



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship for April 11, 2021

In-Person and Online at 11:00 am

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

PAUL MANZ

*At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side, Alleluia!*

◆CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
Through the resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ,
we have been born anew into a living hope;
we have been given an inheritance that will never pass away!

**All: Blessing and glory and honor and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!**

One: Praise God!
Because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
we have been given a brand-new life, and a glorious future!

**All: Come into his presence with praise and thanksgiving,
with laughter and song.
Give thanks to him, and praise his name!**

◆INVOCATION

◆HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess the meaning of the cross and resurrection has little impact on our day to day lives. We live like sin and death are still in control. We constantly lose the spiritual, physical, and emotional battles we are in. Lord, we don't want to be trapped any more. We want to live the abundant life you have promised us in Jesus. We want to share in the victory and rest in the knowledge that he has conquered all our foes. Help us to place our lives completely in his hands.

Silent Personal Confession

◆ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

◆ SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-31

SERMON

Jesus and Thomas

◆ HYMN NO. 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

◆ 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 SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

ANTHEM

Let Us Break Bread Together
Nancy Parrish and Dee Bee Wright

DOUGLAS WAGNER

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.**

John 20:19-31

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

RETURN, REBUILD, AND RENEW WITH WESTMINSTER

This spring as part of the Sermon Series from Nehemiah, we invite you as a congregation to Return, Rebuild, and Renew with Westminster. As you feel more comfortable and as more events and opportunities become available, we welcome you to return to a new normal at Westminster, to rebuild that relationship and foundation with God through discipleship as a present congregation, and to renew your faith through worship and fellowship opportunities that will continue to evolve, change and grow.

As simple as the children's rhyme...

Here is the church, here is the steeple,
open the doors and here are ALL the people.

We hope to ALL return, rebuild and renew together soon.

Please fill out the enclosed Serve Faithfully Form to sign up for the volunteer opportunities the church is hoping to utilize as we continue to Return, Rebuild, and Renew at Westminster.

Christ Is Alive!

246

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

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. 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. During time for children, the children will remain with their family and not gather on the chancel steps.
2. Offering plates will be at the entrances/exits to receive your offering.
3. Please keep your mask on through the entire worship service.
4. 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.



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

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.



FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

On April 25, we'll begin a new sermon series on the book of Nehemiah. Return, Rebuild, Renew. Nehemiah's Life after Exile is just the word we need as we seek God's guidance in recovery from Covid.

The preaching schedule until then:

Today	John 20:19-31	Jesus and Thomas
April 18	Acts 3:12-19	What Is Astonishing You Today?

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—

Today we began a new study called "Meeting the Spirit." Facilitated by Pastor Daniel, Pastor Lissa, and Lindy Coleman. Join us on Sunday mornings 9:00–9:45 am on Zoom.

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

BOOK GROUP WITH READING PARTNERS

Join our friends at Reading Partners on Thursday, April 22 from 5:30 - 6:15 for a virtual community book conversation with author and Emmy-winning director Jeffrey Blount. We will discuss his latest book, *The Emancipation of Evan Walls*, which is an important part of today's conversation about educational equity and privilege in America. Books are available in the narthex this morning; no cost for those who commit to the group on the 22nd. More information and sign up at <https://rpcommunityread.jeffreyblount.eventbrite.com>

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

Friend of the Week

Nancy Wells Wichmann
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Mission of the Week

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Norman Hook
Dale Norman
Michael Patrick
Paul Patrick

Class of 2022

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Sandra Pell
Kendall Ramsay
Carole Russell
Nathan Snider
Graham Wade

Class of 2023

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David Boyd
Earl Frasier
Brenda Gibson
Tim Platts
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