Westminster Presbyterian Church

December 11, 2022 **11:00 am**

The Third Sunday of Advent

WELCOME AND ANNOUCEMENTS

PRELUDE Lullaby on Antioch JOHANSEN WERNER

♦LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY The Anchor Class

One: We wait for the coming of the Lord with Hope, Peace and Joy.
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. 83 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

♦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus came to bring light and hope, but our hearts are often shrouded by darkness and despair. Jesus came to bring joy and peace, but our hearts are often encased by sorrow and turmoil. Jesus came to bring life and love, but our hearts are often hardened by resistance and apathy. As Jesus entered the world to conquer sin and death, we open our hearts in confession to be cleansed from our sinfulness and to be restored to the image of Jesus. In the name of Jesus, we pray, 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.

♦WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Ian and Caitlyn Campbell, Martha Nye, Joshua and Michelle Robinson, children, Thomas and Annie.

♦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 — Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus — Arnold Sherman

Handbell Choir

Scripture Lesson — Matthew 1:18-25 — Pew Bible N.T. Page 1

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

Sermon — The New Way of Righteousness

♦Hymn of Response No. 102 — Savior of the Nations, Come — Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland

♦Affirmation 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

Prayers of the People 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. 143 — Angels from the Realms of Glory — REGENT SQUARE

♦ BENEDICTION

♦ 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!

♦ POSTLUDE — Toccata on Regent Square — LANI SMITH

♦ *Please stand, if able*

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

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

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Acolytes are Harper Lewandowski and Spencer Bruce.
Ushers are Nathan Ward, Henry Shepard, Ruth Marie Embler, Ben Whitener.
Children's Church volunteers are Lindy Coleman and Brenda Clarey.
Wee Church volunteers are Ashley and Nathan Snider.

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 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 life.

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 2-5k (Wee Church and 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.

CLUB 3, 4, 5

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

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022

Join us for Breakfast and Bible Study from 8:00 - 9:00 am on the Second Tuesday of every month. We meet for breakfast at Trotters Restaurant in the Town and Country Inn and Suites (2008 Savannah Highway). Join us for the Fellowship and Encouragement!

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER

Women of Westminster are invited to come and enjoy a Christmas Drop-In at Pastor Lissa's home Sunday, December 18 between 2:00-5:00 pm. Please feel free to bring a daughter, a sister, a neighbor or niece with you! 94 Blairmore Drive Charleston, SC 29414 (Shadowmoss)

WE'RE GOING TO STUDY MATTHEW!

Last week we began 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 provided you read it and use it!

THE ANGEL TREE IS IN THE NARTHEX!

Today 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.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, December 14 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 bar.

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!

2022 YEAR END GIVING

As we approach the end of the church's fiscal year, please be aware that the church books will close December 31, 2022. In order to be recorded for 2022, all contributions will need to be received by December 31. You can mail your check, bring to the church office, or take advantage of the safe and convenient online giving. Thank you for your faithful and generous support of the missions and ministry of Westminster. 2022 Giving Statements can be accessed through your online Realm account. If you need to have it printed for pick up or mailed, please contact the church office. If you have any questions or need any information, please don't hesitate to call Tommye Owen at 843-766-8311, ext 105 or finance@wpccharleston.org. For online givers, please make sure to update your "giving fund" to 2023 pledge starting in January. That drop down will be available by 1/1/2023. This is particularly important if you have set up for automatic weekly or monthly giving.

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2023

THANK YOU to those who have already made those commitments for 2023! 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!!

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, December 11

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Second Sunday Social, Covenant Hall
4:00 pm	Club 3, 4, 5, Covenant Hall
5:00 pm	Youth Group, Angel Tree Shopping
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, December 12

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, December 13

6:30 am	Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
8:00 am	Men's Bible Study, Trotter's restaurant
9:30 am	3's Chapel Time, Sanctuary
10:00 am	Circle 4, Room 4
10:00 am	Circle 5, Parlor
10:00 am	Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office

Wednesday, December 14

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

Sunday, December 18

9:00 am	Worship Service, Blue Christmas
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service, Lessons and Carols
6:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting, Room 4
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

TODAY IS SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL

Please join us following the 11:00 am worship in Covenant Hall for lunch and fellowship. Fried chicken will be provided; please bring a side to share. There will be a basket set out for donations to cover the cost of the fried chicken. All are welcome!

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.

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

Today: 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

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS IN YOUR INBOX!

December 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.

83 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744
MUSIC: Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715, alt.

STUTTGART
8.7.8.7
(alternate tune: HYFRYDOL, 82)

Savior of the Nations, Come 102

Though some hymns attributed to Ambrose are doubtful, this one seems rather surely to be by him. Luther's German version (commemorated in the tune name) dropped one syllable from each line of the Latin text, giving the hymn its characteristically declarative Lutheran form.

TEXT: Attr. Ambrose of Milan, 4th cent.; German para. Martin Luther, 1523; English trans. stanza 1, William Morton Reynolds, 1850, alt.; English trans. stanzas 2–4, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, 2006
MUSIC: Erfurt *Enchiridion*, 1524; harm. Sethus Calvisius, 1594
English Trans. St. 2-4 © 2006 Augsburg Fortress

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND
7.7.7.7

143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

This familiar carol was first published as a poem in the Christmas Eve 1816 issue of a newspaper the author edited in Sheffield, England. The tune name celebrates the location of a prominent Presbyterian Church in London, sometimes called the "Presbyterian cathedral."

TEXT: Stanzas 1–3, James Montgomery, 1816, 1825; stanza 4, *Salisbury Hymn Book,* 1857
MUSIC: Henry Thomas Smart, 1867

REGENT SQUARE
8.7.8.7.8.7

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
Bob Ferguson
Ellen Bollinger
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
Debby Ferguson
Summer Garris
Mary Ashley Barbot
Joyce Aydlett
Daryn Baker
Curtis Sponseller
Sean Fitzgibbon
Thom Penney
Nikolai Fruth
Mary Martschink
Maryalice Vann
Christina Miller
Meghan Hatfield
Rachel Singletary
Fran Ligon
Molly Griggs
Howard Fulwiler
Lance Lewandowski
Ann Froneberger
Cynthia Ebigwei
Chrissie Bosworth
Ginger Siefring
Martin Davis
Kevin Ritzel
Gloria Underhill
Barbara Johnston
Nita Rodemann
Jackie Epstein
Edward Godshall
Towne Family
Charles Reeves
Merrily Burnette
John Martschink
Brenda Jonsson
Judy Tag
Rose Derrick
Robin Zemp
Pat Skees
Cary Alexandre

Friend of the Week
Pat Coggins
201 W. 9th North St. Unit 93
Summerville, SC 29483

Mission of the Week
Boy Scout Troop 79
1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.
Charleston, SC 29407

Student of the Week
Andrew Smoak
9200 University Blvd.
North Charleston, SC 29406

Church Family
Bryan and Anna Kingrey
Penelope
Jill Lundgrin

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