Westminster Presbyterian Church

October 30, 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 PSALM 46

One: God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.
All: So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come, and the mountains crumble into the sea.

One: Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!
All: The Lord Almighty is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress.

♦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. 610 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON

CONFESSION

♦CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Lord of all, the demands of your righteousness are too hard for us to fulfill alone, so we rush off with this excuse and ignore your law. You forgive our iniquity and remember our sin no more, and we abuse this freedom as if it were a license to selfishness, self-indulgence and self-righteousness. You give us the gift of grace: atonement in the blood your Son, yet we make it cheap without serious repentance. We fail to see the power of your faithfulness. We are your people, but do we know you as our God? Forgive us Lord, the sins we know in our heart. Save us Lord from the sins we hide.

♦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

SPECIAL MUSIC Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing ARR. HEATHER SORENSON
Men's Chorus

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm119:11 PEW BIBLE O.T. PAGE 566

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

SERMON Growing in Christ: The Bible

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

♦SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 463 How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

♦DECLARATION OF FAITH THE THEOLOGICAL DECLARATION OF BARMEN (1934)

One: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one comes to the Father, but by me." (John 14:6). "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. … I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved." (John 10:1, 9.)

All: Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God's revelation.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

♦SONG NO. 462 I Love to Tell the Story HANKEY

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; Lissa Long, Pastor; Nancy Parrish, Music.

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

Ushers are Nancy Dixon, Sumner Long, Grahame Long.

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 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.

DONATE COATS

Based upon a dire need identified by our partners at Mary Ford Early Childhood and Family Center, the Mission Committee is collecting winter coats and outerwear (including caps, gloves, and rainwear) for children and adults through December 1. The coats will be donated to Mary Ford, Chicora Elementary and Neighbors Together just in time for cooler weather. The collection boxes are located in Covenant Hall and outside of the church office.

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, November 2 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 Menu is BBQ chicken, starch, vegetable, salad, bread, dessert.

BACK PACK BUDDIES NOVEMBER 2

Please join us for Wonderful Wednesday and pack food bags for children facing food insecurity. November packing dates are November 2 and 30.

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 am – 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 129 leaves for a total of $584,796 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 30

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Trick-Can-Treat, All Youth
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, October 31

9:50 am	4's Chapel, Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Preschool Dance, Covenant Hall

Tuesday, November 1

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, November 2

9:00 am	Preschool Funnastics, Covenant Hall
6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday, Covenant Hall, BBQ chicken
6:30 pm	Back Pack Buddies, Covenant Hall
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall Room 3

Thursday, November 3

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

Sunday, November 6

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
Pat Skees
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
Bruce Hamilton
Don Sumner
Lauren Wilson
Reed Family
Charlotte Griggs
Bob Ferguson
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
Howard Fulwiler
Lance Lewandowski
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

Prayers of Sympathy and Support are extended for
Pat Painter and family upon the death of her husband, Frank.

Friend of the Week
Rosalee Smith
1857 Greenmore Dr.
Charleston, SC 29407

Mission of the Week
Metanoia
2005 Reynolds Ave.
N. Charleston, SC 29405

Student of the Week
Christopher Housley
207 East Maple St.
Clinton, SC 29325

Church Family
Kay Hudson
Harry and Joan Hutchins
Peggy Inabinet

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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