



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship for August 15, 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

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

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I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

PSALM 111

One: Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.

All: **Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.**

One: He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and compassionate.

All: **He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.**

One: He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever;
holy and awesome is his name.

All: **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice it have a good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.**

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 663

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

MORNING HYMN

CONFESSION

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we are your children, but we have turned away from your wisdom and walked in our own ways. We have lived carelessly and squandered time. We have been foolish and failed to understand your will. Purge us from evil and fill us with your spirit. Clear our minds from clutter that we may discern what is right and walk in your ways. Amen

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

SPECIAL MUSIC They'll Know We are Christians
Dee Bee Wright, cymbells

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 5:15-20 PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 194

SERMON In God We Have the Gift of Time

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆SONG NO. 716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending BEACH SPRING

◆AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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, 843-834-3319
 - Pastor Billy Wade, 770-714-2802
- 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 UPDATED POLICY (8/5/2021)

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 required for all who are Kindergarten and older, vaccinated and unvaccinated, as they enter all buildings.
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.
6. While the ropes have been removed from most of the sanctuary and seating is open, there are some reserved sections:
 - Socially-distanced seating is available. 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.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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)

Our Sunday schedule will change next week as we celebrate Kick-Off Sunday! We invite you to join us in these new activities as we come back stronger and better. Please see the insert Kick-Off Sunday, August 22. We are Family: Called Together As Disciples (Matthew 28:19)

DISCIPLESHIP CHURCH-WIDE KICKBALL GAME AUGUST 22, 2021

Sunday, August 22, at Parkshore Park from 3:00-5:00 pm. Bring yourself, your friends, your joy and probably some water as we celebrate the kick-off to fall discipleship with a friendly game of church-wide kickball! You don't have to play, come for the fun, fellowship and to be a fan! All are welcome! Weather permitting.

WPC AND THE RIVERDOGS, FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 7:00 PM

What a better way to end a week than a little baseball, some fireworks and your church family?! Please email Graham Wade to reserve tickets: gcwade79@gmail.com. Friends and family welcome!

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS TURNING 200!

We are getting ready to start planning for the 200th anniversary of Westminster Presbyterian Church. If you have pictures or documents you would like to share, or if you have ideas for the celebration, we would like to hear from you. We join a long line of faithful witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Billy Wade 770-714-2802, wbwade75@gmail.com



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 Siefring
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	Clif Green	Allene Buddin	Frank Painter
Dick Unger	Leigh Throckmorton	Jerry Smoak	Jackie Epstein
Anderson Scruggs	Jean Lewandowski	Brenda DeSmet	Libba Johnson
Hallie Grace Davis	Branden Prues	Maryalice Vann	Mary and Randy Davis
The Werts Family	Anne Willis	John Kameyer	Stephen Moody

Friend of the Week

Ruth McSweeney
1145 Southgate Drive
Charleston, SC 29407

Mission of the Week

Metanoia
2005 Reynolds Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405

Church Family

Greg and Kendall Ramsay
Jillian, Henry
Debbie Redmon

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

Treasurer - Doug Earnst

Assistant Treasurer - Patty Stokes

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