



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

## Order of Worship for January 24, 2021

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

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Allegro in D Major

CESAR FRANCK

### ◆CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 97

One: The heavens proclaim your righteousness, O God.

**All: And all people behold your glory.**

One: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous!

**All: We shall give thanks to God's holy name!**

### ◆INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God in Christ, who endured the cross for our sakes, hear us as we confess our sin. We would be your bold disciples, but we fear suffering. We would carry our cross, but it weighs too much. We count the cost of following you as long as there are benefits; but to renounce all that we have seems like too much. Forgive the conditions we make when we try to obey, and free us by your grace to forsake everything and follow you.

Silent Confession

### ◆ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

### ◆SONG OF RESPONSE

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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### ◆SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 13

SERMON

Praying the Psalms when Life is not Fair

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Sometimes a Light Surprises

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.

◆AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (1983)

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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.

◆OFFERING AND BENEDICTION

◆SENDING SONG      Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

◆POSTLUDE

O God, Thou Just God

J.S. BACH

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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.

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# 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.

## 800 Sometimes a Light Surprises



1 Some - times a light sur - pris - es the child of God who sings;  
 2 In ho - ly con - tem - pla - tion we sweet - ly then pur - sue  
 3 It can bring with it noth - ing but he will bear us through;  
 4 Though vine nor fig tree nei - ther their longed - for fruit should bear,



it is the Lord who ris - es with heal - ing in his wings;  
 the theme of God's sal - va - tion and find it ev - er new;  
 who gives the lil - ies cloth - ing will clothe his peo - ple, too;  
 though all the fields should with - er, nor flocks nor herds be there,



when com - forts are de - clin - ing, he grants the soul a - gain  
 set free from pres - ent sor - row, we cheer - ful - ly can say,  
 be - neath the spread - ing heav - ens no crea - ture but is fed;  
 yet God the same a - bid - ing, his praise shall tune my voice;



a sea - son of clear shin - ing to cheer it af - ter rain.  
 "Let the un - known to - mor - row bring with it what it may."  
 and he who feeds the ra - vens will give his chil - dren bread.  
 for while in him con - fid - ing, I can - not but re - joice.

This is one of the few hymns rooted in what can happen during worship, and that experience—gaining a spiritual insight while singing—is no less possible now than when this text was written in the 18th century. It is set here to a folk song variously labeled Irish or English.

## FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

Have you ever wanted to pray but weren't sure how? Do you ever have feelings inside that are hard to put into words? You're not alone!

Starting today we'll begin a teaching series on **Praying the Psalms**. In the highs and the lows of life, there are model prayers that teach us how to approach God.

Today	Psalms 13	Praying the Psalms when life is not fair.
January 31	Psalms 121	Praying the Psalms when you worship.
February 7	Psalms 116	Praying the Psalms when you are thankful.
February 14	Psalms 6	Praying the Psalms when you long for healing.
February 21	Psalms 51	Praying the Psalms when you messed up.
February 28	Psalms 150	Praying the Psalms when you are filled with joy.
March 7	Psalms 137	Praying the Psalms when you are angry.
March 14	Psalms 136	Praying the Psalms when you think about the past.
March 21	Psalms 84	Praying the Psalms when you face death.
March 28	Psalms 22	Praying the Psalms when you are alone.

## 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)

## 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

## 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)

## 2021 GIVING ENVELOPES

If you requested 2021 Giving Envelopes, you can pick them up at the church. They are located on the shelf in the administration hall. If you did not request envelopes but would like them, we do have some extras. Please call the church office. Thank you.

## 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	Marilyn Camburn	Joye and Kurt Teachman
Harold Fountain	Harper Croft	David Wiggins	Nita Rodemann
Holli Hughes	Deb Sloan	Jamie Brooks	Ann Froneberger
Fran Ligon	Gary Brooks	Ginger Greene	Jean Isbell
Ashley Snider	Hanger Family	Will Kuenzel	Nancy Plowden

### Friend of the Week

Ruth McSweeney  
1145 Southgate Drive  
Charleston, SC 29407

### Mission of the Week

Tricounty Family Ministries  
2105 Cosgrove Avenue  
N. Charleston, SC 29405

### College Student

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1338 Main St. Apt. 1107  
Columbia, SC 29201

### Church Family

Will and Amy Kuenzel  
Jenna, Lana  
Jo Ann Lisk

## 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

Clerk - Priscilla Holtzclaw  
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Assistant Treasurer - Patty Stokes

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