennekamp	Lydia Crosby	Sean Fitzgibbon	Gloria Underhill
Kate Pennekamp	David Morris IV	Thom Penney	Jeff Bryant
Sara McCoy	Brian Carlow	Nikolai Fruth	Rosalind Howell
Love Moody	Frances McLean	Barbara Phipps	Barbara Johnston
Molly Griggs	David Kerr	Allan Scott	Michael Morgan
Karen Dangerfield	Chris Trasher	Riley Nunes	Lydia Howell
Lisa Wilcox	Sharon Hutchinson		

Prayers of Sympathy and Support are extended to
Sue and Jerry Smoak and family upon the death of Sue's sister, Tootie Adams.

Friend of the Week

Bill Myers
3359 Jenkins Farm Road
Johns Island, SC 29455

Mission of the Week

Tricounty Family Ministries
2105 Cosgrove Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405

Church Family

Brad and Shelby Earnst
Henry, Manning
Doug and Frankie Earnst

WESTMINSTER SESSION

Class of 2020

Robert Coker
Brenda Haile
George McAbee
David Purcell
Sally Rogers
John Wright

Class of 2021

Allyn Bruce
John Dounian
Norman Hook
Dale Norman
Michael Patrick
Paul Patrick

Class of 2022

Nancy Dixon
Sandra Pell
Kendall Ramsay
Carole Russell
Nathan Snider
Graham Wade

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