



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship for January 9, 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

FROM PSALM 100

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

All: **Know that the Lord is God! He made us and we are his.
We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to the Lord and bless his name!

All: **For the Lord is good. His steadfast love endures forever,
his faithfulness to all generations!**

One: Let us worship God.

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

JOHN CALVIN, 1543

Lord God, Eternal and Almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

◆ SILENT PRAYERS

◆DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

◆SONG OF RESPONSE We are Forgiven

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
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◆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

Karen and Dale Norman

SPECIAL MUSIC

We Believe in God
Mike Niblock and Nancy Parrish

ARR. DENNIS ALLEN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 10:19-25

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 224

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Who Needs a Word of Encouragement?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 840

When Peace Like a River

VILLE DU HAVRE

◆DECLARATION OF 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.

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.

◆ SONG NO. 441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

Leading the service today: Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Lissa Long, Pastor; Nancy Parrish, Music.

Acolytes are Mary Patrick and Catherine Patrick.
Ushers are Matt Akery, Joe Jeter, Laura Nunn.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON JANUARY 11

Join us for Breakfast and Bible Study from 8:00 - 9:00 am 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 12 at Westminster Presbyterian Church from 4-7 pm. The comment period will be open from December 15 until February 11.

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.

PRESBYTERY WOMEN CIRCLE 5

So happy to announce that Circle 5 will meet in-person on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 10:00 am in the church parlor.

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 and in the ENEWS; watch the ENEWS for the ZOOM link and additional information.

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 135 pledges totaling \$580,822. 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.



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.

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| 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 9

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| 9:00 am | Worship Service |
| 10:00 am | Sunday School |
| 11:00 am | Worship Service |
| 12:00 pm | Mission Committee, Covenant Hall |
| 2:00 pm | Worship Committee, Zoom |
| 5:00 pm | Middle School Youth Group |
| 6:00 pm | High School Youth Group |
| 7:00 pm | AA Meeting, Covenant Hall |

Tuesday, January 11

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| 6:30 am | Toastmaster, Covenant Hall |
| 8:00 am | Men's Bible Study, Trotter's Restaurant in Town and County Inn |
| 9:30 am | Preschool 3's Music, Sanctuary |
| 9:50 am | Preschool 4's Music, Sanctuary |
| 10:00 am | Staff Meeting, Pastor's office |
| 10:00 am | Circle 5, Parlor |
| 10:30 am | Circle 4, Room 4 Covenant Hall |
| 5:00 pm | Exchange Club, Covenant Hall |
| 7:00 pm | Handbell Choir, Sanctuary |

Wednesday, January 12

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| 9:00 am | Preschool Funnastics, Covenant Hall |
| 4:00 pm | Better Northbridge Coalition, Covenant Hall |
| 6:00 pm | Finance Committee, Parlor |
| 7:00 pm | Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary |
| 7:00 pm | AA Meeting, Covenant Hall |

Thursday, January 13

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| 9:50 am | Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary |
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Sunday, January 16

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| 9:00 am | Worship Service |
| 10:00 am | Sunday School |
| 11:00 am | Worship Service |
| 5:00 pm | Deacons Meeting, Zoom |
| 5:00 pm | Middle School Youth Group |
| 6:00 pm | Stated Session Meeting, Room 4 |
| 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 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

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| 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

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

Mission of the Week

Habitat for Humanity
731 Meeting St.
Charleston, SC 29403

Student of the Week

Isabel DelMastro
3 Bainbridge Dr.
Charleston, SC 29407

Church Family

Jane and Jerry Acker
Matt and Natasha Akery
Eleanor, Jane

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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