



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship for April 18, 2021

In-Person and Online at 11:00 am

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

Allegro in D Major

CESAR FRANCK

◆CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights above.

All: Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

One: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars.

All: Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

One: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

All: Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

◆INVOCATION

◆HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 233

The Day of Resurrection

LANCASHIRE

◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God you are gracious and merciful, but we often forget to give thanks. You guide us and lead us, yet we forget to follow. Your son Jesus died for us, and we have moved on. Lord forgive us for forgetting to give thanks. Forgive us for forgetting your light shines the true path. Forgive us for moving forward without the joy and hope of the resurrection leading our way. We humble ourselves before you and are in need of your grace.

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

Acts 3:12-19

SERMON

What Is Astonishing You Today?

◆HYMN NO. 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

◆AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE 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.

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.

OFFERING

◆BENEDICTION AND SENDING SONG

We sing together:

Go in grace and make disciples, Baptize in God's holy name.
Tell of death and resurrection; Easter's victory now proclaim.
Christ's commission sends us forth to the nations of the earth.
Go in grace and make disciples, midwives for the world's rebirth.

◆POSTLUDE

Voluntary in G Major

WILLIAM WALOND

◆Please stand, if able

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

ACTS 3:12-19

¹² And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant^[a] Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus^[b] has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷ “And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out.

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.



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

Serve Faithfully Form

In an effort to resume a new normal at Westminster, we are gathering information for volunteers as opportunities and events become available. Even if you have volunteered in the past, we would like you to still fill out the form.

1. **First and Last Name:** _____

2. **If volunteering as an acolyte, child's name(s):** _____

3. **Phone Number:** _____

4. **Email:** _____

5. **Worship Volunteer Opportunities:**

Check all that apply.

Children's Church (11 a.m. Worship)

Acolytes (11 a.m. Worship)

Ushers for Early Service (we will train for COVID protocols)

Ushers for 11 a.m. Worship (we will train for COVID protocols)

Early Service Special Music

6. **Additional Volunteer Opportunities**

Check all that apply.

Vacation Bible School (July 12-16)

Office Volunteers (Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursdays,
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

Food Pantry Bag Packers

233 The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

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 Acts 3:12-19 What Is Astonishing You Today?

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>

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

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	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	Jack Watson
Bob Ferguson			

Friend of the Week

Dart Willer
1445 Bluewater Way
Charleston, SC 29414

Mission of the Week

Hands of Christ
1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd
Charleston, SC 29407

College Student

Rachel Mallard
1442 Salisbury Street
Charleston, SC 29407

Church Family

Bryan and Mandi Mills
Irene, William
Fran Morat

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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