



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship for July 18, 2021

In-Person and Online at 11:00 am

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

Rejoice Greatly O My Soul

SIGFRIED KARG-ELERT

◆CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALMS 42 AND 118

One: These things I remember as I pour out my soul:

All: **how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.**

One: This is the day the Lord has made!

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

◆INVOCATION

◆HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we resist the urging of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may live more nearly the life to which you have called us in Christ; for we pray in his name.

Silent Personal Confession

◆ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

◆SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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**The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrow cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.**

◆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.

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

Sing Unto God
Sanctuary Choir

GORDON YOUNG

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 2:11-22

SERMON

God's Household

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM A DECLARATION OF FAITH

We believe that God sends us to tell all nations
that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and obedience.

We are to proclaim by word and deed
that Christ gave himself to set people free
from sin and self-hatred, from ignorance and disease,
from all forms of oppression, and even from death.

We are to offer them in Christ's name fullness of life now and forever.

We must not distort the gospel by weakening its promises or demands,
by identifying it with oppressive structures,
by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ.

We must not restrict our proclamation
to persons just like ourselves.

We invite people everywhere to believe in Christ and become his followers.

We urge them to join us
in telling others the good news and
in struggling for justice, compassion and peace.

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

◆ BENEDICTION AND SENDING SONG

We Sing Together:

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

◆ POSTLUDE

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

WEISSE FLAGGEN

◆ *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.

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Acolytes are Cameron Patrick and Connor Chandler.
Ushers are Carole Russell, Howard Fulwiler, Henry Shepard, and Nathan Ward.
Children's Church Volunteers are Paige Dadin and Ruth Marie Emblar.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Stonewall Jackson (Jack) Watson II.

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.

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

Today	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 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.

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 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: 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	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	Nita Rodemann
Fran Ligon	David Kerr	Mary Martschink	Jean Isbell
Nancy Plowden	Sharon Hutchinson	David Wiggins	Will Kuenzel
Gary Brooks	Harper Croft	Ginger Greene	Janie Hammersmith
Steve Buddin	Deb Sloan	Allene Buddin	Frank Painter
Rosa Oswald	Bob Ferguson	Jerry Smoak	Jackie Epstein
Dick Unger	Clif Green	Brenda DeSmet	Libba Johnson
Pam Smith			

Prayers of Sympathy and Support are extended to

Tissie Watson, Meg Dorsal and family upon the death of their husband and father, Jack Watson.

Friend of the Week

Heather MacInnes
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Mission of the Week

Russian Church Partnership
Church of Transfiguration
Perm, Russia

Church Family

Mark and Stephani Peterson
Hailey, Kayten
Gail Puffenbarger

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
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