



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship for August 1, 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

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

PSALM 78:1-4

One: Listen, my people, to my teaching: incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
I will open my mouth in a parable; I will expound upon mysteries of old,
things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

All: **We will not hide them from our children,
but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord,
and the Lord's might, and the wonders God has wrought.**

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

CONFESSION

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, who in Jesus Christ came to bring new life, we confess our tendency to hold on to old ways. We have forgotten our baptism; we have forgotten who we are. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have not forgiven others as you have forgiven us. We have lived as if you are not God, and we often have made a mess of our lives and the world. Forgive us. Help us to trust your power to change us and to change the world; for we pray in Jesus' name.

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

ANTHEM

The Tallis Canon
Nancy Parrish, Dee Bee Wright

DOUGLAS WAGNER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-16

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SERMON

Worthy of God's Calling

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Words of Scripture

Introduction of the Deacons and Elders

Constitutional Questions for the Deacons, Elders, and for the Congregation

Prayer of Ordination/Installation

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

◆ 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.

◆ HYMN NO. 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

One: Remembering the Lord Jesus, we break bread and share the cup, proclaiming his death for the sins of the world and his resurrection for all people. Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God.

All: **They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.**

One: This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust in him to share the feast he has prepared.

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

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

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

◆ SENDING SONG NO. 765

We sing together:

**May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

◆ *Please stand, if able*

Leading the service today: Lissa Long, Pastor; Billy Wade, Parish Associate; Robin Zemp, Music; Janie Bruce, Director of Youth and Children.

"God Welcomes All" Words by John L. Bell Music South African song transcribed by John L. Bell
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Ushers are Dee Bee Wright, John Wright and Grahame Long.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

It is a joy to worship God and ordain and install new leaders at the 9:00 service this morning.

New Deacon being ordained and installed is Carrie Gentry.

New Deacon previously ordained and being installed is David Morris.

New Elders being ordained and installed are Abbie Mobley and Laura Patrick.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

- Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
- Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
- Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
- Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
- Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
- Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

TO THE DEACONS:

- Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

TO THE RULING ELDERS:

- Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

RESPONSE TO THE CONGREGATION:

- Do we, the members of the church, accept these men and women as ruling elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?
- Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

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

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.

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.

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

Today	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 or using the QR code. You may also fill out an online New Member form under the visitor tab at 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.

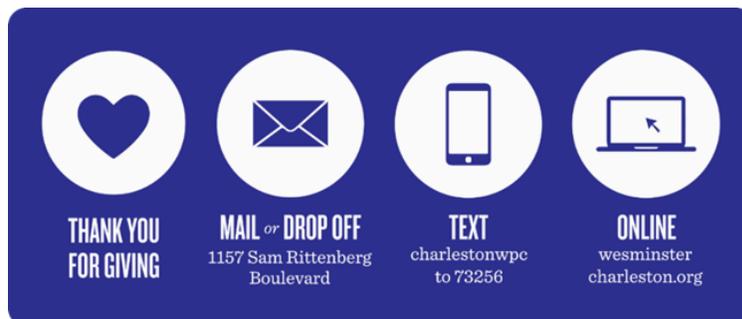


A WORD ABOUT SEATING:

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.



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

9:00 – 9:45	Worship Service in the Sanctuary (nursery available)
10:00 – 10:45	Playground and Prayer for kids; Sunday School for Adults (Covenant Hall)
11:00 – 11:45	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 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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

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

- Today: The Last Judgment Matthew 25:31-46
- August 8: The Prodigal Son Luke 15: 11-32

STEPS - FRIDAY, AUGUST 27 AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

S.T.E.P.S - Studying + Teaching + Equipping + Praying + Serving: This presbytery-wide event is a wonderful opportunity for high school youth and adult church members, teachers, ministry teams, worship/music leaders, officers and staffs to enrich their faith and understanding of the church. S.T.E.P.S. will take place Friday, August 27 and Saturday August 28. Friday's events will consist of picnic on the grounds (bring your own or food trucks available...also bring a chair or blanket) of the presbytery office followed by worship and a concert with David LaMotte. Admission is a non-perishable items for the presbytery's blessing box. Saturday will offer a morning of in-person and virtual workshops and concluding with worship for all. Cost is \$10. Registration deadline is August 13, 2021. Registration information and full agenda is on the presbytery website (<http://capresbytery.org/steps>) and printed brochures are available in the church office.

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 please use the prepared elements you received when you arrived. Children are invited to the table provided they've had instruction at home or in Westminster's worship prep class (1st grade).

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	Dot Dangerfield	Daryn Baker	Kevin Ritzel
Sara McCoy	Lydia Crosby	Curtis Sponseller	Gloria Underhill
Love Moody	David Morris IV	Sean Fitzgibbon	Jeff Bryant
Karen Dangerfield	Brian Carlow	Thom Penney	Barbara Johnston
Lisa Wilcox	Frances McLean	Nikolai Fruth	Michael Morgan
Harold Fountain	David Kerr	Allan Scott	Nita Rodemann
Nancy Plowden	Sharon Hutchinson	Mary Martschink	Jean Isbell
Gary Brooks	Harper Croft	David Wiggins	Will Kuenzel
Steve Buddin	Deb Sloan	Ginger Greene	Janie Hammersmith
Rosa Oswald	Bob Ferguson	Allene Buddin	Frank Painter
Dick Unger	Clif Green	Jerry Smoak	Jackie Epstein
Pam Smith	Leigh Throckmorton	Brenda DeSmet	Libba Johnson
Hallie Grace Davis	Jean Lewandowski	Maryalice Vann	Mary and Randy Davis
The Werts Family			

Prayers of Sympathy and Support are extended for

Norman and Virginia Hook and family upon the death of Norman's mother, Margie Hook,
Ashley and Stephen Chandler and family upon the death of Ashley's grandmother, and
Tim and Mary Platts and family upon the death of Mary's grandmother.

Friend of the Week

Mary Martschink
1218 Durham Place
Charleston, SC 29407

Mission of the Week

Tricounty Family Ministries
2105 Cosgrove Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405

Church Family

Eddie and Nancy Plowden
Seth, Spencer
Gloria Purcell

WESTMINSTER SESSION

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

Class of 2024

Norman Hook
Abbie Mobley
Karen Norman
Laura Patrick
Chuck Towne
Dee Bee Wright

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