



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

October 9, 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                      Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;  
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And now let the weak say, "We are strong;"  
let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

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let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks. Give thanks.

#### ◆ 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 the Lord's people, the sheep of His pasture.**

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

All: **Give thanks to the Lord and bless his name!**

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

All: **Let us worship 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. 612

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

## CONFESSION

### ◆CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

God in Christ, who endured the cross for our sakes, hear us as we confess our sin. We would be your bold disciples, but we fear suffering. We would take up our cross, but it weighs too much. We count the cost of following you as long as there are benefits, but to renounce all we have and follow you is a devastating prospect. Forgive us when we ignore you or only half-heartedly obey. Free us from our sin that we may forsake all else and follow you. In Christ's name and for his sake we pray, Amen.

### ◆SILENT PRAYERS

### ◆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

Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven  
*Handbell Choir*

SANDRA EITHUM

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 9:1-15

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

SERMON

Growing in Christ: Giving

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### ◆SONG NO. 697

Take My Life and Let It Be

HENDON

◆DECLARATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

◆SONG NO. 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

SENDING OUT

◆BLESSING

◆RESPONSE

Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

We all sing together:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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◆*Please stand, if able*

Leading the service today: Daniel Smoak and Lissa Long, Pastors; Robin Zemp and Nancy Parrish, Music.

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

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

## **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.

## **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.

## **LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER!**

Name tags are available on the name tag cart in the Narthex. Please find yours and wear it on Sunday mornings, returning it before you leave. If yours is missing, please use a sticky badge and put your name on the 'I need a name tag' form.

## 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)

## 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.

### **October 9 Growing in Christ: Giving**

2 Corinthians 9:7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

### **October 16 Growing in Christ: The Church (Stewardship Commitment Sunday)**

Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

### **October 23 Growing in Christ: His Strength**

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

### **October 30 Growing in Christ: God's Word**

Psalms 119:11 I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

## 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.



### 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. We meet today 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.

### SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL TODAY

Second Sunday Socials are back, and we are so thankful. All are welcome to a fried chicken luncheon, sides and dessert provided, following the 11:00 am worship today. Donations for the meal are welcomed.

### HOOKS & NEEDLES MINISTRY

All are welcome to join us as we resume meeting in person on Monday, October 10, at 10:00 am in Classroom 4. No experience necessary as we can teach you to knit or crochet. The group makes white baptism blankets and prayer shawls/blankets for those with illness/difficulties. Any questions contact Deborah-Anne Ferguson at [daferguson11@gmail.com](mailto:daferguson11@gmail.com).

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Join us for Breakfast and Bible Study from 7:00 - 8:00 am on the Second Tuesday of every month. We meet for breakfast at Trotters Restaurant in the Town and Country Inn and Suites (2008 Savannah Highway). Join us for the Fellowship and Encouragement!

### WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, October 12, a delicious supper for adults and children at 6:00 pm in Covenant Hall. Nursery is available. Join us for fun, food, and fellowship with your church family. Menu is BBQ sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw, pickles, potato salad, dessert.

### TRUNK AND TREAT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 4:00 - 5:30 P.M.

Children, Youth, Family and Friends are invited for a fun afternoon of Trunk & Treating in your Halloween costumes at Westminster. We are inviting you to park in the front parking lot and walk the carpool loop along the back of the Church Campus to visit all the trunks along the way.



**GROWING IN CHRIST**

### STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 16!

We give God thanks in worship and offer our 2023 stewardship commitments to him. The Westminster Session, Diaconate, and Finance Committee have already completed their 2023 Estimate of Giving Cards, and now each WPC disciple has the opportunity to make a personal commitment to the Lord and the ministry at Westminster for the coming year. Bring your completed form (or fill one out online by choosing the 2023 Estimate of Giving button at [wpccharleston.org](http://wpccharleston.org)) to worship on Sunday the 16, and we'll dedicate our commitments to the Lord together in worship. Thank you for your participation: all responses are needed in our prayerful discernment in ministry planning for the coming year.

