



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship for September 19, 2021

In-Person and Online at 11:00 am

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WELCOME

Minute for Mission

PRELUDE

Largo

SAMUEL SEBASTIAN WESLEY

◆CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 34:1-3

One: I will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

All: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and be glad.

One: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together!

◆INVOCATION

◆HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, we have failed to hear you speak to us. We have not been the disciples you have called us to be. We often have neglected your people who need our love and care. We have walked right past some who are hurting, thinking only of ourselves and our own problems. We have been more ready to confront others than to love them; more ready to keep what we have than to share with others; more ready to believe the worst in others than to imagine the best in them. We have not seen the face of Christ in our neighbors. Forgive us, and help us to be more nearly the people you want us to be, for we pray in Jesus' name.

Silent Personal Confession

◆ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

◆SONG OF RESPONSE

NETTLETON

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

◆SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbor.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism today is administered to Noah Arthur Holtzclaw, parents Arthur and Deb Holtzclaw. Dick Patrick is the Assisting Elder.

◆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

TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

*Following Children's Time, children ages 3-5k will gather in the narthex with adult leaders and then be led to the playground (weather permitting) or Room 16 in the Children's Building.
Parents may pick them up following the service.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 3:13-18

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SERMON

Seeking Wisdom

◆HYMN NO. 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

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

◆HYMN NO. 307 God of Grace and God of Glory CWM RHONDDA

◆BENEDICTION

◆POSTLUDE Praise Be to God in the Highest FRIEDRICH W. ZACHAU

◆*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; Meg Dorsel, Livestream.

Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from CCLI License #2778901

Acolytes are Cameron Patrick and Connor Chandler.
Ushers are the Fergusons, John Dounian and Son.
Children's Church volunteers are Ashley and Nathan Snider.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

NEW ACOLYTE TRAINING FOR THIRD TO SIXTH GRADERS

September 26, 12:15–3:30 pm. Training will be in the Sanctuary after we have pizza in Covenant Hall. Parents may leave you after church or they may stay with us. We will need parents back by 2:15 pm so they may watch you practice and will know how to help you when you serve! The schedule will be distributed the week after the training and you may switch with others as necessary. Please let me know if you are coming to training so I have enough pizza! Please call me if you have any questions and I look forward to working with each of you. Dee Bee Wright at 843-729-7005.

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.



35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

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 3:13 - 18	Seeking Wisdom <i>Pastor Billy Preaching</i>
September 26	James 5:13-20	Praying Fervently <i>Pastor Lissa Preaching</i>

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

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.



EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING NEXT WEEK, SEPTEMBER 26!

Please mark your calendar to join us for the Launch of the ReShape Initiative next Sunday. ReShape will provide all members of the congregation with an opportunity to help guide where our church programs and ministry move in the future. We will have lots of information at 9:45 am in Covenant Hall to get you acquainted with this exciting opportunity. It will be in a drop-in format, but please allow about 30 minutes to get acquainted with the project and to pick the small group that you are interested in. We are thrilled that this is starting up and hope that you will join us! Head to the food trucks before or after, or both - coffee, doughnuts and Kona Ice are on us! Tickets are included in your bulletin this week for the activities and the food trucks, so hang on to them as a reminder. If you lose them before next week, don't worry, we'll have plenty for you. See you at 9:45 am.

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
Pam Smith	Anne Willis	Maryalice Vann	Stephen Moody
Kammeyer Family	Julie Pell		

Prayers of Sympathy and Support are extended for
Randy and Mary Davis upon the death of their granddaughter, Hallie Grace Davis.

Friend of the Week

Kate Pennekamp
1451 Tobias Gadson Blvd. 118
Charleston SC 29407

Mission of the Week

Back Pack Buddies
1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.
Charleston, SC 29407

Student of the Week

Rachael Stokes
700 Lincoln St.
Apt. 309G-A
Columbia, SC 29201

Church Family

Bob and Beth Shepard
Travis, Nicholas
Robert Seiber

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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