



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

## Order of Worship for March 14, 2021

In-Person and Online at 11:00 am

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ARR. ALICE JORDAN

### ◆CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM I JOHN 4

One: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;  
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

**All: Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.**

One: God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so  
that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved  
us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

**All: Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.**

One: God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God.

**All: So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.**

**God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.**

One: There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with  
punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.

**All: We love because he first loved us.**

One: Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars;  
for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen,  
cannot love God whom they have not seen.

**All: The commandment we have from him is this:  
those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.**

### ◆INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Lord, you have created us in your image and given us more than we deserve. Yet, instead of responding to your goodness with love, we turn away from you and your will for our lives. You give us gifts and abilities to serve your Kingdom, but instead we use them to serve our own interests. We are a selfish people, thinking more about what we can get than what we can give. Lord, we need your help to transform our hearts and our minds so we can live for you. We need your help to set us free from the trap of self-involvement. Forgive us and give us the desire to live for you instead of for ourselves. Help us, Lord. We are in great need.

Silent Confession

### ◆ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

### ◆RESPONSE OF PRAISE

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

### ◆SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.  
All: And also with you.

## TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

### ANTHEM

Moonlight Over Nazareth  
*Nancy Parrish and Lauren Smoak*

ROLAND DIGGLE/ARR.PEERY

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 136

### SERMON

Praying the Psalms When You Think About the Past

### HYMN OF RESPONSE

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

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.

## 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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow: praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### ◆POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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◆*Please stand, if able*

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

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## PSALM 136

- <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- <sup>2</sup> Give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- <sup>3</sup> Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>4</sup> to him who alone does great wonders,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>5</sup> to him who by understanding made the heavens,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>6</sup> to him who spread out the earth above the waters,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>7</sup> to him who made the great lights,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>8</sup> the sun to rule over the day,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>9</sup> the moon and stars to rule over the night,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>10</sup> to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>11</sup> and brought Israel out from among them,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>12</sup> with a strong hand and an outstretched arm,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>13</sup> to him who divided the Red Sea in two,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>14</sup> and made Israel pass through the midst of it,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>15</sup> but overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>16</sup> to him who led his people through the wilderness,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>17</sup> to him who struck down great kings,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>18</sup> and killed mighty kings,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>19</sup> Sihon, king of the Amorites,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>20</sup> and Og, king of Bashan,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>21</sup> and gave their land as a heritage,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>22</sup> a heritage to Israel his servant,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

<sup>23</sup> It is he who remembered us in our low estate,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
<sup>24</sup> and rescued us from our foes,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
<sup>25</sup> he who gives food to all flesh,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**  
<sup>26</sup> Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

### PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28

We hear the shouts of adoration for the coming Messiah and then turn toward the shouts of anger as crowds call for Jesus' crucifixion.

**10:00 am Prayer on the Playground.** Kids and families gather on the playground. This week will include an outdoor procession of palms!

**11:00 am Sanctuary Worship.** Our sermon series on Praying the Psalms concludes with Psalm 22 - the one Jesus prayed from the cross.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 1

The darkness gathers as Jesus is with the disciples in the Upper Room.

**7:00 pm Worship & The Lord's Supper in the Sanctuary**

### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2

Jesus bears the burden of sin and brokenness on the cross.

**6:00 am, 9:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 3:00 pm, Zoom Gatherings.**

We are offering four different times to gather for brief (15-minute) times of prayer and reflection, marking the events Jesus endured at those times on that fateful Friday. Zoom code will be provided. Exclusively online; join for any or all of the gatherings.

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Jesus is alive, and we rejoice together in his saving love!

**7:00 am Outdoor Sunrise Service.** Unlimited seating (bring your own chair on the playground behind the preschool building). Reservations not necessary.

**8:45 am Sanctuary Worship.** Limited seating. **Reservations required.**

Online Reservations available March 17 at [wpccharleston.org](http://wpccharleston.org).

**10:00 am Prayer on the Playground & Easter Egg Hunt.** Kids and families gather on the playground. Kids, bring your basket for the Easter Egg Hunt!

