



Westminster Presbyterian Church

September 11, 2022

11:00 am

WELCOME

PRELUDE

When Morning Gilds the Skies

JASON D. PAYNE

◆CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 18

One: The Lord is my Rock, my Fortress, and my Deliverer.

All: My God is my Rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my Shield and the Horn of my Salvation.

One: He is my Stronghold, my Refuge, and my Savior.

All: I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

◆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 OF PRAISE NO. 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we approach you with humility because we are aware of the ways that we fall short of your will for our lives. We would rather rely on our strength than yours; we act like we have no need for your grace; we chase after wealth, power, and influence instead of discipleship; we only give thanks to you when things go our way; we seek to follow you on our terms; we hold onto the gifts that rightly belong to you. O Lord, show us your mercy. Do not treat us as our sins deserve, but instead free us from our bondage and equip us for faithful obedience to you. We ask in our Savior's name and for his sake.

◆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.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

◆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.

ANTHEM

There was Jesus
Chris Dorsel

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 16:16-24

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

SERMON

Growing in Christ: Assurance of Answered Prayer

◆HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 175

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

◆AFFIRMATION 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

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. The registration deadline has passed, but reach out to Pastor Lissa for any final open spots.

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.

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 Presbyterian of our Presbytery, and he is a cancer survivor. His testimony of thanksgiving is inspiring.

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.



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 today. Donations for the meal are welcomed.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, September 14, 6:00 pm, in Covenant Hall. Join us for fun, food, and fellowship with your church family.

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!

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.

HOOKS & NEEDLES MINISTRY

All are welcome to join us as we resume meeting in person on the second Monday of the month starting Monday, September 12 at 10 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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Join us for Breakfast and Bible Study from 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. 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!

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, September 11

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, September 12

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

Tuesday, September 13

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	Circle 5, Parlor
10:00 am	Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office
10:30 am	Circle 4, Room 4
5:30 pm	Exchange Club, Covenant Hall
7:00 pm	Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

Wednesday, September 14

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

Thursday, September 15

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

Sunday, September 18

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
5:00 pm	Deacons' Meeting, Zoom
6:00 pm	High School Youth Group, dinner provided
6:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting, Room 4
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore-bears
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

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Seek Ye First

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
 3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and its righ - teous - ness,
 seek, and you shall find;
 but by ev - ery word

The author and composer wrote the first stanza and folk-style tune after attending a Bible study on Matthew 6:33. The later stanzas, based respectively on Matthew 7:7 and Matthew 4:4 emerged anonymously. Such meditative singing of scripture is an important form of sung prayer.

TEXT: Stanza 1, Karen Lafferty, 1971, alt.; stanzas 2-3, anon.; Spanish trans. anon.;
 Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee

MUSIC: Karen Lafferty, 1971

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JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

SPANISH

1 *Busca primero el reino de Dios
y su perfecta justicia,
que lo demás lo añadirá el Señor.
Alelu, aleluya.*

KOREAN

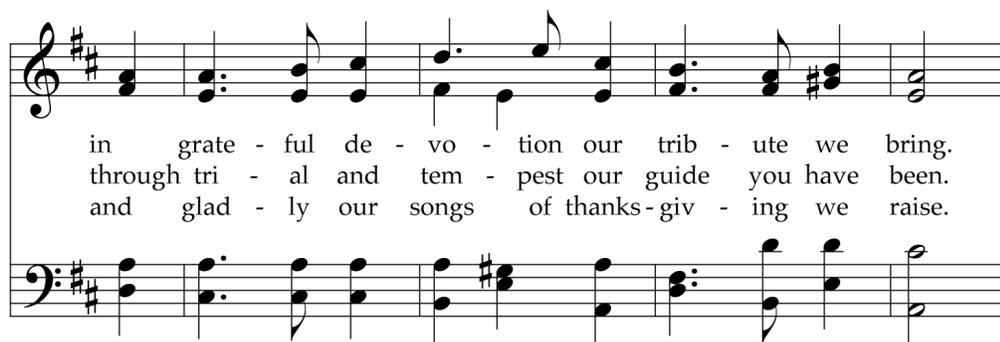
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그의를 구하-면
이모든것 네게 더하시리라
알렐-루 알렐루야

We Praise You, O God

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1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.

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	Will Kuenzel
Steve Buddin	Sharon Hutchinson	Mary Martschink	Frank Painter
Dick Unger	Harper Croft	Allene Buddin	Jackie Epstein
Anderson Scruggs	Branden Preus	Maryalice Vann	Edward Godshall
Pam Smith	Monnie Privette	Jerry Hallman	Towne Family
Chad Waldrop	Eleanor Woodbury	Christina Miller	Charles Reeves
Libba Palmer	Ginny Yarborough	Meghan Hatfield	Merrily Burnette
Marion Woodbury	Joseph Beckham	Rachel Singletary	John Martschink
Bryan Thomas	Donnie Woods	Caroline Cottingham	Brenda Jonsson
Gloria Purcell	Evan McMillan	Fran Ligon	Judy Tag
Will Edwards	Robin James	Molly Griggs	Rose Derrick
Liz Shelor	Bruce Hamilton	Lundgrin Family	Robin Zemp

Friend of the Week

Love Moody
1318 New Castle St.
Charleston, SC 29407

Mission of the Week

Boy Scout Troop 79
1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.
Charleston, SC 29407

Student of the Week

Erik Jonsson
211 Main St. Apt. 419A
Columbia, SC 29201

Church Family

Emily Grafton
William, Charles, Lillian
Rebecca and Mark Aydlett

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