Westminster Presbyterian Church

October 23, 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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦SONG OF PREPARATION

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
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let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

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let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks. Give thanks.

♦WORDS OF PRAISE FROM DEUTERONOMY 6 AND JOSH 24

One: Choose this day whom you will serve.
All: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.
One: Cry aloud, and call upon God's name.
All: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.
One: Declare God's glory among the nations.
All: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.
One: Sing to the Lord, and bless God's name.
All: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

♦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. 10 Sing Glory to the Name of God LASST UNS ERFREUEN

CONFESSION

♦CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

**Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe.
You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear. You urge us to give freely,
but we cling to what we have. You call us to watch at all times for you,
but we grow lazy and self-absorbed. Forgive us. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,
and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day.
For the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

♦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.
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

SPECIAL MUSIC Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy KAREN BUCKWALTER
Handbell Choir

*I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 4:10-13 PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 198

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

SERMON Growing in Christ: His Strength

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

♦SONG NO. 307 God of Grace and God of Glory 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. 295 Go to the World! SINE NOMINE

SENDING OUT

♦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: Daniel Smoak, Pastor Priscilla Holtzclaw, Pastor, Robin Zemp and Sara 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 Sara Dwyer's birthday.

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.

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 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.

November 6 Growing in Christ: Love
John 13:34-35 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

November 13 Growing in Christ: Service Children's Sunday
Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

November 20 Growing in Christ: Witnessing
Mark 5:19 And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on 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.

CLUB 3, 4, 5 - TODAY

All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are invited for fellowship and fun from 4:00 to 5:00 pm in Covenant Hall.
Club 3,4, 5 will meet once a month.

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 November 13. 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 November 13 Connections class by emailing office@wpccharleston.org.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, October 26 enjoy 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.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS: A SEMINAR ON GRIEF DURING THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated?

Our *Griefshare* Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. Whether ongoing or new grief, you'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to discover hope for your future

We're offering the seminar at two different times:

Sunday, November 13 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm
Wednesday, November 16 from 10:00 – 12:00 pm

Please RSVP by contacting Pastor Daniel dsmoak@wpccharleston.org

GROWING IN CHRIST

THE GIVING TREE IS FILLING UP WITH LEAVES

Every household that completes a 2023 Estimate of Giving card is represented by a leaf on the Giving Tree in the Narthex. THANK YOU to those who have already made those commitments for 2023! There are 125 leaves for a total of $563,896 to date. Our goal is 100% participation, so if you have not yet turned in your card (they are available in the narthex), you may do that by placing it in the offering plate or making your pledge online at www.wpccharleston.org Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!!

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

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

Monday, October 24

9:50 am	4's Chapel, Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Preschool Dance, Covenant Hall
6:00 pm	Christian Education Committee, Zoom
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 79, Sanctuary and Covenant Hall

Tuesday, October 25

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, October 26

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

Thursday, October 27

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

Friday, October 28

9:00 am	Preschool Fall Festival

Sunday, October 30

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
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
Charlotte Griggs
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

Friend of the Week
Jim Seay
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Charleston, SC 29407

Mission of the Week
Water Missions
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N. Charleston, SC 29405

Student of the Week
Kirkland Smith
833 Old Greenville Hwy.
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Clemson, SC 29631

Church Family
Priscilla Holtzclaw
Norman and Virginia Hook
Becky Housley, David Wiggins
Corbett, Mattie, Christopher

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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