Westminster Presbyterian Church

October 16, 2022 **9:00 am**

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION

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

What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?
To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.

♦WORDS OF PRAISE FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

One: With believers in every time and place,
All: We rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
One: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
All: Thanks be to God!

♦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.

♦SONG OF PRAISE NO. 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! DARWALL'S 148TH

CONFESSION

♦CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

God of reconciliation, hear our prayers. The early church paved a path of devotion, teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer. As your disciples we find ourselves distracted, too busy, and not with enough time to follow their path. Forgive us, Lord, for missed opportunities for sharing the joy of being your church. Forgive us, Lord, for missed opportunities to break bread in fellowship with neighbors. Forgive us, Lord, for being too busy to seek your wisdom and to be in prayer. Hear our prayers for our sin.

♦SILENT PRAYER

♦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 *Natasha Akery*

Scripture Lesson Hebrews 10:24-25 Pew Bible N.T. Page 224

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

Sermon Growing in Christ: The Church

Responding to the Word

♦Song No. 300 We are One in the Spirit They'll Know We are Chirstians

♦Affirmation of Faith From the Nicene Creed

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

♦LITANY OF DEDICATION AND DISCIPLESHIP — FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 12

One: For just as the body is one and has many members, we are one body as it is in Christ Jesus.
All: Today we offer our commitments of discipleship.
One: For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
All: Today we offer our commitments of discipleship.
One: For the body does not consist of one member but of many.
All: Today we offer our commitments of discipleship.
One: But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.
All: Today we offer our commitments of discipleship.
One: God has so composed the body, giving great honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members have the same care for one another.
All: Today we offer our commitments of discipleship. If one member is honored, all rejoice together.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING OUT

♦SENDING SONG NO. 296 — Go in Grace and Make Disciples — WONDROUS LIGHT

♦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.

♦*Please stand, if able*

Leading the service today: Lissa Long, Pastor; Sara Shayban, Music.

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

Acolyte is Eleanor Akery.
Ushers are George McAbee, Mary McAbee, Graham Wade.

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.
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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AND COMMITTAL

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection and Giving Thanks for the Life of Sara McCoy will be held in Westminster's Memorial Garden on Monday, October 17 at 3:30 pm. All who wish to attend are invited.

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.

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
Psalm 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, October 19, 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 ham, red rice, vegetable, salad, bread, dessert.

TRUNK AND TREAT TODAY 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

TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY

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) to worship today and we'll dedicate our commitments to the Lord together in worship. Place your card in the basket under 'Giving Tree' in the narthex. 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 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	Trunk and Treat
5:30 pm	Deacons Meeting, Zoom
6:00 pm	Scout Troop 79, Covenant Hall
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, October 17

9:50 am	4's Chapel, Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Preschool Dance, Covenant Hall
3:30 pm	Sarah McCoy's Service, Memorial Garden
6:00 pm	Christian Education Committee, Zoom
7:00 pm	Circle 1, Library
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 79

Tuesday, October 18

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	CAP Minister's Lunch, Covenant Hall
1:00 pm	Bridge Group, Library
7:00 pm	Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 19

9:00 am	Preschool Funnastics, Covenant Hall
6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday, Covenant Hall, ham
6:45 pm	Finance Committee, Room 4
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall Room 3

Thursday, October 20

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

Sunday, October 23

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
6:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting, Room 4
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Westminster Prays

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

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Mission of the Week
Neighbors Together
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Student of the Week
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St. Augustine, FL 32084

Church Family
Jake and Lindsey Hendrickson
Ada, Lucas
Rebecca Hoffman

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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