



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship for September 5, 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

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

MATTHEW 22:34-40

One: When the Pharisees gathered together, they asked Jesus a question to test him.
"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?
All: **And Jesus replied: you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and
with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment.**
One: And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbors as yourself.
All: **On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."**

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

CONFESSION

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of favor, we have not been true to you. You have chosen the poor in the world, but we have dishonored them. You plead the cause of the afflicted, but we crush them. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have favored the rich and dishonored the poor. We have dismissed the needy with empty words. Soften our hearts and make straight our ways. Heal our unbelief and turn us back to you. 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 2:1-13

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 229

SERMON

Called to Love Our Neighbors Fully

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG NO. 693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM THE NICENE CREED (381)

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

One: Remembering the Lord Jesus, we break bread and share the cup, proclaiming his death for the sins of the world and his resurrection for all people. Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God.

All: **They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.**

One: This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust in him to share the feast he has prepared.

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

SENDING OUT

◆SENDING SONG NO. 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy IN BABILONE

◆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; Robin Zemp, Music.

Ushers are Jairus Schumann, Sarah Schumann and Grahame Long.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Walter and Nancy Nunn.

TODAY WE SHARE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to share in the bread and the cup. For those in the Sanctuary please use the prepared elements you received when you arrived. Children are invited to the table provided they've had instruction at home or in Westminster's worship prep class (1st grade).

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please email Janie Bruce at jbruce@wpcharleston.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 year 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 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	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

Prayers of Sympathy and Support are extended for
the family and friends of Clif Green and the family and friends of Myrtle Myrick.

Friend of the Week

Norma O'Brien
201 W. 9th North St. Unit 302
Summerville, SC 29483

Mission of the Week

Food Pantry
1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.
Charleston, SC 29407

Student of the Week

Andrew Smoak
CSU 9200 University Blvd.
North Charleston, SC 29406

Church Family

Tony and Nita Rushton
Larry Salley
Jairus and Sarah Schumann

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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