



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

## Order of Worship for October 31, 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

Come into God's presence singing "Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord."  
Praise the Lord together singing "Worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb."  
Praise the Lord together singing "Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God."

### WORDS OF PRAISE

One: We hear the voice of God calling,  
**All: "Love your neighbor as yourself."**  
One: We feel the Spirit moving among us;  
**All: Moving us to acts of compassion and justice.**  
One: We know the love of Jesus.  
**All: We love because Christ first loved us.**  
One: Come, worship God together.  
**All: Come, let us serve our God, who calls us by name.**

#### ◆PRAYER

◆SONG OF PRAISE NO. 441                      Hear the Good News of Salvation                      NETTLETON

### CONFESSION

#### ◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, we confess before you our lack of love.  
We have not loved you as we should.  
We have not loved others as we love ourselves.  
We have been self-centered and self-satisfied.  
Yet, out of your eternal love for us, you sent your son  
to show us how to love and to reunite us with you.  
In his name we ask your forgiveness and pray you would fill us with his Spirit  
so we may truly love and serve you, loving others as you have loved us,  
loving not just those who love us, but those who count us as enemies.  
Through your reconciling love, forgive us, and help us to forgive others.  
Write these laws of love upon our hearts. In Jesus name.

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

ANTHEM

Celebration for Bells  
*Handbell Choir*

ROBIN BENTON

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 12:28-34

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 49

SERMON

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

◆ DECLARING OUR FAITH

FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (1983)

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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. 300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

◆BLESSING

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◆*Please stand, if able*

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

Ushers are Sarah Schumann, Matt Akery, and Karen Norman.

### ALL SAINTS' DAY

All Saints' Day has been celebrated on November 1 since the year 835. Next Sunday in worship we will celebrate the promises of God for those who believe, and we will remember the saints of God from Westminster who having lived this life in faith, have entered the Church Triumphant during the past year. Beverly Chotvacs, Clif Green, Annalee Myers, Bill Myers, Myrtle Myrick, Nella Peele, Joe Smith, Bruce Yarnall.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There is a Called Meeting of the Congregation (in person) on Sunday, October 31, immediately after the 11:00 worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to fill vacancies on the Session and Diaconate by electing one elder and one deacon. The Nominating Committee will nominate Brenda Clarey (deacon) and George McAbee (elder).

**George McAbee** *“Come to me and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28.* On the stained glass window in the front of the church is the scripture from Matthew 11:28, “Come to me and I will give you rest”. George is sure the founders of our church must have been thinking, that helping those that are “weary and burdened” find rest and peace in their lives is a prayer of fulfillment. If we can help others, God will take care of Westminster and he is glad to serve wherever he is needed.

#### **Brenda Clarey**

*So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31.* Forty years ago Brenda was born again; the word became alive to her and she wanted to learn all she could about Jesus and his Word. She wants people praying together for our church so they will know its kingdom purpose.

### SERMON BY PHONE 843-252-0146

Many of us have friends, family, and neighbors who are still removed from worshipping at church due to technical difficulties. Please feel free to share with them the WPC Sermon By Phone number so they may call in and hear God’s Word read and proclaimed. Simply dial 843-252-0146 to listen to the latest sermon by phone. There will be no charge to the caller for the call.

### BACKPACK BUDDIES AND FOOD TRUCK

Feed yourself, your family and feed your soul while feeding others and packing for Backpack Buddies. In lieu of fully returning back to Wonderful Wednesday, we invite you and your families to join us for a Food Truck Picnic (Southern Roots BBQ) in the Westminster Parking Lot starting at 5:00 pm. Just like Wonderful Wednesdays, you will pay for your meal. Stay afterward for Backpack Buddies! 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.

### CAP MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

We’re all in this Together, Charleston Atlantic Presbytery Middle School Retreat at Bethelwoods Camp & Conference Center. November 12-14, 2021. Cost is \$100.00 per person. Registration must be completed by October 31, 2021. Registration forms are in the church office. Contact Janie Bruce for more information [jbruce@wpccharleston.org](mailto:jbruce@wpccharleston.org).

