



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

## Order of Worship for March 7, 2021

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

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ

J.S. BACH

### ◆CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 30

One: I will exalt you, LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths  
and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

**All: O LORD my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.**

One: You, LORD, brought me up from the realm of the dead:  
you spared me from going down to the pit.

**All: Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.**

One: For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime;

**All: Weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Lord, we confess before you all the ways we have sinned against you. We have done things that we should not have done, and we have neglected to do things that we should not have neglected. Our actions testify against us, and they reveal the true condition of our hearts. Lord, we need your grace to pardon us from our sins and to create new hearts within us. By your Spirit, transform us into the kind of people who serve you and live for you in all that we say and do. We pray for the sake of your Kingdom. Amen.

Silent Confession

### ◆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

What Wondrous Love Is This  
*Handbell Choir*

DOUGLAS WAGNER

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 137

SERMON

Praying the Psalms When You Are Angry

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

◆AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM THE NICENE CREED (381)

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYER 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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

◆ 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

Voluntary in E Minor

JOHN STANLEY

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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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**TODAY WE SHARE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

All who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to share in the bread and the cup. For those in the Sanctuary or Covenant Hall, please use the prepared elements you received when you arrived. For those worshipping online, gather juice and bread (or wine or crackers) to participate. Children are invited to the table provided they've had instruction at home or in Westminster's worship prep class (1st grade).

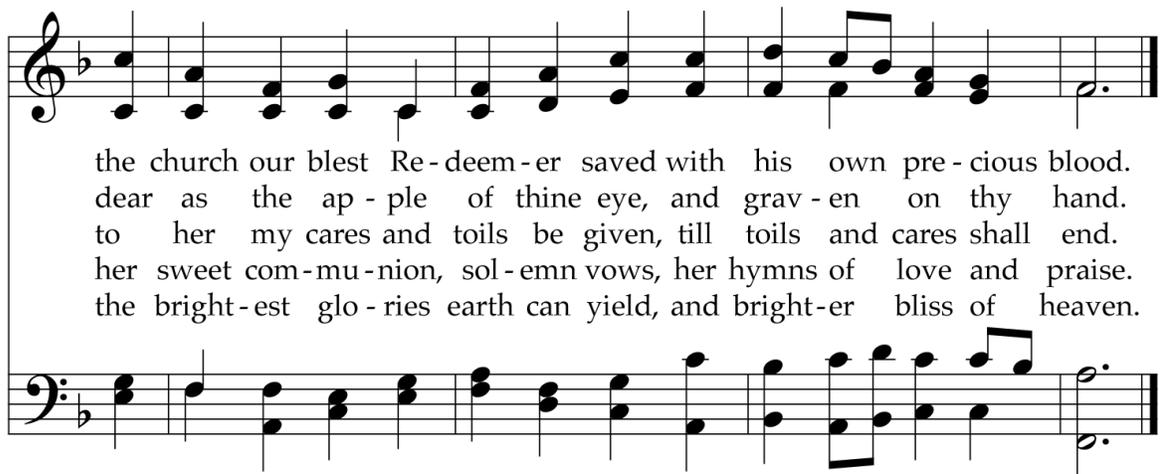
Psalm 137

- <sup>1</sup>By the waters of Babylon,  
there we sat down and wept,  
when we remembered Zion.
- <sup>2</sup>On the willows<sup>[a]</sup> there  
we hung up our lyres.
- <sup>3</sup>For there our captors required of us songs,  
and our tormentors, mirth, saying,  
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”
- <sup>4</sup>How shall we sing the LORD's song  
in a foreign land?
- <sup>5</sup>If I forget you, O Jerusalem,  
let my right hand forget its skill!
- <sup>6</sup>Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth,  
if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem  
above my highest joy!
- <sup>7</sup>Remember, O LORD, against the Edomites  
the day of Jerusalem,  
how they said, “Lay it bare, lay it bare,  
down to its foundations!”
- <sup>8</sup>O daughter of Babylon, doomed to be destroyed,  
blessed shall he be who repays you  
with what you have done to us!
- <sup>9</sup>Blessed shall he be who takes your little ones  
and dashes them against the rock!

# I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord 310



1 I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,  
2 I love thy church, O God. Her walls be - fore thee stand,  
3 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers as - cend;  
4 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways:  
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given



the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.  
dear as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav - en on thy hand.  
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.  
her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.  
the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

One of the oldest American hymn texts in continuous use, this paraphrase of Psalm 137 was created by a president of Yale University while compiling a popular revision of Watts's *Psalms of David*. The arranger of the tune was the clerk of a Presbyterian church in London.

TEXT: Timothy Dwight, 1800  
MUSIC: *The Universal Psalmist*, 1763; adapt. Aaron Williams, 1770

ST. THOMAS  
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## All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.  
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel - come guest.  
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

Come from wil - der - ness and wan - dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
 Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

## 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 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.

## 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.

### Communion

1. Communion Kits will be available in the narthex. Please take one as you pick up your bulletin. Gluten-free kits will also be available.
2. The Communion Kit contains: a zip-lock bag, a sealed sanitizing wipe, and a small plastic chalice with bread on one end and juice on the other.
3. When communion begins, you may remove and open the wipe to clean your hands, and/or absorb any spills. When prompted by the Pastor to take the bread, remove the seal and take it from the bottom of the chalice. When prompted to drink the juice, remove the seal and drink.
4. Place the empty chalice and wipe back into the bag to take with you when you exit the sanctuary. Dispose of the bag in the trashcans at the exits.



## Westminster Prays

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

### Friend of the Week

Norma O'Brien  
201 W. 9th North St. Unit 302  
Summerville, SC 29483

### Mission of the Week

Mary Ford Early Learning  
3180 Thomasina Mcpherson Blvd.  
N. Charleston, SC 29405

### College Student

Ben Foster  
1403 Birthright St.  
Charleston, SC 29407

### Church Family

Henry and Dot Maiers  
Bob and Meredith Maki  
Griffin, Graeme, Gray

## 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  
Treasurer - Doug Earnst

Assistant Clerk - Carole Russell  
Assistant Treasurer - Patty Stokes

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