



Westminster Presbyterian Church

November 27, 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

While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.
Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

◆ LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

The Handbell Choir

One: We wait for the coming of the Lord with Hope.

All: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

One: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

All: **We wait for you with expectation. Come, Lord Jesus!**

◆ ADVENT HYMN NO. 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Verses 1,2,6,7

VENI EMMANUEL

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there is no justice. We live in fear, as though there is no grace. We live in despair, as though there is no hope. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are our hope and the God of our salvation. Amen.

◆ SILENT PRAYERS

◆ 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Handbell Choir

TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

Pastor Lissa

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 24:36-51

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Second Advent

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

◆DECLARATION OF FAITH

FROM THE NICENE CREED(381)

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

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 NO. 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

◆ RESPONSE

We sing together: **Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed to us; His name is called Em-man-u-el!**

◆ *Please stand, if able*

Leading the service today: Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Lissa Long, Pastor; Robin Zemp, Sarah Shayban, Music.

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

Acolyte is Tanner Gentry.

Ushers are Nancy Dixon, Dee Bee Wright, Jim Drennan.

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.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

ADVENT is the Latin word for “coming.” For Christians it refers to the church season that prepares for the coming of Jesus Christ as God in human flesh – the incarnation. We celebrate his humble birth, his coming to us now, and his coming again in glory at the end of time.

The round shape of the Advent Wreath is a symbol of God’s never-ending love for us. The evergreens represent everlasting life, and the purple candles are for him who comes royally as King of kings and Lord of lords. The pink candle is for the joy of the season, and in the center of the wreath is the white Christ candle lit on Christmas Eve. In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter’s season and to pray for the return of the light. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that Great Day, we watch and wait in Holy Spirit for Christ’s coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of hope, peace, joy, and love; and remembering the promises of God with prayer.

The Christmas tree (up next week) is adorned with lights and Chrismons. Lights remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. Chrismons are symbols that illustrate aspects of the Christian.

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

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.



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 January 8, 2023. 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 January 8 Connections class by emailing office@wpccharleston.org.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS IN YOUR INBOX!

Beginning December 1, we're sending out daily devotionals, prepared by some of the Westminster leaders, during the season of Advent and Christmas. These devotionals are based in Scripture and the lyrics of three hymns: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel; Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus; and Hark! The Herald Angels Sing. Each devotional will be delivered via email with a link to the hymn lyric for the day. If you are already on the WPC email list (receiving the Tuesday/Sunday ENews), you're all set. If you would like to receive the devotionals, please subscribe to the ENews at wpccharleston.org.

WE'RE GOING TO STUDY MATTHEW!

On Sunday December 4, Pastor Daniel will begin a sermon series on Matthew (We're starting in 1:1 with the genealogy of Jesus!) During Advent and all through 2023, we'll be engaged in a verse-by-verse study of the Gospel. If you would like a special copy of Matthew from The Illuminated Scripture Journal for following along and taking notes, they are available for you in the narthex. They are a gift for you provide your read it and use it!

CHRISMON TREE NOVEMBER 29, 5:30 PM

The Chrismon Tree will be put up Tuesday, November 29 at 5:30 pm in the sanctuary. Many hands are needed to fluff and put the tree up. Children are welcome but there is not much for them to do! However, we will certainly need their help to put the Chrismons on the tree at the worship service on December 4!

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.

GIFT MAKING WORKSHOP, DECEMBER 3 WAITLIST

First through Fifth graders are invited to sign up and join us to create and wrap Christmas gifts for their loved ones. All spots are currently full, but if you would like to be added to the waitlist you may email Laura Patrick at lpatrick@wpccharleston.org. We are also still looking for a few volunteers to host a table for the gift making workshop. If you would like to share your crafting talents with the children of the church, please email Laura Patrick at lpatrick@wpccharleston.org

THE ANGEL TREE IS IN THE NARTHEX!

The Angel Tree, complete with 125, angels is in the Narthex! Each angel represents a child in need at Mary Ford Early Childhood Center. Grab an angel from the tree or donate money in the church office or online at wpccharleston.org. The youth of the church will have an evening of shopping at Target for these children. All gifts should be returned in a gift bag by December 11.

