



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship for January 16, 2022

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.

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

BASED ON PSALM 145

One: Lift praises to the name of our God; bless God's name forever!

All: How great is our God!

One: From generation to generation we will sing your praises
and speak of your goodness!

All: Great is our God and worthy of praise!

One: God, you are just and kind in all you do.

All: Great is our God and worthy of praise!

One: God, you watch over us in love and hear the cries of those who call to you!

All: How great is our God! How great is our God! Bless God's name forever!

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

We acknowledge, O Lord, the effects of sin and death in our lives. Apart from you, we are under a curse: afraid of you, living with animosity toward our neighbors, unsure of who we are, and subject to broken bodies and a damaged world. On our own, we have no hope, but through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the curse is broken, and we are brought from death to life. Thank you for his victory and the part we have in that victory through faith. We are reconciled to you, others, ourselves, and creation. Help us to walk in the fullness of the new life we have through Jesus.

Silent Personal Confession

◆DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 15

One: Death is swallowed up in victory.

All: **O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?**

One: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

All: **Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

◆SONG OF RESPONSE

THINE IS THE GLORY

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.**

◆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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 4:14-16

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 220

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

FROM DEATH TO LIFE:

1. Life with God

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

◆DECLARATION OF FAITH

PCUSA BOOK OF ORDER F-1.01

The mission of God in Christ gives shape and substance to the life and work of the Church. In Christ, the Church participates in God's mission for the transformation of creation and humanity by proclaiming to all people the good news of God's love, offering to all people the grace of God at font and table, and calling all people to discipleship in Christ. Human beings have no higher goal in life than to glorify and enjoy God now and forever, living in covenant fellowship with God and participating in God's mission.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

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.

SENDING OUT

◆SENDING SONG NO. 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

◆BLESSING

◆*Please stand, if able*

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

Ushers are George McAbee, Mary McAbee and Graham Wade.

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LETTER FROM BIRMINGHAM JAIL

Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote this letter from jail in 1963 in response to a group of moderate clergy urging him to 'wait,' have patience, and trust the system to bring about change. His letter still has meaning today: *"We know through painful experience that freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed. Frankly, I have never yet engaged in a direct-action movement that was 'well timed' according to the timetable of those who have not suffered unduly from the disease of segregation. For years now I have heard the word 'wait.' It rings in the ear of every Negro with a piercing familiarity. This 'wait' has almost always meant 'never.'"*

On Monday, January 17 (MLK Day), join us from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. on ZOOM for a discussion of the letter many have claimed is addressed to us: the white moderate. Pastor Daniel will facilitate the discussion. Copies of the letter are available in the Narthex. Contact Pastor Daniel, dsmoak@wpccharleston.org, for a digital copy.

The ZOOM login is:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8026073724>

Meeting ID: 802 607 3724

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

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.



FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most important event in the history of the world. In the resurrection of Jesus, death is undone and the curse is broken. It is why the message of the earliest Christians was focused on the resurrection. They did not risk their lives to proclaim a gospel of "be nice like Jesus." They risked their lives to declare the resurrection: Jesus is victorious over death, and the ones who are in him share in that victory. We have, as the apostle says, been made alive together with Christ. In the next weeks, we'll explore the four major relationships where we have been brought from Death to Life.

January 16	Hebrews 4:14-16	Life with GOD
January 23	1 John 4:7-21	Life with OTHERS
January 30	Luke 18:9-14	Life with SELF
February 6	Revelation 21:1-6	Life with CREATION

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, January 16

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Deacons Meeting, ZOOM
6:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting, Room 4
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, January 17

	Martin Luther King Day
	Church Office Closed
7:00 pm	Letter from Birmingham Jail, ZOOM

Tuesday, January 18

6:30 am	Toastmaster, Covenant Hall
9:30 am	Preschool 3's Music, Sanctuary
9:50 am	Preschool 4's Music, Sanctuary
10:00 am	Staff Meeting, Pastor's office
7:00 pm	Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

Wednesday, January 19

9:00 am	Preschool Funastics, Covenant Hall
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, January 20

9:50 am	Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Scouts, Covenant Hall

Sunday, January 23

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
3:30 pm	Confirmation Class, Covenant Hall
5:00 pm	Middle School Youth Group
6:00 pm	High School Youth Group
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

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 when Charleston County reaches an area of low disease activity according to SCDHEC. Charleston County currently 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. 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	Dan Butts	Libba Johnson
Davina Hartigan	Anne Willis	Jerry Hallman	Stephen Moody
David Grove	Julie Pell	Christina Miller	Liz Shelor
Chad Waldrop	Brooks Oswald	Meghan Hatfield	Trisha Stennett
Jerry Waldrop	Towne Family	Sandy Pennekamp	Charles Reeves

Friend of the Week

Lynn Koger
129 Chadwick Dr.
Charleston, SC 29407

Mission of the Week

Neighbors Together
2105 Cosgrove Ave.
N. Charleston, SC 29405

Student of the Week

Andrew Smoak
Charleston Southern
9200 University Blvd.
N. Charleston, SC 29406

Church Family

Mary and Carey Alexandre
Charlotte
Emma Louise Farmer
Brittany Austin

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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