



Westminster Presbyterian Church

September 25, 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 Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

FROM PSALM 96

One: Sing a new song to the Lord. All you people of the earth, sing to the Lord.

All: **Sing to the Lord. Praise him. Day after day tell about how he saves us.
Tell the nations about his glory.**

Tell all people about the wonderful things he has done.

One: Praise the Lord, all you nations. Praise the Lord for his glory and strength.
Praise the Lord for the glory that belongs to him.

All: **Worship the Lord because of his beauty and holiness.**

All you people of the earth, tremble when you are with him.

Let the heavens be full of joy, and let the earth be glad. Praise the Lord!

◆ 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. 299

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

HANOVER

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Lord, you know the condition of our hearts and how selfish we are. We claim to be your
disciples, yet instead of serving you, we want you to serve us. We pray you would forgive our
sin and create new hearts in us. Renew in us the gift of your Holy Spirit that we might be
certain of your grace and then grow into lives of discipleship.

◆ 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.
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

Laura Patrick

SPECIAL MUSIC

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
Ava Whitener and Nancy Parrish

HELLEN H. LEMMEL

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 3:5-6

PEW BIBLE O.T. PAGE 586

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

SERMON

Growing in Christ: Assurance of Guidance

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

◆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. 543 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me GREEN TYLER

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

◆ RESPONSE The 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.**

◆ *Please stand, if able*

Leading the service today: Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Sarah Shayban, Music.

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

Acolyte is Tanner Gentry.
Ushers are Nancy Dixon, Regina Keene, Jim Drennan.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of
the baptism of Mary Stone Dorsel.

The rosebud in the Sanctuary is given to the glory of God and in celebration of
the birth of Meg and Charlie Powell's grandson, Koji, proud parents, Kedo Missch and Saya Powell.

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. We expect many may be missing at first; please use a sticky badge and put your name on the 'I need a name tag' form.

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 October 9. 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 October 9 Connections class by emailing office@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.

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.

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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Pastor Lissa and the WPC families who are at Bethelwoods this weekend for the Family Retreat!

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.

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.

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 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.



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, September 28, 6:00 pm, 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: breakfast buffet.

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO HELP OUT AT WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

- 2nd Saturdays of the Month at 1:00 pm, table and chair set up for 2nd Sunday Lunch (about 45 minutes)
- Every Wednesday at 3:00 pm, table and chair set up for Wonderful Wednesday Dinner (about 30 minutes)
- Backpack Buddy Days at 2:30 pm, help pickup the food for Backpack Buddies! Next one is October 5.

Please contact Jim Frye, fecr1@yahoo.com, or Nita Rushton, office@wpccharleston.org, if you are available.

WORSHIP PREP CLASSES

Rising 1st Graders, Sundays, September 11- October 23, following Time For Children to Shine at 11:00 am Worship Service. One of the ways we keep the vows we make when our children are baptized is to give thought, effort and prayer to their participation in worship. Good worship experiences don't "just happen". If children feel loved, included and accepted in worship, it is because both the church and you have been faithful to their tasks. To that end, we will talk about where we worship, why we worship, how we worship and about prayer. We will also learn about both sacraments celebrated in the Presbyterian Church, Baptism and Communion.

One parent or grandparent must attend class with your child. If you have any questions or do not receive the letter, please call Dee Bee Wright at 843.729.7005. Thank you! While we are inviting first graders, older elementary aged children are welcome if they have not previously completed this class.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD!

Our choir, under the direction of Robin Zemp and Sarah Shayban, is resuming their rehearsals and would love to have you join them. If you have a gift for singing or a willingness to learn, then come to rehearsal any Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. All levels of experience welcomed; childcare can be arranged upon request. Give it a try; Singing with the choir a few times is not a lifetime appointment! Questions? rzemp@wpccharleston.org

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Acolytes - Let YOUR Light Shine! If you are a rising third through rising sixth grader and are interested in serving as an acolyte, please call Miss Dee Bee at 843.729.7005. Training will be Sunday, October 2 from 12:15 -3:30 p.m. We will do our training in the Sanctuary after we have pizza in Covenant Hall. Your parents may leave you after church, or they may stay with us. We will need your parents back by 2:15 so that they may watch you practice and will know how to help you when you serve! The schedule will be distributed to you shortly after training, and you may switch with others as necessary. Please let me know if you are coming to training so I will have enough pizza! Please call me if you have any questions. I look forward to working with each of you. Previously trained acolytes do not need to be present for this training. I will be doing the schedule for November 2022-October 2023 in early October and will email the new schedule to you then.



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. Look for information in the mail soon. Bring your completed form (or fill one out online by choosing the 2023 Estimate of Giving button at 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, September 25

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
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, September 26

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

Tuesday, September 27

6:30 am Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
9:30 am 3's Chapel Time, Sanctuary
10:00 am Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office
7:00 pm Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

Wednesday, September 28

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

Thursday, September 29

9:30 am 3's Music, Sanctuary
10:00 am 4's Music, Sanctuary
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 79, Covenant Hall

Sunday, October 2

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
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

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
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	Branden Preus	Jerry Hallman	Towne Family
Pam Smith	Monnie Privette	Christina Miller	Charles Reeves
Chad Waldrop	Eleanor Woodbury	Meghan Hatfield	Merrily Burnette
Libba Palmer	Ginny Yarborough	Rachel Singletary	John Martschink
Marion Woodbury	Joseph Beckham	Caroline Cottingham	Brenda Jonsson
Bryan Thomas	Donnie Woods	Fran Ligon	Judy Tag
Gloria Purcell	Evan McMillan	Molly Griggs	Rose Derrick
Will Edwards	Robin James	Lundgrin Family	Robin Zemp
Liz Shelor	Bruce Hamilton	Larry Mountford	Don Sumner

Friend of the Week

Roy Nickles
1445 Bluewater Way
Charleston, SC 29414

Mission of the Week

Healing Farms
703 Yew Street
Charleston, SC 29407

Student of the Week

Amber Appell
404 Waterwood Drive
Goose Creek, SC 29445

Church Family

Ginger Greene
Izzy
Brenda Haile

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

Westminster Presbyterian Church

1157 Sam Rittenberg Boulevard, Charleston, SC 29407
www.wpccharleston.org (843) 766-8311

Rev. Dr. Daniel L. Smoak, Pastor, dsmoak@wpccharleston.org

Rev. Lissa Long, Associate Pastor, mlong@wpccharleston.org

Mrs. Laura Patrick, Interim Director of Children's Ministries, LPatrick@wpccharleston.org

Mr. Robin Zemp, Director of Music, rzemp@wpccharleston.org

Mrs. Nita Rushton, Office Administrator, office@wpccharleston.org

Mrs. Tommye Owen, Financial Administrator, finance@wpccharleston.org

Mrs. Alicia Crosby, Preschool Director, preschool@wpccharleston.org

Mrs. Meg Dorsel, Communications Coordinator, mdorsel@wpccharleston.org