



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

September 18, 2022

11:00 am

WELCOME

PRELUDE

How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings

SAMUEL LIDDLE

◆CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 84

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

All: **Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

One: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

All: **O Lord of Hosts, happy is the one who trusts in you.**

◆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. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST.DENIO

◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we need your forgiveness because the stain of sin is deeply embedded in our souls. We seek after vain things: material wealth, praise from our peers, and self-fulfillment. We always give in to pride— thinking more often and more highly of ourselves than we ought to. Even our best thoughts and actions are darkened by self-interest. Lord, we are wrapped up in ourselves, and we cannot break free unless you change our hearts. Convict us, give us your Word, and lead us into lives of discipleship where we live for you and seek to serve our neighbors. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

◆SILENT CONFESSION

◆ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

◆SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 477

We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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◆ SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

*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

O Lord, Have Mercy  
Sanctuary Choir

HAL HOPSON

*O Lord, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy, have mercy, Lord.  
Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin.  
From earth-born passions set me free, and make me pure within.  
Lord Jesus, think on me, amid the battle's strife.  
In all my pain and misery be thou my health and life.  
Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray.  
Through darkness and perplexity point thou the heavenly way.  
Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when this life is past,  
I may the eternal brightness see, and share thy joy at last.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 1:1-2:2

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 238

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

SERMON

Growing in Christ: Assurance of Forgiveness

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 443

There Is a Redeemer

GREEN

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM PCUSA'S A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (1983)

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.  
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.**



## 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](mailto: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 Embler. 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.

## 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.

### **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](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.



## **WELCOME TO SARAH SHAYBAN AS WESTMINSTER'S NEW ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC!**

Sarah is a Charleston native who has served churches and schools in the Lowcountry for the past 20 years, most recently, as Director of Music at Johns Island Presbyterian Church. She enjoys her new role as a mother and is on the piano faculty at Ashley Hall school. She loves spending time outdoors with her husband, baby Rafael, and cocker spaniel, Mo. Sarah will work with our Director of Music, Robin Zemp, as he continues to recover from his hospitalization over the summer. The one position is essentially divided into two parts, enabling us to resume Handbell and Sanctuary Choirs and providing (along with Nancy Parrish) regular pianist and organists for Sunday worship.

## **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY**

Wednesday, September 21, 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: rotisserie chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetable, salad, bread, dessert.

## **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.

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### 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
12:15 pm	Mission Committee, Room 4
4:00 pm	Club 3, 4, 5, Covenant Hall
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

### Monday, September 19

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

### Tuesday, September 20

6:30 am	Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
9:30 am	3's Chapel Time, Sanctuary
10:00 am	Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office
12:30 pm	Presbytery Ministers' Lunch, Room 4
1:00 pm	Bridge Group, Library
7:00 pm	Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

### Wednesday, September 21

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

### Thursday, September 22

9:30 am	3's Music, Sanctuary
10:00 am	4's Music, Sanctuary
2:00 pm	SAM's Montreat Committee, Parlor
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 79, Covenant Hall

### Friday, September 23

3:00 pm	Churchwide Family Retreat, Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center
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### 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
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

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

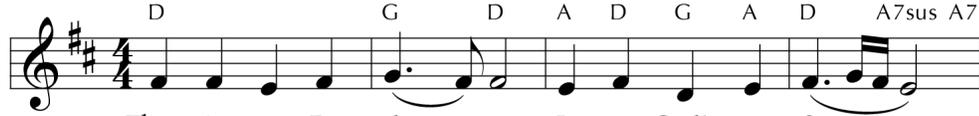
most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

## There Is a Redeemer

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1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son;  
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names,  
 3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his face;



pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.  
 pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, hope for sin - ners slain.  
 there I'll serve my King for - ev - er in that ho - ly place.



Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son, and



leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

Although the refrain of this piece names all three Persons of the Trinity, the stanzas emphasize references to Jesus Christ under various titles. There is also a shift in tone between the stanzas and the refrain: the former speak about God and the latter speaks to God.

FORGIVENESS

# 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness  
 2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,  
 of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's  
 is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place  
 faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.  
 flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

## 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
Don Sumner	Larry Mountford		

### Friend of the Week

Fran Morat  
1623 Dickens St.  
Charleston, SC 29407

### Mission of the Week

Back Pack Buddies  
1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.  
Charleston, SC 29407

### Student of the Week

Andrew Smoak  
9200 University Blvd.  
N. Charleston, SC 29406

### Church Family

Lesa Grayson  
Maury Grayson  
Andrew Grayson

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