



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship for November 28, 2021

In-Person and Online at 11:00 am

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune on "Wachet Auf"

Martha Sobaje

*Zion hears the watchmen singing, and all her heart with joy is springing; she wakes, she rises from her gloom;
For her Lord comes down all glorious, the strong in grace, in truth victorious, Her Star is risen; her Light is come.*

◆ LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

The Whitener Family

We sing together:

**He came down that we may have hope;
he came down that we may have hope;
he came down that we may have hope;
hallelujah forevermore.**

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: During Advent, we give thanks to the one who gives us a future.

All: He came down that we might have a future.

One: During Advent, we wait for the one who is our hope.

All: He came down that we might have hope.

◆ HYMN NO. 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: The Lord says, "behold, the days are coming when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah."

All: Hear our prayers of confession.

One: The Lord says, "In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land."

All: Hear our need for redemption.

One: The Lord says, "In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'"

**All: Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember us. Forgive us.**

Silent Personal Confession

◆SONG OF RESPONSE

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

◆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 Room 16 in the Children's Building. Parents may pick them up following the service.

ANTHEM

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending
Sanctuary Choir

CHARLES WESLEY

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 21:25-36

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Getting Ready

◆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.

◆HYMN NO. 92

While We Are Waiting, Come

WAITING (CASON)

MOMENT FOR MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

◆HYMN NO. 104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

◆BENEDICTION

◆POSTLUDE

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

JOSEPH PARRY

◆*Please stand, if able*

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

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

Acolytes are Katie Griggs and John Griggs.

Ushers are Nathan Snider, Nathan Ward, Taffy Tamblyn and Howard Fulwiler.

Children's Church volunteers are Abby and Tyler Mobley.



ReShape

"Like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand..."
Jeremiah 18:6

Thank you to those who have made financial commitments for 2022! We're off to a good start receiving 91 pledges totaling \$433,234.00. Our goal is 100% participation, so if you have not yet turned in your Commitment Card or made an easy online pledge at wpccharleston.org, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness in 2021- even as we look forward to fruitful ministry at Westminster Presbyterian Church in the next year!

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Wednesday, December 1, 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.

GIFT MAKING WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 4, 10:00–11:30 am in Covenant Hall. We invite children 1st–5th grade to create gifts for friends and family! There is a sign up sheet on the sign up board in the Admin hall at church. There is a 25 maximum for children with a waitlist to follow and a suggested \$10 donation on the day of the event.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN PRAYER

Presbyterian Women invite all the women of Westminster to join together to pray 5 minutes a day through December 12. As we pray for one another, we ask God to invite us into conversations of encouragement, rejuvenation and peace. Presbyterian Women are collecting women's white, regular cotton, briefs for the Leeds Avenue Women's Detention Center. Please put donations in the workroom, in a bag marked PW. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Lundy at 843-607- 2102. Collections end on December 15.

ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree is located in the Narthex. Please choose an angel or two from the tree to shop for. Westminster's goal is to provide gifts to 125 students from the Mary Ford Early Childhood Center . Gift suggestions and sign-ups for the students, between the ages of 2 and 5 years old, will be provided at tables located near the Angel Tree, in the Church Office, or via the link provided in E News. If you would prefer Westminster's Youth do the shopping for you, donations may be provided to the WPC Youth Group- designated for the Angel Tree. Unwrapped gifts must be delivered to the church by Sunday, December 12.

FAMILY ADVENT WREATH BAGS

Families interested in making an Advent Wreath at home will be provided an Advent Wreath Bag with all the supplies. Bags will be available for pick up in the church office on a first-come, first-serve basis while supplies last. You can call the church office 843-766-8311, and we will put your name on a bag for pick up on Sunday. Each bag will include directions for assembly, information on the meaning of the Advent Wreath and a color picture of a complete wreath.

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 is no charge to the caller for the call.

ADULT ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

All Adults are invited to a Advent Bible Study Sunday mornings in Covenant Hall at 10:00 am. "Advent of the Savior" books are available in Pastor Lissa's office to help us journey through Advent together.

YOUTH GROUP

Today The True Vine Middle High 5:00 pm; Senior High 6:00 pm

LOOKING FORWARD:

December 5	The Alpha & Omega	Middle High 5:00 pm; Senior High 6:00 pm
December 12	Angel Tree Shopping	All Youth 5:00–7:30 pm
December 19	Youth Christmas Party	
December 26	Christmas Holiday	No Youth Group
January 2	New Year Holiday	No Youth Group

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 thee; here, Lord, a - bid. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

Beginning as a paraphrase of Psalm 24:7–10, this text then applies the door imagery to the singer's heart, and concludes with the individual's welcome of the approaching Savior. It is set to a very effective anonymous 18th-century English tune that has served many texts.

92 While We Are Waiting, Come

1 While we are wait - ing, come;
2 With power and glo - ry, come;
3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;

while we are wait - ing, come.
with power and glo - ry, come.
come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

while we are wait - ing, come.

This simple and meditative Advent hymn is so uncomplicated in both text and tune that it can be learned quickly and sung without reference to a book, which might make it effective as a prayer response. It would also lend itself to improvised stanzas on appropriate occasions.

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 104

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;
 3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
 your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.
 to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,
 O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
 In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
 in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.
 when your re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming.

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

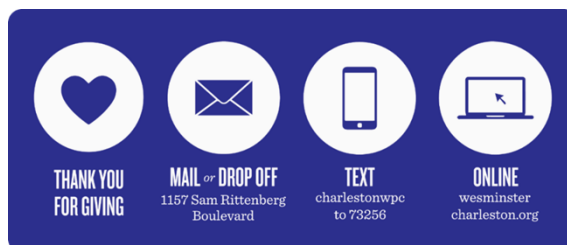
Please let us know you're here by completing the Virtual Friendship Register. Simply scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to open or find on our website under the Quick Links, Virtual Friendship Register.



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. Offering plates are at the entrances/exits to receive your offering.
4. 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, November 28

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Middle School Youth
6:00 pm	High School Youth
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, November 29

4:30 pm	Robotics, Room 1
7:00 pm	Scout Pack 79

Tuesday, November 30

6:30 am	Toast Master, Covenant Hall
10:00 am	Staff Meeting, Parlor
7:00 pm	Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 1

6:00 pm	Backpack Buddies, Covenant Hall
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Saturday, December 4

10:00 am	Gift Making Workshop, Covenant Hall
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10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Middle School Youth
6:00 pm	High School Youth
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

Today	Luke 21:25-36 Advent 1
December 5	Luke 3:1-6 Advent 2
December 12	Luke 3:7-18 Advent 3 Lessons and Carols and Blue Christmas
December 19	Luke 1:39-45;46-55 Advent 4

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 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	Christina Miller	Liz Shelor
Jerry Waldrop	Towne Family		

Friend of the Week

Carol Cummings
4749-B Yardly Dr.
N. Charleston, SC 29405

Mission of the Week

Thornwell Home for Children
302 South Broad St.
Clinton, SC 29325

Student of the Week

Caitlin Shelor
Danby Rd
0220 Eastman Hall
Ithaca, NY 14850

Church Family

Bob and Charlotte Walker
Nancy Waller
Frank and Audra Walters
Bayden, Avery

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, George McAbee, 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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