Westminster Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship for July 11, 2021

In-Person and Online at 11:00 am
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WELCOME

PRELUDE — The New Commonwealth — RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

♦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.

♦INVOCATION

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

♦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

♦ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

♦SONG OF RESPONSE — GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

♦SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

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

Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbor.

Commissioning Maryville Youth Conference

Time For Children To Shine

Following Children's Time, 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.

Anthem — Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing — Gordon Young

Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Lesson — Ephesians 1:3-14

Sermon — In God We Are Blessed

♦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.

♦Hymn No. 240 — Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks — Alleluia No. 1

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

Commissioning Vacation Bible School Volunteers

♦BENEDICTION AND 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.

♦POSTLUDE

Fugue on the Kyrie — FRANCOIS COUPERIN

♦*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.

Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from CCLI License #2778901

Acolytes are Abby Bobo and Jillian Ramsey.
Ushers are Allyn Bruce, Janie Daniels, Ruth Marie Embler, Nathan Ward.
Children's Church Volunteers are Sarah and Jairus Schumann.

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.

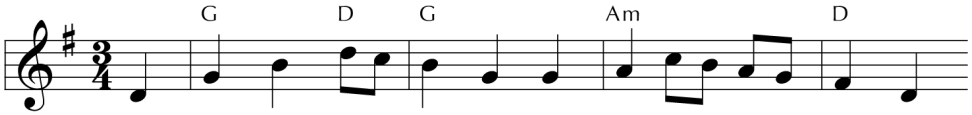
A WORD ABOUT SEATING:

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

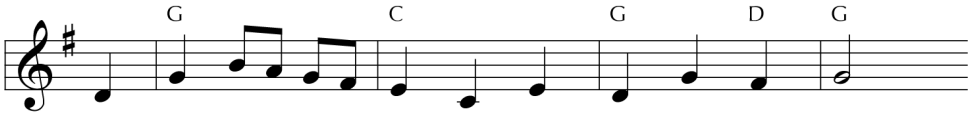
- The back right quadrant is available for those who prefer socially distanced seating.
  Please indicate your preference to an usher.
- A few other pews are reserved for ushers, latecomers, acolytes, and staff.

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

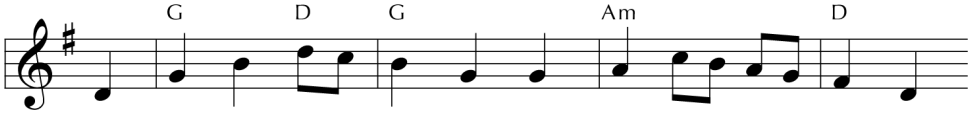
37 Let All Things Now Living



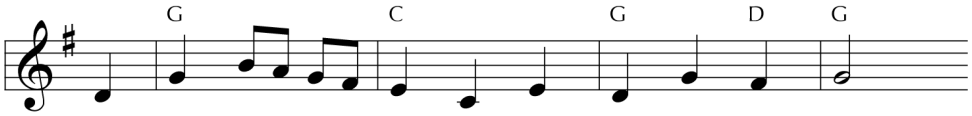
1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing
2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,



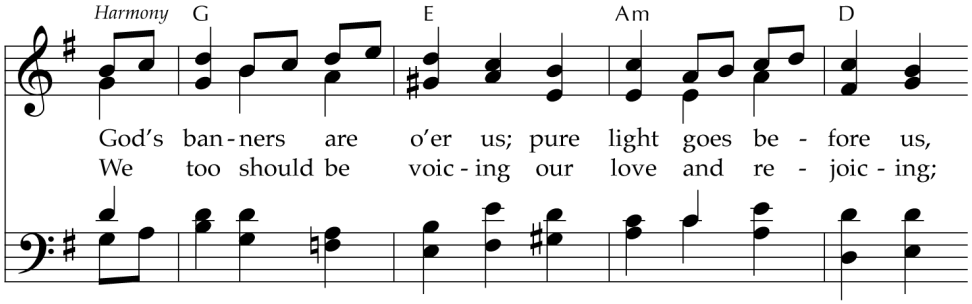
to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



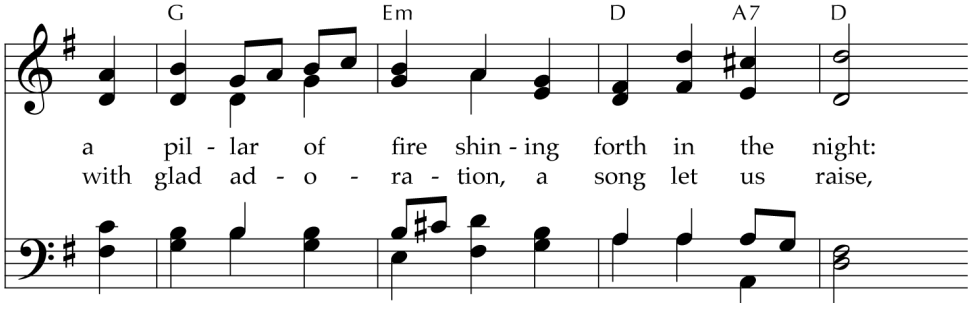
who fash-ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
the hills and the moun-tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,



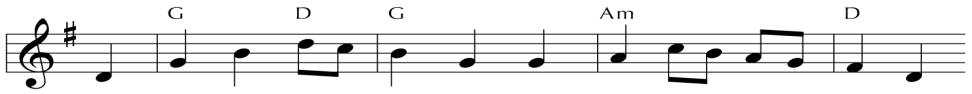
by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



