



Westminster Presbyterian Church

November 20, 2022

11:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

ARR. NIGEL WILLIAMS

♦CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 150

One: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!
All: **Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!**
One: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!
All: **Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!**
One: Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
All: **Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!**

♦INVOCATION

♦HYMN OF PRAISE

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

SETTING BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

All: All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell. Come ye before him and rejoice.
All: The Lord, ye know, is God indeed; without our aid he did us make; we are his folk;
he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
All: O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.
Choir: For why? The Lord our God is good; his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.
All: To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heaven and earth adore;
From men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore.

♦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you give us an abundance of good things to enjoy and use for your glory. Yet, we have been anxious to hoard your gifts and to acquire more for ourselves. We have not trusted in your promises, and we have not sought your Kingdom first. Forgive our ingratitude for all you have given, our fear that your provision will not be enough, and our failure to be generous with others. Bring to fullness in us the fruit of your Spirit, that we would live in joyous faith, hope, and love; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

♦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.

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

Let Everything that Hath Breath
Sanctuary Choir

Joel RANEY

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord; lift up your voices and sing: “Rejoice, the Lord is King!” We bring thanksgiving and praise; alleluias we raise. Praise the Lord in his sanctuary, praise the Lord in the heavens above. Praise the Lord for his acts of power, praise the source of endless love. Praise the Lord with resounding cymbals, praise the Lord with the harp and lyre. Praise the Lord with the sounding of the trumpet.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 5:1-20

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

SERMON

Growing in Christ: Witnessing

♦HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

♦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

TAKEN FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (1983)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus! With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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.

◆HYMN NO. 331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand NATIONAL HYMN

◆BENEDICTION

◆POSTLUDE Voluntary on Old 100th HENRY PURCELL

◆*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)

Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from CCLI License #2778901

Acolyte is Sumner Long.
Ushers are the Fergusons, John Dounian and Son.
Children's Church volunteers are Ashley and Nathan Snider.
Wee Church volunteers are Caroline and Jack Christian.

Tim Hudson, trumpet
Susan Messersmith, trumpet
Brandon Nichols, horn
Chris Lindgren, trombone
Chris Bluemel, tuba

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.

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.

o Pastor Daniel Smoak, 843-872-1001

o 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.



STEWARDSHIP FOR 2023

GROWING IN CHRIST

THANK YOU to those who have already made those commitments for 2023! To date, there are 143 responses totaling \$611,556. Our goal is 100% participation, so if you have not yet turned in your 2023 estimate of giving 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!!

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!

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP AND SHRIMP /OYSTER ROAST

Tickets must be purchased by Monday, November 21, 2022 at 5:00 pm. Wednesday, November 23, Worship at 6:00 pm, Shrimp and Oyster Roast at 6:30 pm. Join us for a worship service of thanksgiving followed by fellowship outside under the awning and in Covenant Hall. Tickets must be purchased in advance after worship today, or in the Church Office tomorrow. We are also asking volunteers to bring their favorite chili for the event. \$15.00 Oysters and Shrimp plus hotdog, smores, and chili. \$5.00 hot dog, smores, chili.

THANKSGIVING EVE TURKEY SMOKE

Wednesday, November 23, 7:30–8:30 am drop-off to 1:30–3:00 pm pick-up. Bring a fresh turkey (or chicken, salmon, pork). It needs to be completely thawed with giblets and neck removed. Protein of choice should be in a throw away aluminum pan with your name on all side in Sharpie. Regular turkeys cook better than the butterball variety. (10– 14 lbs. cook best). You are welcome to hang out with the crew and lend any assistance with the rotation and basting process. We will also need a supply of hardwood for the cooker. No pine. If you can help with this, contact Tom Higgins at 843-637-9167 or Jim Frye at 843-729-2183.

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.

THORNWELL TURKEYS!

God's children of all ages are invited to pick-up a Thornwell Turkey from the Narthex (near the bulletins) to take home. Once you have your turkey, you are invited to fill the spots with quarters and return back to the church as an offering. Monies received through the Thornwell Turkeys will be sent to support the mission and ministry of Thornwell Home for Children. Gobble Gobble!

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 lpatrik@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 lpatrik@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!

November 27 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 20

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting, Room 4
6:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting, Room 4
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Tuesday, November 22

6:30 am	Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
10:00 am	Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office
7:00 pm	Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 23

7:30 am	Turkey Smoke, Outside Scout Hut
6:00 pm	Thanksgiving Worship, Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Oyster Roast, Covenant Hall
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall Room 3

Thursday, November 24

Happy Thanksgiving!

Church offices are closed Thursday and Friday.

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

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP NOVEMBER 23, 2022 AT 6:00 PM

An offering will be collected during the Thanksgiving Worship service. Please bring canned and nonperishable goods for the food WPC food pantry. A cash (checks to "WPC") offering for the food pantry will also be received.

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

November 27: 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

722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.

Westminster Prays

Carol Cummings	Meg Powell	Summer Garris	Chrissie Bosworth
Bill Pennekamp	Keith Gordon	Mary Ashley Barbot	Ginger Siefring
Kate Pennekamp	Larry Salley	Joyce Aydlott	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

Aileen Wiese
110 Ashley Villa Cir. Apt B
Charleston, SC 29414

Mission of the Week

Mary Ford Early Learning
3180 Thomasina McPherson Blvd.
North Charleston, SC 29405

Student of the Week

Emma Louise Farmer
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Gainesville, FL 32603

Church Family

William and Leslie Jonsson
Erik, Kyle
John and Fran Ligon

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;
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Mission: Brenda Gibson and Chuck Towne; **Preschool:** Abbie Mobley; **Worship:** Dee Bee Wright and George McAbee;
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