



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

## Order of Worship for July 11, 2021

In-Person at 9:00 am

### GATHERING

*Please greet each other warmly as the congregation gathers for worship.  
Take a moment and sign the virtual friendship register.*

### WELCOME

#### ◆SONG OF PREPARATION

Come into God's presence singing "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."  
Come into God's presence singing "Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord."

#### ◆CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God has accomplished all things through Christ,  
All: so that we might live as God's own children.  
One: Let us give thanks to God,  
All: and live for the praise of God's glory.

#### ◆PRAYER

◆HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 37                      Let All Things Now Living                      ASH GROVE

### CONFESSION

#### ◆CONFESSING OUR SIN

Gracious God, we so often miss your kingdom at work among us. Captivated by power and prestige, we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted all around. Forgive us for failing to notice when and how you are at work. Forgive us when we work against your plans and purposes, fostering divisions where you have called us to a ministry of reconciliation, and beset by apathy when the world has such deep needs. Help us to grow in faithfulness, we pray, so that we might reach our fullest height of faith, in Christ's name we pray.

Silent Personal Confession

◆DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

◆SONG OF RESPONSE                      We are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
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◆PASSING THE PEACE

One:     The peace of Christ be with you.

All:     **And also with you.**

*Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbor.*

THE WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

SERMON

In God We Are Blessed

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.  
We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

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.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Commissioning Vacation Bible School Volunteers

SENDING OUT

◆SENDING SONG

We Sing Together: (2 times)

God, we honor you. God, we trust in you. God, we worship and adore you.  
Take what we bring, offered to you. Teach us to show your abundant blessings.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

◆BLESSING

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◆*Please stand, if able*

Leading the service today: Lissa Long, Pastor; Priscilla Holtzclaw, Commissioned Lay Pastor; Billy Wade, Parish Associate; Janie Bruce, Director of Youth and Children; Robin Zemp, Music; Meg Dorsel, Livestream.

Acolyte is Mary Patrick.  
Ushers are Graham Wade, Brenda Jonsson, Joe Jeter, Laura Nunn.

## WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

- We are delighted you have joined us for in-person or online worship, and we hope you are encouraged and strengthened in the faith.
- The nursery is available for children 2 and under in the Preschool Building. We'll gather pertinent information upon check-in and be able to contact you during the service should a need arise.
- Parents who need to step out of the sanctuary for a while to tend to the needs of infants or small children can find privacy down the hall in the church parlor, family restroom, or in the church nursery.
- Worship bags and worship worksheets are available in the narthex for preschool and elementary age children.
- Following Time for Children (11:00 only) children ages 3-5k will gather in the narthex with adult leaders and then be led to the playground (weather permitting) or Covenant Hall for Children's Church with adult leaders. Parents may pick them up following the service.
- Hearing devices, magnifying sheets, and large print hymnals are available in the narthex.
- If you have a prayer request or questions about faith, life, or being part of the Westminster family, we invite you to reach out to one of our pastors.
  - Pastor Lissa Long: 843-810-2232
  - Pastor Priscilla Holtzclaw, pwholtz@gmail.com
  - Pastor Billy Wade, wbwade75@gmail.com
- For more information about Westminster or to subscribe to our weekly ENews and email updates visit [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.



## COVID PROTOCOLS FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

*Thank you for following these protocols which enable weekly in-person worship without interruption.*

1. Hand sanitizer is available and should be used upon entering.
2. Following the guidance of the CDC and our concern for the most vulnerable, masks are encouraged for all and optional for those who have been vaccinated. We recognize some, especially youth and children, are not yet eligible to be vaccinated and we encourage their continued mask use.
3. Please allow ushers to seat you and your family. Socially distanced seating is available.
4. During Time for Children, the children will remain with their family in the pew. Following Time for Children at 11:00, adult leaders will lead children ages 3-5k to the Playground (weather permitting) or Covenant Hall for Children's Church. Parents may pick them up following the service.
5. Offering plates are at the entrances/exits to receive your offering.

### A WORD ABOUT SEATING:

While the ropes have been removed from most of the sanctuary and seating is open, there are still a couple of reserved sections:

- The back right quadrant is available for those who prefer socially distanced seating. Please indicate your preference to an usher.
- A few other pews are reserved for ushers, latecomers, acolytes, and staff.

At the end of the service, those in the socially-distanced section will be dismissed first, followed by the rest of the congregation.

## FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

Today	Ephesians 1:3-14	In God We Are Blessed <i>Pastor Priscilla Preaching</i>
July 18	Ephesians 2:11-22	In God's House <i>Pastor Billy Preaching</i>
July 25	Ephesians 3:14-21	In God We Have Strength <i>Pastor Lissa Preaching</i>
August 1	Ephesians 4:1-16	Worthy of God's Love <i>Pastor Billy Preaching, The Lord's Supper</i>
August 8	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	In God We Have Grace <i>Pastor Lissa Preaching</i>
August 15	Ephesians 5:15-20	In God We Give Thanks <i>Pastor Priscilla Preaching</i>
August 22	Ephesians 6:10-20	In God We Are Covered <i>Pastor Lissa Preaching</i>

## IS GOD CALLING YOU TO JOIN THE WESTMINSTER FAMILY?

Here's how you can do it.