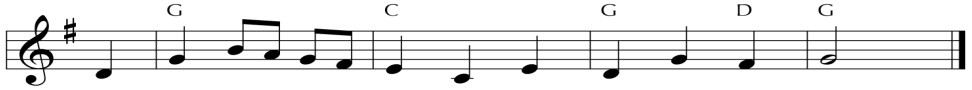
God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;



a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,

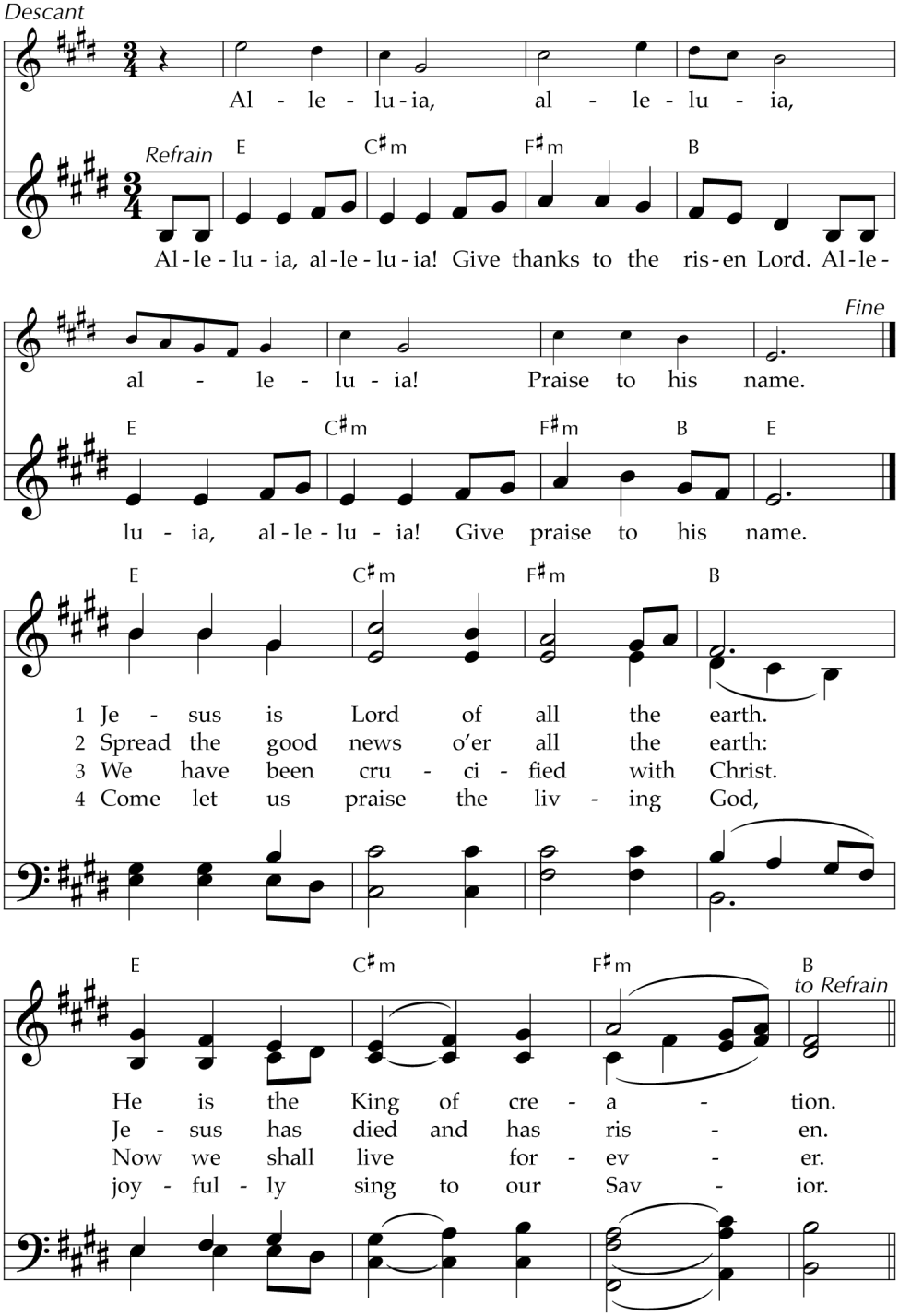


till shad - ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness ban-ished,
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing:



as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks



This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.

TEXT: Donald Fishel, 1971
MUSIC: Donald Fishel, 1971; arr. Betty Pulkingham and Donald Fishel, 1979
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ALLELUIA NO. 1
8.8 with refrain

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

Today	Ephesians 1:3-14	In God We Are Blessed *Pastor Priscilla Preaching*
July 18	Ephesians 2:11-22	In God's House *Pastor Billy Preaching*
July 25	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 (begins July 11)
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, 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 starting 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	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Allyn Bruce	Nancy Dixon	Matthew Akery
John Dounian	Sandra Pell	David Boyd
Norman Hook	Kendall Ramsay	Earl Frasier
Dale Norman	Carole Russell	Brenda Gibson
Michael Patrick	Nathan Snider	Tim Platts
Paul Patrick	Graham Wade	Nathan Ward

Clerk - Carole Russell
Assistant Clerk - tba
Treasurer - Doug Earnst
Assistant Treasurer - Patty Stokes

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