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, October 9

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Connections Class, Pastor's Office
11:00 am	Worship Service
11:15 am	Worship Prep Class, Christian Education Building, Room 14
12:00 pm	Second Sunday Social, Covenant Hall
12:45 pm	Mission Committee, Room 4
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

### Monday, October 10

9:50 am	4's Chapel, Sanctuary
10:00 am	Hooks and Needles, Room 4
12:00 pm	Preschool Dance, Covenant Hall
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 79

### Tuesday, October 11

6:30 am	Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
8:00 am	Men's Bible Study, Trotter's Restaurant
9:30 am	3's Chapel Time, Sanctuary
10:00 am	Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office
10:00 am	Circle 5, Parlor
10:30 am	Circle 4, Library
5:30 pm	Exchange Club, Covenant Hall
7:00 pm	Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

### Wednesday, October 12

9:00 am	Preschool Funnastics, Covenant Hall
6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday, Covenant Hall, BBQ sandwiches
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall Room 3

### Thursday, October 13

9:30 am	3's Music, Sanctuary
10:00 am	4's Music, Sanctuary

### Sunday, October 16

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
11:15 am	Worship Prep Class, Christian Education Building, Room 14
4:00 pm	Truck or Treat
5:30 pm	Deacons Meeting, Zoom
6:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting, Room 4
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

## Westminster Prays

Carol Cummings	Meg Powell	Summer Garris	Chrissie Bosworth
Bill Pennekamp	Keith Gordon	Mary Ashley Barbot	Ginger Siefing
Kate Pennekamp	Larry Salley	Joyce Aydlett	Martin Davis
Love Moody	Lydia Crosby	Daryn Baker	Kevin Ritzel
Lisa Wilcox	David Morris IV	Curtis Sponseller	Gloria Underhill
Harold Fountain	Brian Carlow	Sean Fitzgibbon	Barbara Johnston
Nancy Plowden	Frances McLean	Thom Penney	Nita Rodemann
Gary Brooks	David Kerr	Nikolai Fruth	Frank Painter
Steve Buddin	Sharon Hutchinson	Mary Martschink	Jackie Epstein
Dick Unger	Harper Croft	Maryalice Vann	Edward Godshall
Anderson Scruggs	Monnie Privette	Jerry Hallman	Towne Family
Pam Smith	Eleanor Woodbury	Christina Miller	Charles Reeves
Chad Waldrop	Evan McMillan	Meghan Hatfield	Merrily Burnette
Libba Palmer	Robin James	Rachel Singletary	John Martschink
Marion Woodbury	Bruce Hamilton	Fran Ligon	Brenda Jonsson
Bryan Thomas	Don Sumner	Molly Griggs	Judy Tag
Gloria Purcell	Lauren Wilson	Larry Mountford	Rose Derrick
Will Edwards	Liz Shelor	Howard Fulwiler	Robin Zemp
Lance Lewandowski			

*In Loving Memory:*

*Sara McCoy 1936 - 2022*

*A memorial service will be held in the Westminster Memorial Garden on Monday, October 17, at 3:30 pm.*

<b>Friend of the Week</b>	<b>Mission of the Week</b>	<b>Student of the Week</b>	<b>Church Family</b>
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## Westminster Session Members and Committees

**Administration:** Tom Whetstone and Matthew Patrick; **Buildings and Grounds:** Earl Frasier and Matt Teitsort; **Christian Education:** Lindy Coleman and Laura Patrick; **Fellowship:** Nathan Ward, Betsy McLaughlin, and Mike Niblock; **Finance:** Norman Hook and David Boyd; **Membership:** Karen Norman and Matthew Akery; **Mission:** Brenda Gibson and Chuck Towne; **Preschool:** Abbie Mobley; **Worship:** Dee Bee Wright and George McAbee; **Clerk:** Carole Russell; **Assistant Clerk:** Lindy Coleman; **Treasurer:** Nancy Dixon; **Assistant Treasurer:** Patty Stokes

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