



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

September 25, 2022

11:00 am

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus  
*Ava Whitener and Nancy Parrish*

HELLEN H. LEMMEL

◆CALL TO WORSHIP

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!**

◆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. 299

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

HANOVER

◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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 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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Administered to Mary Stone Dorsel, daughter of Chris and Meg Dorsel.  
Dee Bee Wright and Matt Akery, assisting Elders.

◆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

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

Prayer for Guidance  
Sanctuary Choir

ALLEN POTE

*Teach me your ways; make them known to me. Teach me to live according to your will.  
Because you are my savior, all day long I trust in you.  
O remember your kindness and constant love which you have shown from long ago.  
Forgive the sins and errors of my youth. Remember me, O Lord.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 3:5-6

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

SERMON

Growing in Christ: Assurance of Guidance

◆HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

◆HYMN NO. 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

◆BENEDICTION

◆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.**

◆POSTLUDE

Toccata Breve

EDWARD BROUGHTON

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◆*Please stand, if able*

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

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

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Acolytes are Connor Chandler and Manning Earnst.  
Ushers are Nathan Snider, Jim Frye, Taffy Tamblyn, Lisa Couch.  
Children's Church volunteers are Ashley and Nathan Snider.  
Wee Church volunteers are John and Dee Bee Wright.

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](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 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.

## 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](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 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](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.



### 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

# 299 You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save,  
 3 "Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!"  
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad Christ's won - der - ful name.  
 he still re - mains nigh; his pres - ence we have.  
 Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son.  
 all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

The name all vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol,  
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
 all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

whose king - dom is glo - rious, who rules o - ver all.  
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
 fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fi - nite love!

This hymn resembles many 18th-century drawings that show parallels between worship on earth and worship in heaven, especially as described in Revelation 7:9–11. This 18th-century tune has had many names; the one used here honors the dynasty of British monarchs, 1714–1901.



## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

# God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-  
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,  
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to  
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:  
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:  
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:  
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:  
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

## Westminster Prays

Carol Cummings	Meg Powell	Summer Garris	Chrissie Bosworth
Bill Pennekamp	Keith Gordon	Mary Ashley Barbot	Ginger Sieftring
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

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