Westminster Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship for August 8, 2021

In-Person 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

One: We will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth!
All: Our soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad!
One: Oh, magnify the Lord with us, and let us exalt his name together!
All: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the person who takes refuge in him!

♦INVOCATION

♦SONG OF PRAISE NO. 396 Brethren, We Have Met to Worship HOLY MANNA

CONFESSION

♦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you sent your son Jesus the Christ to save us, and you have asked us to be honest, to confess our sins to you. You hear our confessions, receiving them fully. Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." Even with those words coming from our mouths, we forget. Lord, forgive us for the ways we do not seek you, for the ways we do not serve you, and for the ways we turn our eyes from you. Have mercy on us.

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 Awesome God
Mary and Catherine Patrick, Ukulele

Scripture Lesson Ephesians 4:25-5:2 Pew Bible N.T. Page 194

Sermon In God We Have Grace

Responding to the Word

♦Song No. 730 Sing a Song of the Saints of God Grand Isle

♦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. 767 Together We Serve SAN ANSELMO

♦ BLESSING

♦*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; Meg Dorsel, Livestream.

Ushers are Matt Akery, Joe Jeter, Laura Nunn.

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.

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.

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

Today	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*

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.

STEPS - FRIDAY, AUGUST 27 AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

S.T.E.P.S – Studying + Teaching + Equipping + Praying + Serving: This presbytery-wide event is a wonderful opportunity for high school youth and adult church members, teachers, ministry teams, worship/music leaders, officers and staffs to enrich their faith and understanding of the church. S.T.E.P.S. will take place Friday, August 27 and Saturday August 28. Friday's events will consist of picnic on the grounds (bring your own or food trucks available…also bring a chair or blanket) of the presbytery office followed by worship and a concert with David LaMotte. Admission is a non-perishable item for the presbytery's blessing box. Saturday will offer a morning of in-person and virtual workshops and concluding with worship for all. Cost is $10. Registration deadline is August 13, 2021. Registration information and full agenda is on the presbytery website (http://capresbytery.org/steps) and printed brochures are available in the church office.

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.

Westminster Prays

Carol Cummings
Bill Myers
Dart Willer
Bill Pennekamp
Kate Pennekamp
Sara McCoy
Love Moody
Karen Dangerfield
Lisa Wilcox
Harold Fountain
Nancy Plowden
Gary Brooks
Steve Buddin
Rosa Oswald
Dick Unger
Pam Smith
Hallie Grace Davis
The Werts Family
Meg Powell
Keith Gordon
Shirley Seay
Larry Salley
Dot Dangerfield
Lydia Crosby
David Morris IV
Brian Carlow
Frances McLean
David Kerr
Sharon Hutchinson
Harper Croft
Deb Sloan
Clif Green
Leigh Throckmorton
Jean Lewandowski
Branden Prues
Charles Howell
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
John Kameyer
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
Sara McCoy
1855 Ashley Hall Road
Charleston, SC 29407

Mission of the Week
Water Missions International
P.O. Box 71489
North Charleston, SC 29415

Church Family
Neil and Clarita Ritzel
Lauren, Jacob
Sally Rogers

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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