



Westminster Presbyterian Church

July 17, 2022

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 What Does the Lord Require of You

What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?
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To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.
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◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

FROM PSALM 66

One: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

All: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

One: So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

All: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.

One: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

All: I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.

One: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

All: But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

◆ 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.

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

We praise you that great sin draws out great grace, for we are great sinners. We seldom want to pray, and when we do, our petitions are laced with self-importance and mixed with sinful motives. We confess our ignorance, for we do not know how to pray, and we confess our willful rebellion for prayers uttered from cold and selfish lips. But we celebrate Jesus and plead his righteousness to cover our iniquities, and we rejoice that his obedience weighs more heavily on your scales than all our sin. Where our guilt is most terrible, your mercy is free and deep, and we thank you for this incredible grace.

◆ SILENT CONFESSION

◆ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 447 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

Laura Patrick

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Gift of Love
Mike Niblock and Mark Burkhalter

JASON KRUG

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 3:7-21

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 193

One: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Prayer for the Church

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 828

More Love to Thee, O Christ

MORE LOVE TO THEE

◆ 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

SENDING OUT

◆ SENDING SONG NO. 69

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

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

11:00 am Livestream at www.wpccharleston.org, YouTube (Westminster Presbyterian Charleston)

Acolyte is Tanner Gentry.
Ushers are George McAbee, Mary McAbee, Laura Nunn.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Sara and Kevin Dwyer's 40th wedding anniversary.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

It is a joy to worship God and ordain and install new leaders at the 11:00 service this morning and the 9:00 service next Sunday morning.

New Deacons being ordained and installed are: Liliya Davis, Ruth Marie Emblar, Debby Ferguson, Kay Hudson, Gloria Purcell, and Benjamin Whitener.

New Deacons, previously ordained and being installed are: Kristin Dounian, Brenda Haile, Ann Morris, Ashleigh Patrick, and Jennifer Smith.

New Elders being ordained and installed are: Betsy McLaughlin, Michael Niblock, Matthew Patrick, Matthew Teitsort, and Tom Whetstone.

New Elder, previously ordained and being installed is: Lindy Coleman.

SPECIAL THANKS

A hearty thank you goes to these Deacons and Elders who are completing their terms of active service. You gave valuable leadership at Westminster, especially during Covid, and you are to be commended for your service. Well done!

Deacons: Neal Axon, Lindy Coleman, Tom Cothran, Mary Davis, Deborah-Anne Ferguson, Shantell Frazier, Anne Klingshirn, Jill Patrick, Debbie Redmon, Susana Comte Walters, Ellyn Winkles.

Elders: Nancy Dixon, Sandy Pell, Kendall Ramsay, Carole Russell, Nathan Snider, Graham Wade.

NEW HERE? MAKE SOME CONNECTIONS AT WESTMINSTER

Connections: An opportunity for those visiting or new who want to meet others and learn more about LIFE at Westminster. The next Connections Class is July 24. We meet from 10:00 - 10:40 in Pastor Daniel's office at the end of the Admin Hall. Kids are welcome or can go to Sunday School/Nursery. Save your spot at the July 24 Connections class by emailing office@wpccharleston.org.

SAVE THE DATES! HANDS OF CHRIST CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION AT WESTMINSTER IS AUGUST 11-13.

Volunteers of all ages, 12 - 99, are needed, especially to help students "shop" for their new school uniforms. No experience is needed, and you can come for any or all days, for a full or partial shift.

- Thursday, August 11, 3:15-7:00 with supper to follow
- Friday, August 12, 3:15-7:00 with supper to follow
- Saturday, August 13, 9:15-12:00 with lunch to follow

We're also in need of volunteers for distribution at the Presbytery Office on Park Circle in North Charleston.

- Friday, July 29, 3:15-7:00
- Saturday, July 30, 9:15-12:00

Westminster is collecting new underwear, socks, and school supplies. Drop them off Sunday or anytime during the week:

- **This week we are collecting: Socks, put them in the basket in the Narthex.**

Questions? Please reach out to Jim Frye fecr1@yahoo.com **

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP WITH THE HANDS OF CHRIST DISTRIBUTION

We are challenged with different types of distributions (drive thru, outdoor shopping, and the old-style shopping) and the task of getting our clothing order filled in time for the first week beginning July 25. We need volunteers badly, both at Westminster August 11, 12 and 13, and at Park Circle on July 29 and 30. Signup sheets will be on tables in the Narthex, sign-up bulletin board in the Admin building, and on the table at the front of Covenant Hall. Don't hesitate to bring the whole family. Anyone older than 12 years of age can be a shopper. Feel free to ask questions to Nancy Dixon, Tom Livingston, and David Morris.

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

- We are delighted you have joined us for worship, and we hope you are encouraged and strengthened in the faith.
- New here? Please fill out a Connect Card and place it in the offering plate.
- The nursery is available for children 2 and under in the Children's 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 age 3-5k (Children's Church) will gather in the narthex with adult leaders and then be led to the Children's Building. 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's classes, age 3–5th grade are located in the classrooms in the Christian Education building. Youth and Adult classes are located in Covenant Hall classrooms.

