



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship for November 15, 2020

In-Person and Online at 11:00 a.m.

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

We Gather Together

ARR. SONDRÁ TUCKER

◆CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 121

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
All: **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**
One: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
All: **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**
One: Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
All: **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**
One: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
All: **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**
One: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
All: **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**
One: The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
All: **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**
One: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.
All: **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

◆INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you made it so simple for us in commanding us to love you and love our neighbor, but we make it complicated. We choose self-adoration over Divine worship, and we tend to love our neighbors only when they look, act, and think as we do. Forgive our corruption and change our hearts. Help us to value, love, and need you and our neighbors. In your mercy we pray. Amen

(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.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 29:1-14

One: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

People, Purpose, and Promise:
We Have a Divine Purpose

SONG OF RESPONSE

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

◆ 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.

◆ BENEDICTION

◆ SENDING SONG

May the God of Hope Go with Us

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

♦Please stand, if able

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

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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.

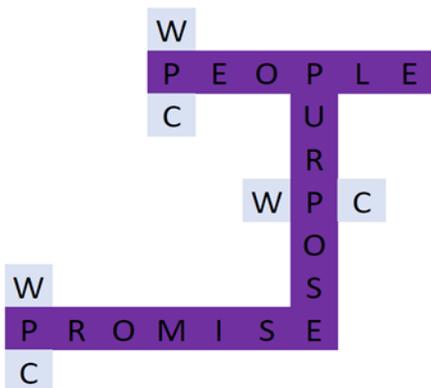
Pastor Daniel Smoak: 843-872-1001

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

NOVEMBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH AT WESTMINSTER!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11



God is so good! He has called us to be his PEOPLE! He has given us a PURPOSE! He has made us a trustworthy PROMISE! This month, we'll study those ideas in Jeremiah 29, and you'll be hearing about ways you can respond to God's faithfulness through joyful stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. Dedication Sunday is November 22; each WPC disciple will have the opportunity to make a personal commitment to the Lord and the ministry at Westminster for the coming year. Look for stewardship forms in the mail, or you can fill one out at westminstercharleston.org by choosing the purple 2021 pledge button.

From the pulpit:

November 8 By God's divine grace, we are his chosen PEOPLE.

Today By God's divine grace, we are given a PURPOSE in life.

November 22 By God's divine grace, we find his PROMISE to be trustworthy.

JOIN US FOR DISCIPLESHIP!

CHILDREN - Meet us for WiNK Wednesday at 6:30 pm at Westminster for Backpack Buddies.

YOUTH - Check your emails! Mrs. Janie has a great schedule planned for Middle School and High Schoolers. If you haven't received an email, please let the Church Office know.

ADULTS - We meet each Sunday morning from 9:00am – 9:45am via Zoom to study the scriptures together. Come join us! Meeting ID: 867 718 0847 Passcode: 1776

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or-der hu - man life

we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol - low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per - son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo - ple, young and old,
 Words of com - fort, words of vi - sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv - ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,

e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
 blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac - tion, make us col - leagues, free and fair.
 mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Wednesday, November 18; 6:30 pm. We pack weekend food kits for students at Goodwin Elementary School. We will pack outside in the breezeway wearing masks and social distancing. Hand sanitizer will be provided. All ages are welcome and masks are required! Please call Dee Bee Wright at 843.729.7005 with any questions! Thank you!

HOLIDAY GRIEF GROUP

Wednesday, November 18 at 6:30 pm in Covenant Hall. Holidays can be tough when we are grieving the loss of a loved one. Whether you said goodbye this year or years ago, you are invited to join us to pray and to offer support. We will talk through ways to help be present and also acknowledge our grief during the holiday season. Friends and family welcome.

POINSETTIAS

If you would like to help beautify our sanctuary for this year's Advent and Christmas season through the gift of one or more poinsettias, please complete the red insert in the bulletin or submit the form on the website: <https://westminstercharleston.org/poinsettias/>.

HIGGS PIGGS FIRING UP FOR THANKSGIVING

Wednesday, November 25 7:30 am–10:30 am. Once again the Higgs Piggs crew is firing up the smoker out back for smoking meats for Thanksgiving. Bring your meats to be smoked between 7:30 am–10:30 am on Wednesday, November 25. Bring the meat in an aluminum pan, with your name in legible ink on the sides and covered with aluminum foil. Helpers will put it in the smoker and advise you when to come back to pick it up. We will use Tom Higgins famous basting sauce, unless you tell us not to. The Mission Committee will pick a Mission Project to put the donation into.

CHILDREN'S GIFT MAKING WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 5 from 9:00 am–10:30 am in Covenant Hall. A chance for all children 1st–5th grades to visit different stations and make Christmas gifts for family and friends. 20 spots available. Sign-up in the church office by Sunday, November 29 to reserve a spot. Cost is \$10 donation to help cover cost of supplies.

