



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

## Order of Worship for January 31, 2021

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

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

RAYMOND HAAN

### ◆CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

**All: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul and with all your might.**

One: And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

**All: You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit  
in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when  
you rise.**

### ◆INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

We Praise You, O God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

FROM PSALM 32

One: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

One: Blessed is the person whose sin the Lord does not count against them  
and in whose spirit is no deceit.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

One: When we keep our confessions to ourselves, we groan and hurt inside.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

One: When we share our confessions before you, saying,  
"I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," you forgive the guilt of our sin.

**All: We humble ourselves before you, God, confessing we are sinners in need of your  
grace, mercy and love. Forgive us Lord.**

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

ANTHEM

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship  
*Handbell Choir*

CATHY MOCKLEBUST

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 121

SERMON

Praying the Psalms when You Worship

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Open My Eyes, That I May See

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

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.

◆ 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

Trumpet in Dialogue

LOUIS CLERAMBAULT

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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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## We Praise You, O God

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1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;  
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring,  
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.

## Open My Eyes, That I May See 451

1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.  
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou send-est clear.  
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.

Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un-clasp and  
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev-ery-thing false will  
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren

set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy

will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!  
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The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

## 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)

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** has been called for Sunday, February 14, at 11:50 a.m. (immediately following the 11:00 worship service.) The purpose of the meeting is to review the financial reports from 2020, review the Session-approved budget for 2021, and in accordance with G-2.0804/G-1.0501 review and vote on changes in the terms of call for our pastors. You may attend in-person or by ZOOM; The login code will be made available the week prior to the meeting.

## 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! We have begun 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	Psalm 121	Praying the Psalms when you worship.
February 7	Psalm 116	Praying the Psalms when you are thankful.
February 14	Psalm 6	Praying the Psalms when you long for healing.
February 21	Psalm 51	Praying the Psalms when you messed up.
February 28	Psalm 150	Praying the Psalms when you are filled with joy.
March 7	Psalm 137	Praying the Psalms when you are angry.
March 14	Psalm 136	Praying the Psalms when you think about the past.
March 21	Psalm 84	Praying the Psalms when you face death.
March 28	Psalm 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)

## 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.

## 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

### **CALLING ALL MEN!**

Join us for Bible Study at 7:30-8:30 am on the First Tuesday of every month. We're starting virtually with ZOOM on February 2 (you must supply your own coffee and breakfast from home!), and hopefully we'll soon be able to make the transition to in-person.

Pastor Daniel is leading. We're starting a study of 2 Timothy. Join us for the Fellowship and Encouragement!

Here is the ZOOM login information.

Meeting ID: 856 1961 4490

Passcode: 12345

Dial in by phone: 646-558-8656

### **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

While the Youth may not be able to host the Soup Luncheon this year, we will still be accepting monetary donations for the Backpack Buddies program at Westminster. We also encourage everyone to bring non-perishable food items for our food pantry. Stay tuned to Facebook and the E-news for a special Souper Bowl "Commercial" from the Youth for more details. For questions reach out to Janie Bruce at [jbruce@wpccharleston.org](mailto:jbruce@wpccharleston.org)

### **ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 17**

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. It's called Ash Wednesday because as a sign of repentance, believers through the centuries have received the mark of an ashen cross on their forehead. The ashes remind us of God's words to Adam when he sinned- "remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," and it reminds us of the Old Testament practice of wearing sackcloth and having ashes placed on the head as a sign of spiritual poverty. Because of Covid protocols, we will not be able to offer ashes, but we are gathering for worship and The Lord's Supper on February 17 @ 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Following worship, we'll have the opportunity to participate in the Backpack Buddies ministry. All ages are welcome; the service will be livestreamed for those unable to attend in-person.

## 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
Karen Dangerfield	David Kerr	Riley Nunes	Ken Pugh
Lisa Wilcox	Chris Thrasher	Mary Martschink	Lee Zack
Harold Fountain	Sharon Hutchinson	Marilyn Camburn	Joye and Kurt Teachman
Holli Hughes	Harper Croft	David Wiggins	Nita Rodemann
Fran Ligon	Deb Sloan	Jamie Brooks	Ann Froneberger
Ashley Snider	Gary Brooks	Ginger Greene	Jean Isbell
Nancy Plowden	Hanger Family	Will Kuenzel	

### Friend of the Week

Love Moody  
1318 New Castle Street  
Charleston, SC 29407

### Mission of the Week

Water Missions International  
P.O. Box 71489  
N. Charleston, SC 29415

### College Student

Amber Appell  
7332 Kestrel Trail  
Hanahan, SC 29410

### Church Family

Richard and Angel Leitner  
Audrey, Chloe  
Robert Luhn

## 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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