- **Children Sunday School** - Growing in God's Love
- **Youth grades 6th -12th** - Teen Devotions and Discussions
- **Cary Grayson Class** - moves through the Bible examining God's Word, book by book.
Currently studying Leviticus. Meets in the Parlor.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: BIBLE IN ART

We study the Prodigal Son, Storm on the Sea of Galilee, Prayer, the Sermon on the Mount, and other Scriptures using the artwork of Rembrandt, Van Gogh, and other artists who sought to share the meaning of the stories through their paintings. Pastor Daniel and Pastor Lissa are leading; all are invited; we meet in the main room of Covenant Hall at 10:00 am.

This is a good class for those who can attend every week or those who are can only make it a time or two.

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

The sermon series is called Stained Glass Gospel. We'll study the scriptures from the life of Jesus which inspired the stained glass windows of the Westminster sanctuary.

- 7/24 **Stained Glass Gospel 8: Jesus Suffers.** Luke 22:40-46 In The Garden of Gethsemane as Jesus experiences everyone (including his Father) turn away.
Guest Preacher: Erin Norton, Campus Minister at College of Charleston and the Citadel.
- 7/31 **Stained Glass Gospel 9: Jesus Offers Rest.** Matthew 11:25-30 The main window up front: "Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Guest Preacher: Priscilla Holtzclaw.
- 8/7 **Stained Glass Gospel 10: Jesus Sets the Mission.** Matthew 25:31-46
Feed, drink, welcome, clothe, visit. When we do it to the least of these, we do it to Jesus.
- 8/14 **Stained Glass Gospel 11: Alpha and Omega.** Revelation 1:1-8 and 21:1-6
Confidence comes in knowing God wins God is the beginning and the end.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, July 17

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| 9:00 am | Worship Service |
| 10:00 am | Sunday School |
| 11:00 am | Worship Service, Officer Installation and Ordination |
| 4:00 pm | CE Beach Day, Folly Beach |
| 6:00 pm | Stated Session Meeting, Covenant Hall |
| 7:00 pm | AA Meeting, Covenant Hall |

Tuesday, July 19

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| 6:30 am | Toastmasters, Covenant Hall |
| 10:00 am | CE Movie Day, Citadel Mall |
| 10:00 am | Staff Meeting, Pastor's office |

Wednesday, July 20

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| 8:00 am | Middle School Retreat, Maryville TN leave |
| 7:00 pm | AA Meeting, Covenant Hall |

Saturday, July 23

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| 10:00 pm | Wannamaker County Park |
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Sunday, July 24

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| 9:00 am | Worship Service |
| 10:00 am | Sunday School |
| 10:00 am | Connections Class, Pastor's Office |
| 11:00 am | Worship Service |
| 5:00 pm | Middle School Retreat, Maryville TN return |
| 7:00 pm | AA Meeting, Covenant Hall |

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO JOIN THE WESTMINSTER FAMILY?

Here's how you can do it.

1. Please fill out a Connect Card and place it in the offering plate or 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



WAYS TO GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Church Pew Envelope: Place cash or check in the Pew Envelope and drop it in the Offering Plate in the Narthex.

Online: Click the "Give Now" button in the top right of our homepage at wpccharleston.org.

Text: Text "charlestonwpc" to 73256. Thank you for giving.

Westminster Prays

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| Carol Cummings | Meg Powell | Summer Garris | Chrissie Bosworth |
| Bill Pennekamp | Keith Gordon | Mary Ashley Barbot | Ginger Siefring |
| Kate Pennekamp | Larry Salley | Joyce Aydlett | Martin Davis |
| Sara McCoy | Lydia Crosby | Daryn Baker | Kevin Ritzel |
| Love Moody | David Morris IV | Curtis Sponseller | Gloria Underhill |
| Lisa Wilcox | Brian Carlow | Sean Fitzgibbon | Barbara Johnston |
| Harold Fountain | Frances McLean | Thom Penney | Nita Rodemann |
| Nancy Plowden | David Kerr | Nikolai Fruth | Will Kuenzel |
| Gary Brooks | Sharon Hutchinson | Mary Martschink | Frank Painter |
| Steve Buddin | Harper Croft | Allene Buddin | Jackie Epstein |
| Dick Unger | Branden Preus | Maryalice Vann | Libba Johnson |
| Anderson Scruggs | Monnie Privette | Jerry Hallman | Edward Godshall |
| Pam Smith | Anne Willis | Christina Miller | Towne Family |
| Chad Waldrop | Eleanor Woodbury | Meghan Hatfield | Charles Reeves |
| Libba Palmer | Ginny Yarborough | Sandy Pennekamp | Merrily Burnette |
| Marion Woodbury | Joseph Beckham | Rachel Singletary | John Martschink |
| Bryan Thomas | Donnie Woods | Caroline Cottingham | Brenda Jonsson |
| Gloria Purcell | Lee Robertston | Fran Ligon | Judy Tag |
| Robin James | | | |

Prayers of Sympathy and Support are extended to the family and friends of:

- Rev. Jon VanDeventer, July 10, 2022
- Dorothy "Dart" Willer, July 12, 2022

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die." John 11:25-26

Friend of the Week

Keith Gordon
1759 River Front Dr.
Charleston, SC 29407

Mission of the Week

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

Church Family

Stephanie Fort
Meghan and Kyle, Kaitlyn
John and Joan Foster
Josh, Ben

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** - Nancy Dixon, **Assistant Treasurer** - Patty Stokes

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