



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

## Order of Worship for November 22, 2020

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

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Coronation"

JASON D. PAYNE

◆CALL TO WORSHIP

BASED ON PSALM 100

One: Shout with joy to the Lord!  
Worship the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him with joy!  
Know that the Lord is God!

All: **He made us, and we are his.**  
**We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, and bless his name.

All: **For the Lord is good.**  
**His steadfast love continues forever,**  
**and his faithfulness continues to each generation.**

◆INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

Now Thank We All Our God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you give us an abundance of good things to enjoy and use for your glory. Yet, we have been anxious to hoard your gifts and to acquire more for ourselves. We have not trusted in your promises, and we have not sought your Kingdom first. Forgive our ingratitude for all you have given, our fear that your provision will not be enough, and our failure to be generous with others. Bring to fullness in us the fruit of your Spirit, that we would live in joyous faith, hope, and love; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Administered to William James Georgen, son of Robert and Suzanne Georgen.

Tommye Owen, Assisting Elder.

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 the life everlasting. Amen

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 find His PROMISE to be Trustworthy

GIVING THANKS TO THE LORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

We Gather Together

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*Nancy Parrish and Bill McSweeney*

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift; we praise you for your mercies, for your goodness that created us, your grace that sustains us, your discipline that corrects us, your patience that bears with us, and your love that redeems us. Help us to be thankful for all your gifts, by serving you and doing your will. Accept now, O Lord, the commitments of our lives and resources to your service, all through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

◆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.

◆POSTLUDE

Give Thanks, O Christian People

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◆*Please stand, if able*

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

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of  
Grahame and Lissa Long's 18th wedding anniversary, thanks be to God.

Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from CCLI License #2778901

**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT WESTMINSTER**

**November 29: The First Sunday of Advent**

11:00 Morning Worship; In-person and livestreamed

**December 6: The Second Sunday of Advent**

11:00 Morning Worship; The Lord's Supper; In-person and livestreamed

5:00 Movie Night. Join us for an outdoor viewing of "The Star," an animated version of the  
Christmas Story.

**December 13: The Third Sunday of Advent**

10:00 A special "Blue Christmas" service designed for those who aren't feeling so joyful during the  
holidays. We meet in the Prayer Garden.

11:00 Morning Worship; In-person and livestreamed

**December 20: The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

11:00 Morning Worship; In-person and livestreamed

6:00-7:30 A drive-thru nativity. Scenes from the Christmas story recreated in the parking lot. Drive  
through with friends and family.

**December 24: Christmas Eve**

5:00 & 7:00 A 45 minute service for all ages. We'll conclude with candlelight singing in the parking lot.  
Reservations are required and can be made at the church website.

**December 27: The First Sunday of Christmas**

11:00 Morning Worship; In-person and livestreamed

**January 3: Epiphany**

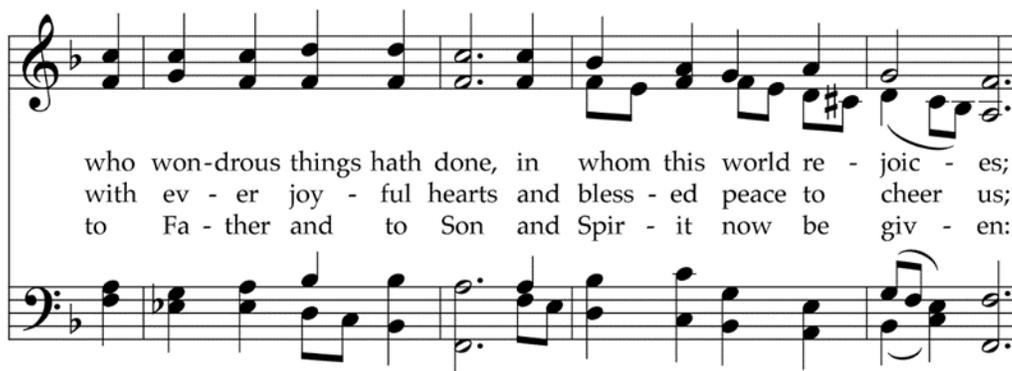
11:00 Morning Worship; We gather to worship the one who is a light to the nations.  
The Lord's Supper; In-person and livestreamed

\*all events follow Covid protocols.

## 643 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,  
 2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,



who won - drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;  
 to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:



who, from our moth - ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

## SONG OF RESPONSE

## We Gather Together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

### **WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER**

We are delighted that you have joined us for in-person or 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](http://www.westminstercharleston.org)

### **JOIN US FOR DISCIPLESHIP!**

**CHILDREN** - Join us Sunday, November 29 in Sunday School Zoom at 9:00 am.

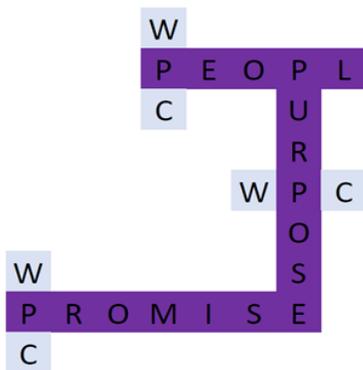
- Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8677180847?pwd=ZHBORGNVaFVBUDJ6K0lCUldHYjNjZz09>
- Meeting ID: 867 718 0847
- Passcode: 1776

**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

## 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! You can respond to God's faithfulness through joyful stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. Today is Dedication Sunday! Each WPC disciple has the opportunity to make a personal commitment to the Lord and the ministry at Westminster for the coming year. You can make your commitment online at [westminstercharleston.org](http://westminstercharleston.org) by choosing the purple 2021 pledge button.

### From the pulpit:

November 8 By God's divine grace, we are his chosen PEOPLE.  
November 15 By God's divine grace, we are given a PURPOSE in life.  
Today By God's divine grace, we find his PROMISE to be trustworthy.

## 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

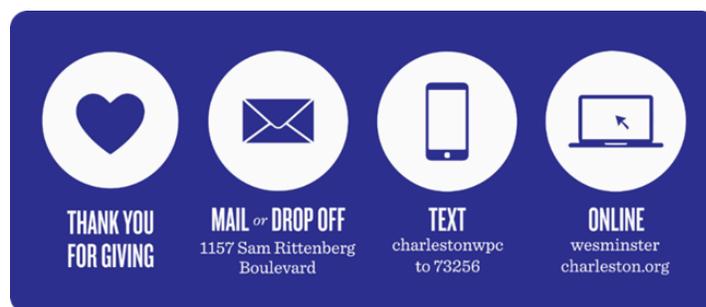
1. Everyone is required to wear a mask upon entering the church. If you don't have a mask, the ushers will have plenty available for you and your children (older than 2). Wearing a mask, along with social distancing, is the best way for us to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among our church family, especially 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/](http://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	Nita Rodemann
Ricky Brooks	Gary Brooks	Jamie Brooks	Frances Williams

### Friend of the Week

Harriet DaSilva  
201 W. 9th North St. Unit 149  
Summerville, SC 29483

### Mission of the Week

Mary Ford Early Learning  
3180 Thomasina Mcpherson Blvd.  
North Charleston, SC 29405

### College Student

Phoebe Keene  
1331 Old Towne Road  
Charleston, SC 29407

### Church Family

Wayne and Debbie Hansel  
Tom Harvey  
Tom and Lynda Higgins

## WESTMINSTER SESSION

### 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

### Class of 2023

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

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Assistant Clerk - Carole Russell

Assistant Treasurer - Patty Stokes

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