



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

## Order of Worship for March 21, 2021

In-Person and Online at 11:00 am

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Shall We Gather at the River

SAM BATT OWENS

### ◆CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 34

One: I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

All: **My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

One: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together.

All: **Let us worship God!**

### ◆INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

The Church's One Foundation

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal and Almighty God, as we enter your holy presence, we acknowledge our lips are unclean, our hands are unclean, and our hearts are unclean. Our sins are too heavy for us to bear, so we call out to you for forgiveness. We cannot cleanse ourselves, so by the power of your Holy Spirit, wash us of our impurity. Set us free from a self-serving life so we can serve you with all our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

My Shepherd's Amazing Grace  
*Handbell Choir*

KARISSA DENNIS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 84

SERMON

Praying the Psalms When You Face Death

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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### 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 THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM (1563)

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death—  
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven;  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing  
and ready from now on to live for him.

### ◆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

If You Will Only Let God Guide You

DAVID LOWE

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◆*Please stand, if able*

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

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## PSALM 84

<sup>1</sup>How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts!

<sup>2</sup>My soul longs, yes, faints  
for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.

<sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.

<sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who dwell in your house,  
ever singing your praise!

<sup>5</sup>Blessed are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

<sup>6</sup>As they go through the Valley of Baca  
they make it a place of springs;

<sup>7</sup>They go from strength to strength;  
each one appears before God in Zion.

<sup>8</sup>O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob!

<sup>9</sup>Behold our shield, O God;  
look on the face of your anointed!

<sup>10</sup>For a day in your courts is better  
than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the  
house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

<sup>11</sup>For the Lord God is a sun and shield;  
the Lord bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold  
from those who walk uprightly.

<sup>12</sup>O Lord of hosts,  
blessed is the one who trusts in 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.

## The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The chur - ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

# Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

## 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 to 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. **Service is full.**  
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](https://www.facebook.com/wpccharleston), [Youtube](https://www.youtube.com/wpccharleston), 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.

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| Today    | Psalms 84 | Praying the Psalms when you face death. |
| March 28 | Psalms 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

## Westminster Prays

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|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 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    | David Wiggins      | Lee Zack               |
| Nancy Plowden     | Sharon Hutchinson | Jamie Brooks       | Joye and Kurt Teachman |
| Gary Brooks       | Harper Croft      | Ginger Greene      | Nita Rodemann          |
| Steve Buddin      | Deb Sloan         | Hanger Family      | Jean Isbell            |
| Gary Shetler      | Liz Shelor        | Allene Buddin      | Will Kuenzel           |
| Rosa Oswald       |                   |                    |                        |

### Prayers of Sympathy and Support are extended to

Christopher and Collin Camburn and family upon the death of their grandmother, Marilyn Camburn.

#### Friend of the Week

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

#### Mission of the Week

Food Pantry  
1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.  
Charleston, SC 29407

#### College Student

Christopher Housley  
207 East Maple Street  
Clinton, SC 50453

#### Church Family

Kelly Massagee  
Daniel Smith  
Keelen, Lieren

### 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  
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