1. Fill out the Virtual Friendship Register located at [wpccharleston.org](http://wpccharleston.org) or using the QR code. You may also fill out an online New Member form under the visitor tab at [wpccharleston.org](http://wpccharleston.org)
  2. One of our Pastors or someone from the Membership Committee will quickly be in touch, providing an opportunity individually or with a group to learn more about the church.
  3. On a Sunday morning, you'll attend a meeting with the Session for reception into membership. We'll handle paperwork if you're transferring from another church or arrange baptism if you've never been baptized.
  4. That same Sunday morning, you'll be introduced to the congregation during worship.
- Questions? Speak with an usher or one of our pastors following the service.



## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

There is a new Sunday schedule with expanded options as we come back stronger and better from Covid.

<b>9:00 – 9:45</b>	Worship Service in the Sanctuary (nursery available)
<b>10:00 – 10:45</b>	Playground and Prayer for kids; Sunday School for Adults (begins July 11)
<b>11:00 – 11:45</b>	Worship service in the Sanctuary (nursery available; Children's Church offered)

We're offering two options for worship, and at the 11:00 service, children ages 3-5k will depart for Children's Church after the Time for Children. They will go to the playground (weather permitting) or Covenant Hall. The nursery will be provided for children ages 2 and younger during both services. Covid protocols remain in effect for both services. The 11:00 am service will be livestreamed.

During the 10:00 hour, children will continue to gather on the playground for Prayer on the Playground. At the same time, an in-person Sunday School class, beginning today and taught by Billy Wade, is offered for adults.

We're excited about the changes and are grateful for the volunteers who are in place to enable it to happen. All of it happens prayerfully as the Session seeks ways we can Return, Rebuild, and Renew our faith and commitment to the Lord and the church.

## NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS THIS SUNDAY.

What a wonderful season for WPC! Rev. Billy Wade is teaching an in-person Adult Sunday School class today in Covenant Hall at 10:00 a.m. The series will be themed Jesus' Stories: Those Who Have Ears to Hear, Let Them Hear. Bring your Bible, a friend, and a family member.

- Today: A Sowing Lesson Mark 4: 1-20
- July 18: The Good Samaritan Luke 10: 25-37
- July 25: The Laborers in the Vineyard Matthew 20:1-16
- August 1: The Last Judgment Matthew 25:31-46
- August 8: The Prodigal Son Luke 15: 11-32

## JULY IS UNDIE SUNDAY MONTH FOR HANDS OF CHRIST

Underwear is one of the most appreciated articles of clothing Hands of Christ hands out, especially for young children. If you wish to make a donation just leave it in the cart in the Narthex. Thank you for all the help you give to Hands of Christ. Over 60, 000 children thank you also.

## Westminster Prays

Carol Cummings  
Bill Myers  
Dart Willer  
Bill Pennekamp  
Kate Pennekamp  
Sara McCoy  
Love Moody  
Karen Dangerfield  
Lisa Wilcox  
Harold Fountain  
Fran Ligon  
Nancy Plowden  
Gary Brooks  
Steve Buddin  
Rosa Oswald  
Dick Unger  
Pam Smith

Meg Powell  
Keith Gordon  
Shirley Seay  
Larry Salley  
John Ligon  
Dot Dangerfield  
Lydia Crosby  
David Morris IV  
Brian Carlow  
Frances McLean  
David Kerr  
Sharon Hutchinson  
Harper Croft  
Deb Sloan  
Bob Ferguson  
Clif Green  
Libba Johnson

Summer Garris  
Mary Ashley Barbot  
Doris Fox  
Joyce Aydlett  
Daryn Baker  
Curtis Sponseller  
Sean Fitzgibbon  
Thom Penney  
Nikolai Fruth  
Allan Scott  
Mary Martschink  
David Wiggins  
Ginger Greene  
Allene Buddin  
Jerry Smoak  
Brenda DeSmet  
Maryalice Vann

Andria Sanchez Freeman  
Chrissie Bosworth  
Ginger Siefring  
Martin Davis  
Kevin Ritzel  
Gloria Underhill  
Jeff Bryant  
Barbara Johnston  
Michael Morgan  
Nita Rodemann  
Jean Isbell  
Will Kuenzel  
Jack Watson  
Janie Hammersmith  
Frank Painter  
Jackie Epstein

### Friend of the Week

Shirley Kruger  
920 Clairmont Ave.  
Decatur, GA 30030

### Mission of the Week

Hands of Christ  
1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.  
Charleston, SC 29407

### Church Family

Alex and Lindley Pennekamp  
Tim and Sandy Pennekamp  
Charlie and Meg Powell

## 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 - Carole Russell  
Treasurer - Doug Earnst

Assistant Clerk - tba  
Assistant Treasurer - Patty Stokes

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