COLLECTING WINTER COATS AND JACKETS FOR MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN IN NEED

Westminster's Mission Committee is collecting winter coats and jackets in all sizes for men, women and children. The smaller sizes for children ages 2 through 5 will be donated to Mary Ford Early Childhood Development and Family Center, while the adult and larger children sizes will be donated to Tri County Ministries. If your children have outgrown their winter coats or you have extra adult coats hanging in a closet, please donate them by December 15 to this worthy cause. We would appreciate that you either wash them or dry clean them before donating (although this is not required). A box will be located near the church office. For additional information contact either Brenda Gibson at 843-478-0026, or Jim Frye 843-729-2183.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TRICOUNTY FAMILY MINISTRIES

TriCounty Family Ministries assists those in our local community with food, clothing, medical needs, and so much more. To assist families during the holiday season, TriCounty is hosting The Four Days of Christmas event on December 14, 16, 18, and 19 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. Volunteers are needed to place holiday food, clothing, coats, and gift cards into the car trunks of families in need. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Brenda Gibson at 843-478-0026 or you may view all Tricounty volunteer opportunities and sign up directly at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084AAAAC2BAAFE3-Wednesday>.

COVID PROTOCOLS FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

When You Arrive

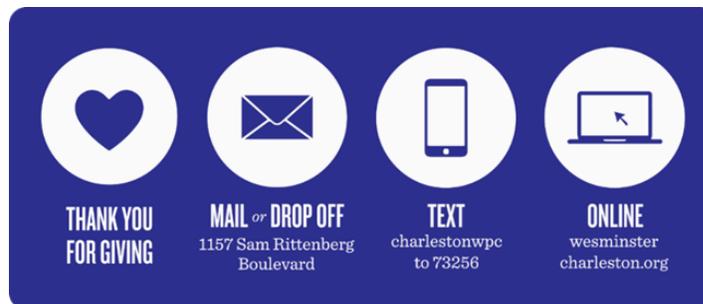
1. Everyone is required to wear a mask upon entering the church. If you don't have a mask, the ushers will have plenty available for you and your children (older than 2). Wearing a mask, along with social distancing, is the best way for us to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among our church family, especially given the fact that up to half of all people who have the virus don't feel or display any symptoms.
2. Hand sanitizer will be available and should be used upon entering.
3. In the sanctuary, every other pew will be roped off and closed to provide as much social distancing as possible. Hymnbooks, Bibles, and other materials normally found in the pews have been removed. You may bring your own Bible to use during the service; the hymns are printed in the bulletin. In order to minimize touch contamination, please pick up your own bulletin from the narthex table.
4. Ushers will guide you and your family to a properly distanced seat, starting with the front of the sanctuary. Please graciously allow them to do so in order to maintain social distancing while safely maximizing occupancy.
5. All restrooms will be open for use, one at a time please.

During the Service

1. We will not be singing, as singing has been found to increase significantly the risk of spreading the virus.
2. During time for children, the children will remain with their family and not gather on the chancel steps.
3. Offering plates will be at the entrances/exits to receive your offering.
4. Please keep your mask on through the entire worship service.
5. If you have young children, this may be their first time back in the sanctuary in a long time. You may be worried about how they will behave, if they will make too much noise, or if they will be too wiggly. Please don't worry at all! We welcome the signs of life- especially after going so long without it! Please note: we won't have the worship bags (with crayons and coloring pages) available for children, but you are welcome to bring things from home.

After the Service Ends

1. The ushers will dismiss the congregation by row from the side aisles, beginning at the rear of the sanctuary, in order to keep us distanced as we exit.
2. Please place your used bulletins in the recycling baskets at each exit or take them home with you. Please do not leave them on the pews.



DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE HYMN?

One that comforts you? One that brings joy to you? At this time when we cannot sing together, we want to bring you opportunities to sing at home. Send us a request for a hymn you would like to hear, and we will create a video with someone from the Music Ministry playing the hymn along with some background information about it. The videos will be posted online for you to use and enjoy. To view the videos or make a request, check out westminstercharleston.org/hymns/

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	Mary Martschink	Ken Pugh
Lisa Wilcox	Sharon Hutchinson	Sally Rogers	Lee Zack
Harold Fountain	Harper Croft	Marilyn Camburn	Joye and Kurt Teachman
Holli Hughes	Deb Sloan	David Wiggins	

Friend of the Week

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Mission of the Week

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Church Family

Kevin and Molly Griggs
Charlotte, Katie, John
Jim and Janie Hammersmith

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

Class of 2023

Matthew Akery
David Boyd
Earl Frasier
Brenda Gibson
Tim Platts
Nathan Ward

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