



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

## Order of Worship for August 29, 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

Minute for Mission

#### ◆ SONG OF PREPARATION

What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?  
To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.  
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#### ◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**All: The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

One: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

**All: We 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.**

#### ◆ PRAYER

#### ◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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### CONFESSION

#### ◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Be merciful to us, O God. You send us into your kingdom and we dig in our heels. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 1:17-27

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 229

SERMON

Being Hearers and Doers of the Word

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

◆AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM THE CONFESSION OF BELHAR

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. We believe that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right. We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.**

## 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. 296                      Go In Grace and Make Disciples                      WONDROUS LIGHT

### ◆BLESSING

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◆*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; Nancy Parrish, Music.

Ushers are Karen Norman, Jim Drennan, Regina Keene.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jack, Alissa, Mac and Caroline Ferguson by Bob and Debby Ferguson.

### FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

Today	James 1:17-27	Being Hearers and Doers of the Word <i>Pastor Lissa Preaching</i>
September 5	James 2:1-13	Called to Love Our Neighbors Fully <i>Pastor Priscilla Preaching</i>
September 12	James 3:1-12	Paying Attention to the Small Things <i>Pastor Lissa Preaching</i>
September 19	James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a	Drawing Near to God <i>Pastor Billy Preaching</i>
September 26	James 5:13-20	Praying Fervently <i>Pastor Lissa Preaching</i>



## 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](http://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 room 16 in the Children's Building. 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

We are Family: Called Together As Disciples (Matthew 28:19)

9:00 – 9:45	Worship Service in the Sanctuary (nursery available)
10:00 – 10:45	Sunday School Preschool—5K Room 16 1st–5th Grade, Room 15 Sunday School for Youth 6th -12th grade -Covenant Hall, Room 1 Sunday School for Adults -Covenant Hall
11:00 – 11:45	Worship service in the Sanctuary (nursery available; Children's Church offered)

## YOUTH GROUP PIZZA AND PARENTS

ALL Youth 6th–12th grades and their parents are invited to come enjoy a pizza dinner and fellowship as we review the Youth Group Calendar for this year and address any questions. Today at 6:00–7:00 pm in Covenant Hall.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please email Janie Bruce at [jbruce@wpccharleston.org](mailto:jbruce@wpccharleston.org) if you are interested in volunteering for Children's Church during the 11:00 am Worship this fall.

## CHILDREN'S FACE MASK DRIVE

Our partner school, Mary Ford, needs help with children's face masks. We will be collecting (washed or new) reusable and new disposable masks at Westminster Presbyterian Church in a basket in the Narthex. Children at Mary Ford are 2-5 years old.

## 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](mailto:wbwade75@gmail.com)

## COLLEGE STUDENTS' ADDRESSES

If you have a child who will be in college during the 2021-2022 school year and who would like to receive prayers/cards/treats from Westminster Presbyterian Church, please contact Nita Rushton at 843-766-8311, or [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org) with an updated address before August 30, 2021.



## 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](http://wpccharleston.org) or using the QR code. You may also fill out an online New Member form under the visitor tab at [wpccharleston.org](http://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.

## 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 Siefing
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 Preus	Maryalice Vann	Mary and Randy Davis
The Werts Family	Anne Willis	Kammeyer Family	Stephen Moody
Julie Pell			

### Friend of the Week

Bill Myers  
3359 Jenkins Farm Rd.  
Charleston, SC 29455

### Mission of the Week

Mary Ford Early Learning  
3180 Thomasina McPherson Blvd.  
North Charleston, SC 29405

### Church Family

Thomas and Sarah Sams  
Kathryn and Elizabeth  
Carole Russell

### 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

### Westminster Presbyterian Church

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Rev. Dr. Daniel L. Smoak, Pastor, (on sabbatical until 10-1-2021)

Rev. Lissa Long, Associate Pastor, mlong@wpccharleston.org

Rev. Billy Wade, Parish Associate, wbwade75@gmail.com

Dr. Priscilla Holtzclaw, Commissioned Lay Pastor, pwholtz@gmail.com

Mr. Robin Zemp, Director of Music, rzemp@wpccharleston.org

Mrs. Janie Bruce, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, jbruce@wpccharleston.org

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