

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
**Order of Worship for September 27, 2020**

Online at 11:00 a.m.

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WELCOME AND PRELUDE

WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 19:7-11

- One: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.  
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.
- All: The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.  
The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.**
- One: The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.  
The ordinances of the LORD are sure, and all of them are righteous.
- All: They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;  
they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.  
By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.**

PRAYER

SONG OF PRAISE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess our commitment to you is a shallow one. We pledge allegiance to you one moment and deny you with our actions the next. Our faith is not strong; it wilts in the face of adversity. Yet, you are a God of mercy. You do not forsake us when we forsake you. Thank you for your everlasting love that assures us of our forgiveness.

(Silent Confession)

SONG OF RESPONSE

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.

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

- One: The peace of Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

MEETING THE WORSHIP PREPARATION STUDENTS

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Law of the Lord

SONG OF RESPONSE

Lift High the Cross

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM PCUSA'S A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (1983)

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.

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

Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

POSTLUDE

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

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## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

## Lift High the Cross

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Refrain

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.  
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

*to Refrain*

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

TEXT: George William Kitchin, 1887; rev. Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916, alt.

MUSIC: Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1916; desc. Richard Proulx, 1985

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CRUCIFER

10.10 with refrain

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### 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

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### FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

Today	Exodus 20: 1-17	The Law of the Lord
October 4	Exodus 40:34-38	Following the LORD <i>World Communion Sunday</i>
October 11	Exodus 40:34-38	Following the LORD
October 18	Leviticus 23:3	Resting in the LORD
October 25	Numbers 14:6-25	Trusting in the LORD

## 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	Kevin Ritzel
Dart Willer	Dot Dangerfield	Curtis Sponseller	Gloria Underhill
Bill Pennekamp	Lydia Crosby	Sean Fitzgibbon	Jeff Bryant
Kate Pennekamp	David Morris IV	Thom Penney	Rosalind Howell
Sara McCoy	Brian Carlow	Nikolai Fruth	Barbara Johnston
Love Moody	Frances McLean	Allan Scott	Michael Morgan
Molly Griggs	David Kerr	Riley Nunes	Lydia Howell
Karen Dangerfield	Chris Thrasher	Martha Kay	Ken Pugh
Lisa Wilcox	Sharon Hutchinson	Mary Martschink	Lee Zack
Harold Fountain			

**Prayers of Sympathy and Support are extended to**  
Brenda Haile upon the death of her sister Barbara Corbett Streett

### Friend of the Week

Dart Willer  
1445 Bluewater Way,  
Charleston, SC 29414

### Mission of the Week

Healing Farms  
703 Yew Street  
Charleston, SC 29407

### College Student

David Butts  
1426 Parkshore Drive  
Charleston, SC 29407

### Church Family

Jim and Joan Frye  
Shawn and Mary Fulmer  
Gracie

## WESTMINSTER SESSION

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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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