



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

August 21, 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                      God Welcomes All

God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God's love is strong and it never ends.

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM COLOSSIANS 1:19-22

One: In Jesus Christ  
all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.  
Through him God was reconciled to all things  
in heaven and on earth, even to us,  
that we might be holy and blameless before God.

All: In awe and gratitude,  
let us worship the Lord our God.

◆ 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. 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

## CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Ever-faithful God, how often we turn away from you, yet you remain constant to us. We run from you, but you call us back. In our words and our deeds we dishonor you, yet you still profess your love for us. We cut ourselves off from you and from others, but you will not let us go. Forgive our faithless and fickle ways and increase our gratitude that we might grow in faithfulness to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

◆ 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.  
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  
Prayers for the School Year

See Insert

Laura Patrick

SPECIAL MUSIC

As The Deer  
*Nancy Parrish and Dee Bee Wright*

ARR. CATHY DEROUSSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 2:6-7

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

SERMON

Growing in Christ: Rooted and Built Up

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆SONG OF RESPONSE

In Christ Alone

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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.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING OUT

◆SENDING SONG NO. 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

◆BLESSING

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◆*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](http://www.wpccharleston.org), YouTube (Westminster Presbyterian Charleston)

Acolyte is Eleanor Akery.

Ushers are George McAbee, Mary McAbee, Graham Wade.

# In Christ Alone

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Maestoso ♩ = 80



In Christ a - lone my hope is found. He is my  
In Christ a - lone! Who took on flesh; Full - ness of  
There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the  
No guilt in life, no fear in death - This is the



light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner stone, this sol - id  
God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -  
world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fin - al



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of  
ness, scorned by the ones He came to save: 'Til on that  
Day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He  
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - for -  
cross as Jes - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied; For ev' - ry  
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am  
hell, no scheme of man, can e - ver pluck me from His hand; 'Til He re -



ter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.  
His and He is mine - bought with the prec - ious blood of Christ.  
turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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### **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 September 11. 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 September 11 Connections class by emailing [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org).

### **KICK-OFF SUNDAY, TODAY!**

Nothing says "fall" like a hot summer August day, the beginning of football season, and the transition into our church fall opportunities! Come and join together for worship, fellowship, food, and a way to see all the ways we are walking in discipleship together this year. We will be *Growing in Christ* through our Worship, our Sunday School and Bible studies, Fellowship, and serving together in Missions.

- Worship 9:00 and 11:00 Childcare provided
- Sunday School Meet and Greet 10:00-10:30
- Discipleship Opportunities and Informational Open House 9:45-10:45/12:00-12:30 Covenant Hall

### **CHURCHWIDE RETREAT AT BETHELWOODS CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER!**

[www.bethelwoods.org](http://www.bethelwoods.org)

Friday, September 23 - Sunday, September 25. All ages are welcome to join us for some fun at camp! There will be canoeing, singing, hiking, fellowship, good food, and s'mores. Please use the link provided in the Enews on Tuesdays to register for the retreat.

### **YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP BACK TODAY!**

Mid Highs (6th-8th grades) meet from 5:00-6:00 pm and High School (9th-12th grades) meets from 6:00-7:00 pm. Dinner provided! Friends are welcome to join us!

## 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](http://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 Room 4

## FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

Growing in Christ A sermon series on the basics of the faith, including assurances of and ways we grow in faith.

### **August 21 Growing in Christ: Rooted and Built Up**

Colossians 2:6-7 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

### **August 28 Westminster is excited to welcome Rev. Dr. Buz Wilcoxon.**

Buz is the new Chaplain and Dean of Spiritual Life at Presbyterian College. Along with Pastor Daniel (PC '97) and Pastor Lissa (PC '98), Buz (PC '05) will preach and lead worship at the 9:00 and 11:00 worship services.

### **September 4 Growing in Christ: Assurance of Salvation**

1 John 5:11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

### **September 11 Growing in Christ: Assurance of Answered Prayer**

John 16:24 Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

### **September 18 Growing in Christ: Assurance of Forgiveness**

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### **September 25 Growing in Christ: Assurance of Guidance**

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

### **October 2 Growing in Christ: Giving Thanks**

We are glad to welcome the Rev. Dr. Donnie Woods to Westminster. Donnie is the recently retired General Presbyter of our Presbytery, and he is a cancer survivor. His testimony of thanksgiving is inspiring.

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, August 21

9:00 am	Worship Service
9:45 am	Discipleship Opportunities, Covenant Hall
10:00 am	Sunday School Meet and Greet
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Discipleship Opportunities, Covenant Hall
5:00 pm	Deacons' Meeting, Room 4
5:00 pm	Middle School Youth Group
6:00 pm	High School Youth Group
6:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting, Room 4
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Tuesday, August 23

6:30 am	Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
10:00 am	Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office

### Wednesday, August 24

7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall
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### Saturday, August 27

9:00 am	S.T.E.P.S., Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church
12:00 pm	Loretta Haskell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Sunday, August 28

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
3:00 pm	Loretta Haskell Recital, Sanctuary
4:00 pm	All Church Beach Day, Folly Beach County Park
5:00 pm	Middle School Youth Group
6:00 pm	High School Youth Group
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](http://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](http://wpccharleston.org).

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

## Westminster Prays

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	Edward Godshall
Anderson Scruggs	Monnie Privette	Jerry Hallman	Towne Family
Pam Smith	Eleanor Woodbury	Christina Miller	Charles Reeves
Chad Waldrop	Ginny Yarborough	Meghan Hatfield	Merrily Burnette
Libba Palmer	Joseph Beckham	Sandy Pennekamp	John Martschink
Marion Woodbury	Donnie Woods	Rachel Singletary	Brenda Jonsson
Bryan Thomas	Evan McMillan	Caroline Cottingham	Judy Tag
Gloria Purcell	Robin James	Fran Ligon	Rose Derrick
Will Edwards	Bruce Hamilton	Molly Griggs	Robin Zemp

### Friend of the Week

Heather MacInnes  
504 Shem Butler Ct.  
Charleston, SC 29414

### Mission of the Week

Mary Ford Early Learning  
3180 Thomasina McPherson Blvd.  
North Charleston, SC 29405

### Church Family

Tony and Andrea Gentry  
Noemi, Kana  
Jimmy and Brenda Gibson

## Westminster Session

**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

**Class of 2025:** Lindy Coleman, Betsy McLaughlin, Mike Niblock, Matthew Patrick, Matthew Teitsort, Tom Whetstone

**Clerk** - Carole Russell, **Assistant Clerk** - Lindy Coleman, **Treasurer** - Nancy Dixon, **Assistant Treasurer** - Patty Stokes

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