



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship for January 10, 2021

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

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The New Commonwealth

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

◆CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the beginning, God created the world, and God blessed it:

All: "It is good."

One: In the beginning, God created light, and God blessed it:

All: "It is good."

One: In the beginning, God created life, and God blessed it:

All: "It is good."

One: Since the beginning, God has not stopped creating,

All: calling us closer to all that is good.

◆INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Sovereign God, in baptism you called us to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus Christ, but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call.

Silence.

Lord, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

One: In baptism you joined us to Christ in his death that we might be raised with Christ in new life, but we cherish old ways and fail to embrace the risen life of righteousness, justice, and love.

Silence.

Lord, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

One: In baptism you united us with all the baptized who confess your name, but we foster division in the church. We refuse to live as one people, and so fail to witness to your reconciling love before the world.

Silence.

Lord, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

One: In baptism you call us to ministry in all realms of life, but we refuse the struggle to know your will. We do not nurture the ways of peace; we allow enmity and hatred to grow among us, putting neighbor against neighbor, and nation against nation. We abuse the earth you entrust to our care, and live in discord with all you have made.

Silence

Lord, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

One: In baptism you sent us to serve with compassion all for whom Christ died, but we ignore the suffering of the oppressed and the plight of the poor. We take bread from the hungry, and will not listen to cries for justice.

Silence.

Lord, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

One: In baptism you gave us the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us, but we rely on ourselves, and refuse to trust your direction. We spurn your eternal wisdom, preferring the luring ways of the world.

Silence.

Lord, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

One: Lord, have mercy on us.

All: Remember the promises you made to us in our baptism, forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness. Set us free from all that enslaves us, and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ that we may be your faithful servants, showing forth your healing love to the world, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

◆ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

One: Hear the good news! In baptism you were buried with Christ.
In baptism also you were raised to life with him,
through faith in the power of God who raised Christ from the dead.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Amen. Thanks be to God.

One: If you have been raised with Christ,
seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

All: Amen. Thanks be to God.

◆ 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

♦HYMN OF RESPONSE “Baptized in Water”

♦THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Eternal and gracious God, we give you thanks. In countless ways you have revealed yourself in ages past, and you have blessed us with signs of your grace.

All: We praise you that through the waters of the sea you led your people Israel out of bondage and into freedom in the land of your promise.

One: We praise you for sending Jesus your Son, who for us was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, and was anointed as the Christ by your Holy Spirit.

All: Through the baptism of his death and resurrection you set us free from the bondage of sin and death and give us cleansing and rebirth.

One: We praise you for your Holy Spirit, who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with a variety of gifts, that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

All: We rejoice that you claimed us in our baptism, and that by your grace we are born anew. By your Holy Spirit renew us that we may be empowered to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever. Amen.

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.

♦OFFERING AND BENEDICTION

♦SENDING SONG “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love’s baptismal river, I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

♦POSTLUDE I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

DAVID LOWE

♦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.

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century.

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

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Wednesday, January 20; 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! Many helping hands are needed. Thank you!

"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

THANK YOU to those who have already made your financial commitments for 2021! Our goal is 100% participation, so if you have not yet turned in your commitment card (they are available in the narthex), you may do so by placing it in the offering plate or making your pledge at www.westminstercharleston.org (select the 2021 Pledge button). Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!!

ANXIOUS TO TALK ABOUT IT

Small groups are being formed for a 12 week study on Racial Justice. Those interested will be gathered into groups of up to 8 people to be facilitated by members of the Racial Justice Listening Group. Beginning January 18 and 19, Zoom classes will be held on Mondays 7:30 - 8:30 pm and Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:30 am. For more information, view the RJLG report (with study description), view the Pause and Refresh presentation, and call the church office to register.

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

JOIN US FOR DISCIPLESHIP!

CHILDREN - Join us in Sunday School Zoom at 9:00 am. 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 9:00 - 9:45am via Zoom to study the scriptures together. Come join us! Meeting ID: 856 1961 4490 Passcode: 12345

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.



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	Barbara Johnston
Sara McCoy	Brian Carlow	Nikolai Fruth	Michael Morgan
Love Moody	Frances McLean	Allan Scott	Lydia Howell
Molly Griggs	David Kerr	Riley Nunes	Ken Pugh
Karen Dangerfield	Chris Thrasher	Mary Martschink	Lee Zack
Lisa Wilcox	Sharon Hutchinson	Sally Rogers	Joye and Kurt Teachman
Harold Fountain	Harper Croft	Marilyn Camburn	Nita Rodemann
Holli Hughes	Deb Sloan	David Wiggins	Ann Froneberger
Fran Ligon	Gary Brooks	Jamie Brooks	Jean Isbell
Ashley Snider	Hanger Family	Ginger Greene	Nancy Plowden
Will Kuenzel			

Friend of the Week

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Mission of the Week

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Partnership
Church of Transfiguration

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Chris and Anna Kerr
Emma and Molly
John and Fran Ligon

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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