**11:00 am Sanctuary Worship.** Limited seating. **Reservations required.**

Online reservations available March 17 at [wpccharleston.org](http://wpccharleston.org).

Not able to join us for in-person worship? The following services are live-streamed and then available anytime on [Facebook](#), [Youtube](#), or [wpccharleston.org](http://wpccharleston.org).

11:00 am Worship on Sunday mornings

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday

## 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.wpccharleston.org](http://www.wpccharleston.org)

## VIRTUAL FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

Please let us know you're here by completing the Virtual Friendship Register. Simply scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to open or find on our website under the Quick Links, Virtual Friendship Register.



## ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS AVAILABLE ON REALM

You can now print your WPC giving statement off when you are ready! Simply login to [onrealm.org](http://onrealm.org) from a desktop/laptop computer with your username and password. Then click the link under your name for "My profile". In the column on the left you will see the "Giving" tab which will take you to your current pledge page for 2021 and a link for your 2020 Contributions Statement. If you have any questions or haven't yet created your Realm login, please don't hesitate to call the office and we will help you get set-up.

## PRAYER ON THE PLAYGROUND 10:00–10:30 am.

While we may not be able to host Sunday School in the building, we are happy to welcome back our children and their parents for play on the playground Sunday mornings at 10:00 am. Thirty minutes of play will be followed by prayer at 10:30 am. We hope this gives young families time to get home and join us for our live stream worship at 11:00 am. We are looking forward to this fellowship together.

## 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 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.

## 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 - TEMPTATION IN THE DESERT:**

A 6-week study for Lent at 9:00–9:45 am on Zoom.

Jesus's temptations in the wilderness after his baptism offer important instructions for us as we consider our Christian life. This study shows ways the temptations Jesus faced are still real for us today. Facilitated by Pastor Daniel, Pastor Lissa, and Lindy Coleman. Join us on Sunday mornings 9:00–9:45 am on Zoom. Study books are not required, but they are available in the Church Office if you would like one.

- Meeting ID: 856 1961 4490
- Passcode: 12345
- Dial in by phone: 646-558-8656

## 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

Carol Cummings	Meg Powell	Summer Garris	Andria Sanchez Freeman
Bill Myers	Keith Gordon	Mary Ashley Barbot	Chrissie Bosworth
Dart Willer	Shirley Seay	Doris Fox	Ginger Sieftring
Bill Pennekamp	Larry Salley	Joyce Aydlett	Martin Davis
Kate Pennekamp	John Ligon	Daryn Baker	Kevin Ritzel
Sara McCoy	Dot Dangerfield	Curtis Sponseller	Gloria Underhill
Love Moody	Lydia Crosby	Sean Fitzgibbon	Jeff Bryant
Karen Dangerfield	David Morris IV	Thom Penney	Barbara Johnston
Lisa Wilcox	Brian Carlow	Nikolai Fruth	Michael Morgan
Harold Fountain	Frances McLean	Allan Scott	Lydia Howell
Holli Hughes	David Kerr	Mary Martschink	Ken Pugh
Fran Ligon	Chris Thrasher	Marilyn Camburn	Lee Zack
Nancy Plowden	Sharon Hutchinson	David Wiggins	Joye and Kurt Teachman
Gary Brooks	Harper Croft	Jamie Brooks	Nita Rodemann
Steve Buddin	Deb Sloan	Ginger Greene	Jean Isbell
Gary Shetler	Liz Shelor	Hanger Family	Will Kuenzel
Rosa Oswald	Allene Buddin		

### Friend of the Week

Bill Pennekamp  
1451 Tobias Gadson Blvd. #118  
Charleston, SC 29407

### Mission of the Week

Thornwell Home for Children  
302 South Broad St.  
Clinton, SC 29325

### College Student

Emma Louise Farmer  
1001 SW 17 Lane  
Gainesville, FL 32601

### Church Family

Ernie and Nancy Mallard  
Rachel Mallard  
John Martschink

## 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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