



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

## Order of Worship for September 5, 2021

In-Person and Online at 11:00 am

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

A Joyous Organ Verse

EDOUARD BATISTE

◆CALL TO WORSHIP

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."**

◆INVOCATION

◆HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

◆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

◆ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

◆SONG OF RESPONSE

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, amen.

◆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.*

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 2:1-13

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SERMON

Called to Love Our Neighbors Fully

◆HYMN 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.**



## 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](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 (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.



# We Are One in the Spirit 300

## They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)  
 Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)  
 Bbm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)  
 Bbm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)  
 Db Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)  
 Bbm Fm Bbm Cm Fm Bbm/F Fm

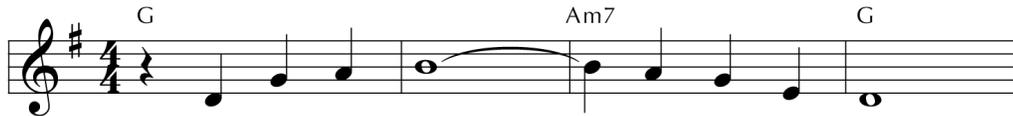
love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

# Though I May Speak

## The Gift of Love

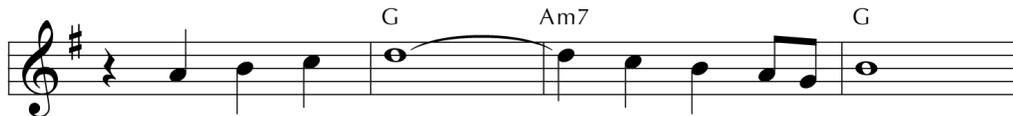
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1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,  
 2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,  
 3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;



and have the gift to all in - spire,  
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,  
 our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love, my words are vain,  
 but not be given by love with - in,  
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.  
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.  
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

As paraphrases of 1 Corinthians 13:1, 3 the first two stanzas here are in the first person singular, yet they lead into a plural prayer for the gift of such love, for it thrives in community. These words are especially poignant with this adaptation of an English folk melody.

FORGIVENESS

# 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness  
 2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures  
 of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,  
 of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal  
 which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's  
 is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more  
 sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place  
 faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -  
 where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.  
 flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

## 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](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	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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