



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship for September 12, 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

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

FROM PSALM 19

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

All: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

One: There is no speech, nor are their words; their voice is not heard;

All: Yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

**All: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

One: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**All: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you,
O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.**

◆ PRAYER

◆ HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

CONFESSION

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus asked the disciples, “Who do people say I am?” And they said, “You are the Messiah.” Jesus told the crowd to be his followers, they must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow him. We say you are our Messiah. We call you the Christ. We are bold in our convictions on Sunday and they wane on a Monday. We take up our crosses and then put them down because they are too heavy. We do not deny ourselves. Forgive us Lord for our weakness, our attention to distractions, and our inattention to you. Grant us your mercy and your grace.

Silent Personal Confession

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE

We are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

◆ 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

I'd Rather Have Jesus
Mike Niblock

GEORGE BEVERLY SHEA

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 3:1-12

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 230

SERMON

Paying Attention to Small Things

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG NO. 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

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.

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit. 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.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

SENDING OUT

◆SENDING SONG NO. 318

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

◆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.

Acolyte is Mary Patrick.

Ushers are Matt Akery, Joe Jeter, and Laura Nunn.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

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 the Children's building for Children's Church. 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 (9/1/2021)

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 three years old and older, vaccinated and unvaccinated, as they enter all buildings for church activities.
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)

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

Today	James 3:1-12	Paying Attention to the Small Things <i>Pastor Lissa Preaching</i>
September 19	James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a	Seeking Wisdom <i>Pastor Billy Preaching</i>
September 26	James 5:13-20	Praying Fervently <i>Pastor Lissa Preaching</i>

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, September 14, at Trotter's Restaurant at Town and County Inn, 8:00–9:00 am. Join us for breakfast and Bible study the second Tuesday of every month. We are meeting in person for breakfast. All men are welcome to join in encouragement and fellowship.

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

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 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 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	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	Leigh Throckmorton	Allene Buddin	Frank Painter
Dick Unger	Jean Lewandowski	Jerry Smoak	Jackie Epstein
Anderson Scruggs	Branden Preus	Brenda DeSmet	Libba Johnson
Hallie Grace Davis	Anne Willis	Maryalice Vann	Mary and Randy Davis
The Werts Family	Julie Pell	Kammeyer Family	Stephen Moody

Friend of the Week

Bill Pennekamp
1451 Tobias Gadson Blvd. 118
Charleston SC 29407

Mission of the Week

Scout Troop 79
1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.
Charleston, SC 29407

Student of the Week

Kyle Jonsson
2275 University Station
SM 3271
Clemson, SC 29632

Church Family

Liz and Cliff Shelor
Trevor and Jackie Shelor
Caitlin, Emily

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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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

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

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