



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship for January 2, 2022

The Second Sunday of Christmas

In-Person at 9:00 am

GATHERING

Please greet each other warmly as the congregation gathers for worship.

WELCOME

♦ SONG OF PREPARATION

I Love You Lord

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear; May it be a sweet sound in your ear.

♦ CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM JEREMIAH 31:7-14

One: For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say,
All: "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."
One: See, I am going to bring them forth from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
**All: Among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor,
together; a great company, they shall return here.**
One: With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back,
**All: I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall
not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.**
One: Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away;
All: "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

♦ SONG NO. 147

The First Nowell
Verses 1,2,5,6

THE FIRST NOWELL

CONFESSION

♦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENNESS

One: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
All: He was in the beginning with God.
One: All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.
All: Hear our confession of not turning to you, God.
One: What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.
All: Hear our confession of not seeing Christ's light in all people.
One: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
All: Hear our prayers of confession.

Silent Personal Confession

♦DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

♦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

Laura Patrick

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 192

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Marked with the Seal

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

♦SONG OF RESONSE NO. 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

♦INVITATION

♦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;

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

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

SENDING OUT

♦ SENDING SONG NO. 105

People, Look East

BESANCON

♦ BLESSING

♦ *Please stand, if able*

Leading the service today: Lissa Long, Pastor; Robin Zemp, Music.

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

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, January 5, 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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON JANUARY 11

Join us for Breakfast and Bible Study from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. on the Second Tuesday of every month. We are meeting IN-PERSON for breakfast at Trotters Restaurant at Town and Country Inn and Suites (2008 Savannah Highway). We're studying OT characters: Jonah this month. Pastor Daniel will be leading; join us for the Fellowship and Encouragement!

BETTER NORTHBRIDGE COALITION

Charleston County will be hosting a public information session on January 12th at Westminster Presbyterian Church from 4-7 pm. The comment period will be open from December 15th until February 11th.

Materials are available on the County's project page (BetterNorthBridge.com).

With no space dedicated to people on bikes or foot, and a small raised median with delineators down the middle, the North Bridge is one of the Lowcountry's most hostile crossings for vulnerable road users. The goal of the Coalition is to raise awareness and advocate funding and action from government agencies to construct a separate bicycle and pedestrian bridge. Westminster Presbyterian Church is a proud coalition member.

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.

o Pastor Daniel Smoak, 843-872-1001

o 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

LET'S BEGIN A NEW YEAR WITH FAITHFUL COMMITMENTS

Thank you to those who have made financial commitments for 2022! We have received 131 pledges totaling \$576,558. In the next few weeks the Finance Committee and Session will be finalizing the 2022 budget, and to continue to maintain and grow the church's mission and ministry, your support is needed! If you have not made a pledge for the year, please fill out a pledge form (available in the narthex) or make an online pledge at www.wpccharleston.org. Thank you to all who have participated thus far, and we look forward to others joining this group of faithful stewards of God's gifts.

Your generous support enables us to continue to support vital mission and ministry in Charleston and beyond. Here's a letter we received this week from our campus ministry partner at College of Charleston and The Citadel:

Hello all!

I hope everyone had a wonderful and restful Christmas season. Just want to say that we received your donation check for campus ministries and are so deeply grateful. Your contribution to our ministry was literally an answer to prayer. A few months ago, we were praying for a miracle to carry us into the New Year and you all provided that miracle.

If you all want to come visit the cadets on a Monday or sit in an EmpowHer small group, we would love to have you! Also, you should be getting an end-of-the-year newsletter from me in the mail in the next week or two.

God bless and thank you again!

Erin Norton

www.charlestonjourney.org

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.



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.



THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, January 2

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Tuesday, January 4

6:30 am	Toast Master, Covenant Hall
9:30 am	Preschool 3's Music, Sanctuary
9:50 am	Preschool 4's Music, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Troop 79, Committee Meeting, Covenant Hall

Wednesday, January 5

9:00 am	Preschool Funastics, Covenant Hall
6:00 pm	Backpack Buddies, Covenant Hall
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, January 6

9:50 am	Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary
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Sunday, January 9

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Middle School Youth Group
6:00 pm	High School Youth Group

COVID PROTOCOLS FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Thank you for following these protocols which enable weekly in-person worship without interruption.

1. Following the guidance of the CDC and our concern for the most vulnerable, masks are required for all who are Kindergarten and older, vaccinated and unvaccinated, as they enter all buildings. The Session has approved a move to mask optional on campus after the first of the year, provided Charleston County reaches an area of low disease activity according to SCDHEC. Charleston County currently (12/28) has a high disease activity rating.
2. Hand sanitizer is available and should be used upon entering.
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, limited socially-distanced seating is available. Please indicate your preference to an usher.



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 Sieftring
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	Barbara Johnston
Lisa Wilcox	Brian Carlow	Nikolai Fruth	Michael Morgan
Harold Fountain	Frances McLean	Allan Scott	Nita Rodemann
Nancy Plowden	David Kerr	Mary Martschink	Jean Isbell
Gary Brooks	Sharon Hutchinson	David Wiggins	Will Kuenzel
Steve Buddin	Harper Croft	Allene Buddin	Janie Hammersmith
Rosa Oswald	Deb Sloan	Jerry Smoak	Jim Hammersmith
Dick Unger	Leigh Throckmorton	Brenda DeSmet	Frank Painter
Anderson Scruggs	Jean Lewandowski	Maryalice Vann	Jackie Epstein
Pam Smith	Branden Preus	Karen McInnes	Libba Johnson
Davina Hartigan	Anne Willis	Dan Butts	Stephen Moody
David Grove	Julie Pell	Jerry Hallman	Liz Shelor
Chad Waldrop	Brooks Oswald	Christina Miller	Trisha Stennett
Jerry Waldrop	Towne Family	Meghan Hatfield	Charles Reeves

Friend of the Week

Janie Hammersmith
1925 Essex Farms Dr.
Unit 2015
Charleston, SC 29414

Mission of the Week

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

Student of the Week

Matthew Butts
1426 Parkshore Dr.
Charleston, SC 29407

Church Family

Dan and Ellyn Winkles
Josh and Logan Winkles
Claire Winkles
Robin Zemp

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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Mr. Robin Zemp, Director of Music, rzemp@wpccharleston.org

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