



Westminster Presbyterian Church

August 28, 2022

11:00 am

WELCOME

PRELUDE

I Am Thine, O Lord

WILLIAM HOWARD DOANE

◆CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 90

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations.

All: Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

One: A thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.

All: So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

One: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love

All: So that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

◆INVOCATION 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.

◆HYMN NO. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION

JOAN S. GRAY (PC CLASS OF 1973)*

Saving God, your love is unconditional and unbreakable. We belong to you, and so we come before you in prayer, exactly as we are—our real selves—to repent of our sin. We confess our fearful lack of trust, our unwillingness to yield, and our selfish disposition. Our days are filled with idols that compete for our time and attention. We thrash around in complaint and impatience. We cannot rescue ourselves from the tentacles of sin that wrap around our hearts. Yet we know that our faithlessness does not change your faithfulness to us. Our sin does not erase our relationship with you. Jesus died on the cross so that sin would not have the last word between us. In your mercy, save us, redeem us, heal us, and transform us. Send your Spirit to unbind us and set us free. Draw us in and rekindle the fire of your presence in our lives. Turn us away from contentment with the way things are, and use us to bring good news to a world in need. Amen.

◆SILENT CONFESSION

◆ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

◆SONG OF RESPONSE

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

◆SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

Laura Patrick

Following Children's Time, children ages 2-3K (Wee Church) and 4-5 K (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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

WILLIAM PLUMER JACOBS **

Gracious God, you know the doubts that overwhelm us and the anxieties that distress us. We long for your word to give us light. Lead our minds and hearts into a peaceful and trustful rest in your presence. As you have led us through fear and darkness, so now bring us out into the light that we may dwell with you and abide in you. Hear our prayers for our Savior's sake. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 17:16-34

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 136

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

SERMON

Faith Seeking Understanding

Dr. Wilcoxon

◆HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 450

Be Thou My Vision

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◆AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM *WHAT PRESBYTERIANS BELIEVE* BY JOSEPH M. GETTYS ***

We believe in the sovereign God, the creator and preserver of the universe, who is revealed in scripture as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We believe in the covenant of grace, fulfilled in Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. He is the mediator who is revealed in the preaching and teaching of the word, and in the faithful administration of the sacraments.

To declare our faith in God is therefore to commit ourselves to discover, to do, and to keep on doing the will of God day by day. To say we believe in God and then to live as though God were neither sovereign nor important is to make a hollow mockery of our faith.

We know that all things will be done for the glory of God. In this confidence, let us find peace and rest for our souls, and let us live expectantly as we await the end of our days or the coming of our Lord. Amen.

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.

CHURCHWIDE RETREAT AT BETHELWOODS CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER!

Bethelwoods Churchwide Retreat is just around the corner! 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 register by using the link in the Tuesday eNews by September 6.

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.

Nursery - 0-2 Joan Foster, Lesa Grayson, Katie Camburn

Children Sunday School

- 3-5K in Room 14, Sherry Niblock, John and Dee Bee Wright, Growing in Grace and Gratitude
- 1st - 2nd Grades, Room 13, Meredith Boyd, Andrea Gentry, Growing in God's Love
- 3rd - 5th Grades, Room 17, Dale and Karen Norman, Growing in God's Love

Youth Discipleship Classes

- Middle School, 6th - 8th Grades, Room 1, Feasting on the Word
Nathan and Ashley Snider, Shawn and Mary Fulmer, Jonathan and Rebecca Bazzle
- High School, 9th - 12th Grades, Room 3, Feasting on the Word
Paul and Laura Patrick, Pastor Lissa

Adult Classes

- Cary Grayson Class, Room 4. Rotation of facilitators. This faithful group goes through the books of the Bible slowly and purposefully, inspecting the verses and the meaning behind them.
- Anchor Class, Room 15. Tom Whetstone, Rev. Bob Ferguson, Lindy Coleman. This class utilizes Bible Study books and discussion to dig into God's Word as a group. This group also enjoys building community together.
- Parenting Class, Library. Joe and Brenda Clarey, Ruth Marie Emblar. Whether you have children or grandchildren under your wing, this class is for you! Discussions and Bible Study will focus on the ways we can be faithful in our parenting and lean into God's Wisdom for guidance.
- Pause and Refresh, Covenant Hall. Rotation of facilitators. The Pause and Refresh Class will be 1-6 week classes on a variety of topics ranging from liturgical seasons, compassionate care for loved ones in need, prayer, and book studies about conversations around racial injustices.

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

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 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.

ALL CHURCH BEACH DAY TODAY!

Folly Beach County Park 4:00–6:00 pm. Say farewell to summer and join us for some fun, outdoor fellowship at the beach! Look for the WPC Blue Banner by Folly Beach County Park Beach Access. We will also have access to the Pelican Watch Pavilion at the Folly Beach County Park for restrooms, etc. WPC is providing bottled water and snacks. Families should bring chairs, towels, sunscreen, beach toys, etc.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY KICKOFF

Wednesday, September 7, 6:00 pm. Wonderful Wednesdays are back! Join us for fun, food, and fellowship with your church family. Stay after to help with Backpack Buddies.

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Wednesday, September 7, 6:30 pm. We need your hands! Join us as we pack weekend food kits for local elementary school students. We will pack in Covenant Hall following Wonderful Wednesday Supper.

SECOND SUNDAY SOCIALS ARE COMING BACK!

After more than two years, Second Sunday Socials are coming back in September, and we are so thankful. All are welcome to a fried chicken luncheon, sides and dessert provided, following the 11:00 am worship on the second Sunday of the month starting on September 11. Donations for the meal are welcomed.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

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, dinner provided
6:00 pm	High School Youth Group, dinner provided
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Tuesday, August 30

6:30 am	Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
10:00 am	Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office
6:30 pm	Preschool Open House, Sanctuary and Covenant Hall

Wednesday, August 31

7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall
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Sunday, September 4

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:15 pm	Worship Committee, Parlor
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.

THE TRIUNE GOD

ho - - - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

The first system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a common time signature. It begins with a long note on D4, followed by a half note on E4, a quarter note on F#4, and a half note on G4, all under a single slur. The middle staff is a piano accompaniment in treble clef, featuring a series of chords and moving lines. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef, providing a harmonic foundation with chords and a bass line.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

The second system of the musical score also consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, continuing the melody from the first system. It starts with a half note on D4, followed by a half note on E4, a quarter note on F#4, and a half note on G4, all under a slur. The middle staff is a piano accompaniment in treble clef, and the bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef, both continuing the accompaniment from the first system.

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)
 E^b A^b E^b/G B^b7 E^b



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
 B^b E^b A^b B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)
 A^b E^b Gm7 A^b B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)
 Cm E^b/G A^b E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

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	Rachel Singletary	John Martschink
Marion Woodbury	Donnie Woods	Caroline Cottingham	Brenda Jonsson
Bryan Thomas	Evan McMillan	Fran Ligon	Judy Tag
Gloria Purcell	Robin James	Molly Griggs	Rose Derrick
Will Edwards	Bruce Hamilton	Lundgrin Family	Robin Zemp

Prayers of Sympathy and Support are extended to

Bill McSweeney and family upon the death of his mother, Ruth McSweeney.

Friend of the Week

Lynn MacPherson
1925 Essex Farms Drive
Charleston, SC 29414

Mission of the Week

Thornwell Home for Children
302 South Broad Street
Clinton, SC 29325

Church Family

John and Mona Gilbert
Jim and Pam Gill
Keith Gordon

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