



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship for October 3, 2021

World Communion Sunday

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

A VISION OF WORSHIP FROM REVELATION 7

One: After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice,

All: "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

One: And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying,

All: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

◆ PRAYER

◆ HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

CONFESSION

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, forgive us. With our lips we confess you as the Sovereign Lord of the Universe, but in our hearts we wrestle with you for control of our lives. We are wayward, confused, hurting, and often hurtful people, determined to pursue our own thoughts and imaginations. Keep us from the disease of self, and show us again the path of freedom and love found in following Jesus. May your grace be stronger than our resistance. In your name we pray, Amen.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 2:1-5

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SERMON

Return to Your First Love

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG

In Christ Alone

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◆ 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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

SENDING OUT

◆ SONG NO. 546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

Leading the service today: Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Lissa Long, Pastor; Janie Bruce, Director of Youth and Children; Robin Zemp, Music.

Ushers are Dee Bee Wright, John Wright, and Grahame Long.

The flower in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Pastor Daniel and the Smoak family upon their return from sabbatical.

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. For those worshipping online, gather juice and bread (or wine or crackers) to participate. Children are invited to the table provided they've had instruction at home or in Westminster's worship prep class (1st grade).

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Wednesday, October 6, at 6:00 pm in Covenant Hall. We need your hands! Join us as we pack weekend food kits for local elementary school students. We will pack in Covenant Hall, wearing masks and social distancing. The work takes about 45 minutes, and all ages are welcome. Hand sanitizer will be provided, and masks are required.

HAMMER IT OUT HUSTLE 5K AND FUN RUN

Saturday, October 9, at the West Ashley Outboard Motor Club. Visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/SC/JohnsIsland/TheHammerItOutHustle5kandFunRun> for details. Please sign up joining the Westminster Team! It is always a great time even if you don't run! Questions may be addressed to Chuck or Christine Towne at crtownei@aol.com

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive hosted by Westminster Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 10. The bloodmobile will be on site 8:00 am to 1:00 pm the morning of October 10, 2021. Please help by donating blood if you are able! Make your appointment online at redcrossblood.org with sponsor code: Westminster. Contact Brenda Gibson at brenmalia1@gmail.com if you have any questions.

YOUTH GROUP

Today The Good Shepherd Middle School 5:00–6:00 pm; High School 6:00– 7:00 pm

LOOKING FORWARD:

October 10	The Resurrection	Middle School 5:00–6:00 pm; High School 6:00– 7:00 pm
October 17	Trunk & Treat	All Youth
October 24	Trick-Can-Treat!	All Youth
October 31	Halloween	No Youth Group



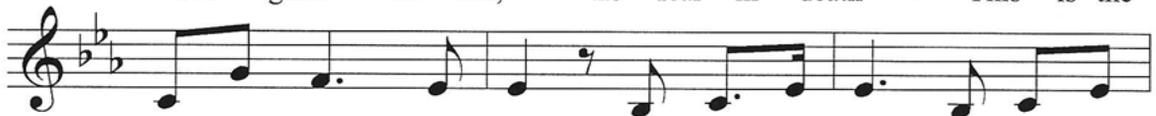
In Christ Alone

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Maestoso ♩ = 80



In Christ a - lone my hope is found. He is my
In Christ a - lone! Who took on flesh; Full - ness of
There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the
No guilt in life, no fear in death - This is the



light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -
world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fin - al



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
ness, scorned by the ones He came to save: 'Til on that
Day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - for -
cross as Jes - us died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied; For ev' - ry
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am
hell, no scheme of man, can e - ver pluck me from His hand; 'Til He re -



ter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
His and He is mine - bought with the prec - ious blood of Christ.
turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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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 Children's building room 16 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 Daniel Smoak, 843-872-1001
 - Pastor Lissa Long, 843-810-2232
- 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 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.

Communion

1. Communion Kits will be available in the narthex. Please take one as you pick up your bulletin. Gluten-free kits will also be available.
2. The Communion Kit contains: a zip-lock bag, a sealed sanitizing wipe, and a small plastic chalice with bread on one end and juice on the other.
3. When communion begins, you may remove and open the wipe to clean your hands, and/or absorb any spills. When prompted by the Pastor to take the bread, remove the seal and take it from the bottom of the chalice. When prompted to drink the juice, remove the seal and drink.
4. Place the empty chalice and wipe back into the bag to take with you when you exit the sanctuary. Dispose of the bag in the trashcans at the exits.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Discipleship "Serving Christ as Disciples"

9:00 – 9:45	Worship Service in the Sanctuary (nursery available)
10:00 – 10:45	Sunday School Preschool–5K Room 16 1st– 2nd Grade, Room 17 3rd–5th Grade, Room 15 Sunday School for Youth 6th –12th grade -Covenant Hall, Room 3 Sunday School for Adults - Cary Grayson Class, Room 1 Covenant Hall Covenant Class -Parlor Discipleship - Covenant Hall ReShape Small Groups to begin October 17.
11:00 – 11:45	Worship service in the Sanctuary (nursery available; Children's Church offered)

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

October 3	Revelation 2:1-5	Return to Your First Love <i>Pastor Daniel Preaching</i>
October 10	Mark 10:17-31	
October 17	Mark 10:35-45	
October 24	Mark 10:46-52	
October 31	Mark 12:28-34	

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
Anderson Scruggs
Pam Smith
Davina Hartigan

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
Leigh Throckmorton
Jean Lewandowski
Branden Preus
Anne Willis
Julie Pell

Summer Garris
Mary Ashley Barbot
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
Karen McInnes
Dan Butts

Andria Sanchez Freeman
Chrissie Bosworth
Ginger Sieftring
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
Stephen Moody
Chad Waldrop

Friend of the Week

Shirley Seay
1416 Drexell Street
Charleston, SC 29407

Mission of the Week

Hands of Christ
1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.
Charleston, SC 29407

Student of the Week

Mary "Emmy" Stokes
4104 Jacobs Road
Seneca, SC 29678

Church Family

Roberta Shepard
Kirk and Jennifer Smith
Kirkland, Ashleigh

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

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