### YOUTH GROUP

October 31 Halloween No Youth Group

### LOOKING FORWARD:

November 7		All Youth 5:00–7:00 pm
November 14	The Way	Middle High 5:00 pm; Senior High 6:00 pm
November 21	Thanksgiving Week	No Youth Group
November 28	The True Vine	Middle High 5:00 pm; Senior High 6:00 pm

## 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](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. 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.



## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, October 31

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School and ReShape Groups
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:05 pm	Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Monday, November 1

9:50 am	4's Chapel, Sanctuary
11:45 am	Dance, Covenant Hall
6:00 pm	Scout Troop 79, Room 1
7:00 pm	ReShape, small group
7:00 pm	Scout Pack 79

### Tuesday, November 2

6:30 am	Toast Master, Covenant Hall
6:00 pm	Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

### Wednesday, November 3

8:30 am	Preschool Funastics, Covenant Hall
12:00 pm	ReShape Group, small group, Room 1
5:00 pm	Feeding Frenzy Food Truck
6:00 pm	Backpack Buddies
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Thursday, November 4

9:00 am	Speech-Preschool, Covenant Hall
9:50 am	3's Chapel, Sanctuary
6:00 pm	ReShape, small group

### Saturday, November 6

12:00 pm	Loretta Haskell Rehearsal, Sanctuary
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### Sunday, November 7

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School and ReShape Groups
11:00 am	Worship Service
3:00 pm	Loretta Haskell Recital, Sanctuary

### FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

Today	Mark 12:28-34
November 7	Mark 12:38-44
November 14	Mark 13:1-8
November 21	John 18:33-37
November 28	Luke 21:25-36 Advent 1

### IS GOD CALLING YOU TO JOIN THE WESTMINSTER FAMILY?

Here's how you can do it.

1. You may fill out an online New Member form under the visitor tab at [wpccharleston.org](http://wpccharleston.org) or using the QR code.
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
Dart Willer	Keith Gordon	Mary Ashley Barbot	Chrissie Bosworth
Bill Pennekamp	Shirley Seay	Joyce Aydlett	Ginger Siefing
Kate Pennekamp	Larry Salley	Daryn Baker	Martin Davis
Sara McCoy	Dot Dangerfield	Curtis Sponseller	Kevin Ritzel
Love Moody	Lydia Crosby	Sean Fitzgibbon	Gloria Underhill
Karen Dangerfield	David Morris IV	Thom Penney	Jeff Bryant
Lisa Wilcox	Brian Carlow	Nikolai Fruth	Barbara Johnston
Harold Fountain	Frances McLean	Allan Scott	Michael Morgan
Nancy Plowden	David Kerr	Mary Martschink	Nita Rodemann
Gary Brooks	Sharon Hutchinson	David Wiggins	Jean Isbell
Steve Buddin	Harper Croft	Allene Buddin	Will Kuenzel
Rosa Oswald	Deb Sloan	Jerry Smoak	Janie Hammersmith
Dick Unger	Leigh Throckmorton	Brenda DeSmet	Jim Hammersmith
Anderson Scruggs	Jean Lewandowski	Maryalice Vann	Frank Painter
Pam Smith	Branden Preus	Karen McInnes	Jackie Epstein
Davina Hartigan	Anne Willis	Dan Butts	Libba Johnson
David Grove	Julie Pell	Jerry Hallman	Stephen Moody
Chad Waldrop	Brooks Oswald		

## Blessing Box Prayer Requests

10-27 Me and my whole family would like for you to pray for us.

### Friend of the Week

Robbie Yarnall  
1565 N. Pinebark Lane  
Charleston, SC 29407

### Mission of the Week

Metanoia  
2005 Reynolds Ave.  
North Charleston, SC 29405

### Student of the Week

Emma Kerr  
PMB 28787  
3300 Poinsett Hwy.  
Greenville, SC 29613

### Church Family

Mike and Patty Stokes  
Emmy, Rachael  
Carlton and Selena Stoney  
Addison, Ellison, Piper

## 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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