AV/SOUND SYSTEM/ LIVESTREAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Westminster PC is searching for a team of folks, with knowledge or experience, to help with our weekly AV/Sound System/ Livestream needs. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please reach out to Dee Bee Wright at 843.729.7005. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING ADVENT COME AND JOIN US!

During Advent Pastor Daniel and Pastor Lissa will be leading a four week series on *Faith and Film* using holiday classics to discuss Advent theological themes. Film clips will be shown as part of the discussion. The class will be meeting in Covenant Hall during the Sunday School hour and all are welcome!

Today	Home Alone
December 4	It's a Wonderful Life
December 11	Bishop's Wife
December 18	Charlie Brown Christmas

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, November 27

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Youth Group, Parents Night Out
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, November 28

9:50 am	4's Chapel, Sanctuary
10:00 am	Hooks & Needles, Room 4
12:00 pm	Preschool Dance, Covenant Hall
7:00 pm	Scout Troop 79

Tuesday, November 29

6:30 am	Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
9:30 am	3's Chapel Time, Sanctuary
10:00 am	Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office
5:30 pm	Chrismon Tree Setup, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 30

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

Thursday, December 1

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

Saturday, December 3

9:30 am	Gift Making Workshop, Covenant Hall
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Sunday, December 4

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Youth Group, Christmas Party
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, November 30 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 kitchen choice .

BACK PACK BUDDIES NOVEMBER 30

Please join us for Wonderful Wednesday and pack food bags for children facing food insecurity. Many hands are needed.

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

Today: The First Sunday of Advent

Matthew 24:36-51

9:00 & 11:00 am Worship

December 4: The Second Sunday of Advent

Matthew 1:1-17

9:00 & 11:00 am Worship; The Lord's Supper
Children Hang the Chrismons

December 11: The Third Sunday of Advent

Matthew 1:18-25

9:00 & 11:00 am Worship

December 18: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Blue Christmas A special service designed for those who aren't feeling so joyful during the holidays.

11:00 am Lessons and Carols A festival of readings and singing that point us to the Messiah's birth.

December 24: (Saturday) Christmas Eve

3:00 & 5:00 pm Families & Young Children Two options to attend. We recreate the nativity with help from the congregation and all the children who wish to participate. Costumes provided; it's wiggly and wonderful.

7:00 pm Carols and Candlelight A more reverent service with traditional carols, a sermon, and candle lighting.

5:00 and 7:00 pm will both be livestreamed.

December 25: Christmas Morning!

Luke 2:1-20

11:00 am Worship for the whole family Come as you are.
One service only
No Sunday School, Nursery or Children's Church

January 1: New Year's Day

Matthew 2:1-12

11:00 am Start the New Year with The Lord's Supper
Come as you are. One service only.
No Sunday School.
Nursery and Children's Church available

Westminster Prays

Carol Cummings	Meg Powell	Summer Garris	Chrissie Bosworth
Bill Pennekamp	Keith Gordon	Mary Ashley Barbot	Ginger Siefing
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	Jackie Epstein
Steve Buddin	Sharon Hutchinson	Mary Martschink	Edward Godshall
Dick Unger	Harper Croft	Maryalice Vann	Towne Family
Anderson Scruggs	Monnie Privette	Christina Miller	Charles Reeves
Pam Smith	Eleanor Woodbury	Meghan Hatfield	Merrily Burnette
Chad Waldrop	Evan McMillan	Rachel Singletary	John Martschink
Libba Palmer	Bruce Hamilton	Fran Ligon	Brenda Jonsson
Marion Woodbury	Don Sumner	Molly Griggs	Judy Tag
Bryan Thomas	Lauren Wilson	Howard Fulwiler	Rose Derrick
Gloria Purcell	Reed Family	Lance Lewandowski	Robin Zemp
Will Edwards	Charlotte Griggs	Ann Froneberger	Pat Skees
Bob Ferguson	Debby Ferguson	Cynthia Ebigwei	

Friend of the Week

Ginnie Yarborough
1597 Spencer St.
Charleston, SC 29407

Mission of the Week

Thornwell Home
302 South Broad St.
Clinton, SC 29325

Student of the Week

Erik Jonsson
211 Main St. Apt 219A
Columbia, SC 29202-4265

Church Family

Regina Keene
Phoebe Keene
Jo Ann Lisk

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