Westminster Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship for July 25, 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."
Praise the Lord together singing "Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God."

♦WORDS OF PRAISE

One: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.
All: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
One: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
All: The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.
One: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.
All: The Lord is near to all who call on him.

♦INVOCATION

♦SONG OF PRAISE NO. 761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service BEECHER

CONFESSION

♦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love and grace, we pray for forgiveness from our sin. We have sinned against you and need for you to create in us a clean heart. We pray for you to put a new and right spirit within us. We pray to be in your presence and to be restored and sustained by you. Open our lips and let our mouths declare your praise. Hear our confession this morning and grant us your mercy.

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.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

♦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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 3:14-21

SERMON In God We Have Strength

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

♦SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 69 Here I Am, Lord HERE I AM

♦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.

PASTORAL 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 AND INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

SENDING OUT

♦SENDING SONG NO. 543 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me GREEN TYLER

♦BLESSING

♦ *Please stand, if able*

Leading the service today: Lissa Long, Pastor; Priscilla Holtzclaw, Commissioned Lay Pastor; Billy Wade, Parish Associate; Robin Zemp, Music.

Acolyte is Tanner Gentry.
Ushers are Jairus Schumann, Sarah Schumann and Nancy Dixon.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carol Ann Clarkin Mattox's birthday.

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God with thanks to the outgoing officers and their service.

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.
    - o Pastor Lissa Long: 843-810-2232
    - o Pastor Priscilla Holtzclaw, pwholtz@gmail.com
    - o 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.

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 3:14-21	In God We Have Strength *Pastor Lissa Preaching*
August 1	Ephesians 4:1-16	Worthy of God's Love *Pastor Billy Preaching, The Lord's Supper*
August 8	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	In God We Have Grace *Pastor Lissa Preaching*
August 15	Ephesians 5:15-20	In God We Give Thanks *Pastor Priscilla Preaching*
August 22	Ephesians 6:10-20	In God We Are Covered *Pastor Lissa Preaching*

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.

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 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.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

It is a joy to worship God and ordain and install new leaders at the 11:00 service this morning.

New Deacons being ordained and installed are Ellen Bollinger, Chris Dorsel, Denise Floyd, Andrea Gentry, Carrie Gentry, Leigh Throckmorton, Mellany Whetstone.

New Deacons, previously ordained and being installed are David Morris, Sue Smoak, Sara Dwyer.

New Elders being ordained and installed are Karen Norman, Abbie Mobley (8-1-2021), Laura Patrick (8-1-2021).

New Elders, previously ordained and being installed are Norman Hook, Chuck Towne, and Dee Bee Wright.

SPECIAL THANKS

A hearty thank you goes to these Deacons and Elders who are completing their terms of active service. You gave valuable leadership at Westminster, and you are to be commended for your service. Well done!

Deacons: Jane Acker, Rebecca Bazzle, Brenda Clarey, Paige Dadin, Alissa Ferguson, Beth Georgen, Mary McAbee, Hilary Parrish, Meg Powell, LeAnn Teitsort, and Tom Whetstone.

Elders: Allyn Bruce, John Dounian, Dale Norman, Paul Patrick, Michael Patrick.

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
Jean Lewandowski
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
Leigh Throckmorton
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
Hallie Grace Davis
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
Janie Hammersmith
Frank Painter
Jackie Epstein
Libba Johnson
Mary and Randy Davis

Friend of the Week
Lynne MacPherson
1925 Essex Farms Drive
Charleston, SC 29414

Mission of the Week
Habitat for Humanity
731 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC 29403

Church Family
Tim and Mary Platts
Natalie, Hunter
David and Donna 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

Clerk - Carole Russell
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