



Westminster Presbyterian Church

January 1, 2023

11:00 am

New Year's Day

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Improvisation on March of the Kings

RENAUD DE VILBAC

◆CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!
- All: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**
- One: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.
He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
- All: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**
- One: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!
Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and women alike, old and young together!
- All: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.**
- One: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
- All: Praise the Lord!**

◆HYMN NO. 147

The First Nowell
verses 1,3,5,7

THE FIRST NOWELL

◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENNESS

JOHN 1:1-5

- One: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- All: He was in the beginning with God.**
- One: All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.
- All: Hear our confession of not turning to you God.**
- One: What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.
- All: Hear our confession of not seeing Christ's light in all people.**
- One: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
- All: Hear our prayers of confession**

◆SILENT PRAYERS

◆DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

◆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.

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

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

SERMON

Transformational Gospel

◆HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 123

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

◆AFFIRMATION 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

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER

◆ HYMN NO. 105

People, Look East

BESANCON

◆ BLESSING

◆ POSTLUDE

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

PERSONENT HODIE

◆ *Please stand, if able*

Leading the service today: Lissa Long, Pastor; Robin Zemp, 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

Acolytes are Brooke Patrick and Will Patrick.
Ushers are Carole Russell, Sandy Pell, Janie Daniels, Jack Daniels.
Children's Church volunteers are Laura and Paul Patrick.
Wee Church volunteers are Abbie and Tyler Mobley.

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 15, 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 15 Connections class by emailing office@wpccharleston.org.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023

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!

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.

2022 YEAR END 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 Tommie 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.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, January 1

11:00 am Worship Service
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, January 2

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 3

6:30 am Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
9:30 am 3's Chapel Time, Sanctuary
10:00 am Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office

Wednesday, January 4

9:00 am Preschool Funnastics, Covenant Hall
6:30 pm Backpack Buddies, Covenant Hall
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall Room 3

Sunday, January 8

9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:00 pm Second Sunday Social Potluck, Covenant Hall
5:00 pm Middle School Youth Discipleship
6:00 pm High School Youth Discipleship
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL IS JANUARY 8

Please join us January 8, 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.

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The First Nowell

1 The first Now-ell the an-gel did say was to cer-tain poor
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star shin-ing in the
 3 And by the light of that same star three wise men
 4 This star drew nigh to the north-west; o'er Beth - le -

shep-herds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keep-ing
 east be - yond them far; and to the earth it gave
 came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was their
 hem it took its rest, and there it did both stop

their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
 great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 and stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

Refrain

Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell,

"Nowell" is the English form of the French "noel," a shout of joy formerly used at Christmas (as in Chaucer's "Franklin's Tale"), a clue that the word is older than its first printing. It may have Latin and French roots related to "born" (*natus / nē*) as well to "news" (*nova / nouvelle*).

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH

The image shows a musical score for the phrase "born is the King of Is - ra - el." It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written in the treble clef, starting on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note D5, and finally a half note E5. The bass line consists of chords: a half note G2, a half note B2, a half note D3, a half note E3, a half note F3, a half note G3, a half note A3, and a half note B3. The lyrics "born is the King of Is - ra - el." are written below the treble staff, with hyphens under "Is" and "ra" to indicate syllables.

5 Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and
frankincense.

Refrain

6 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

123 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace-ful wings un - furled,
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf-fered long;
 4 And you, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,
 5 For lo, the days are has-tening on, by proph-ets seen of old,

from an - gels bend - ing near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heaven-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world:
 be - neath the heaven-ly hymn have rolled two thou-sand years of wrong;
 who toil a - long the climb-ing way with pain - ful steps and slow,
 when with the ev - er - cir-cling years shall come the time fore - told,

“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven’s all-gra-cious King”:
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov-ering wing,
 and we at war on earth hear not the tid - ings that they bring;
 look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing:
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen-dors fling,

The “it” of the first line of this text by a Unitarian minister does not refer to the birth of Jesus, but to “that glorious song of old,” the angelic tidings of peace on earth. The restored third stanza laments how often the noise of human strife has obscured that message.

105 People, Look East

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more
 5 An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley

Peo - ple, look

a - ble; trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
 nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish.
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
 hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.

This text was written to provide a new Advent text for an existing carol tune, here named for the city in eastern France where it originated. The author has imaginatively expressed the cosmic implications of Christ's coming by addressing each stanza to a part of creation.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

east and sing to - day:



Peo-ple, look east:

Love, the Guest, is on the way.
Love, the Rose, is on the way.
Love, the Bird, is on the way.
Love, the Star, is on the way.
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Peo-ple, look east:

(Love is on the way.)



Westminster Prays

Carol Cummings	Meg Powell	Summer Garris	Chrissie Bosworth
Bill Pennekamp	Keith Gordon	Mary Ashley Barbot	Ginger Siefring
Kate Pennekamp	Larry Salley	Joyce Aydlett	Martin Davis
Love Moody	Lydia Crosby	Daryn Baker	Kevin Ritzel
Lisa Wilcox	Brian Carlow	Curtis Sponseller	Gloria Underhill
Harold Fountain	Frances McLean	Sean Fitzgibbon	Barbara Johnston
Nancy Plowden	David Kerr	Thom Penney	Nita Rodemann
Gary Brooks	Sharon Hutchinson	Nikolai Fruth	Jackie Epstein
Steve Buddin	Harper Croft	Mary Martschink	Edward Godshall
Dick Unger	Monnie Privette	Maryalice Vann	Towne Family
Anderson Scruggs	Eleanor Woodbury	Christina Miller	Charles Reeves
Pam Smith	Evan McMillan	Meghan Hatfield	Merrily Burnette
Chad Waldrop	Bruce Hamilton	Rachel Singletary	John Martschink
Libba Palmer	Don Sumner	Fran Ligon	Brenda Jonsson
Bryan Thomas	Lauren Wilson	Molly Griggs	Judy Tag
Gloria Purcell	Reed Family	Ann Froneberger	Rose Derrick
Will Edwards	Charlotte Griggs	Cynthia Ebigwei	Robin Zemp
Bob Ferguson	Debby Ferguson	Gloria Ricoma	Pat Skees
Ellen Bollinger	Elaine Tidwell	Janet Wilson	Cary Alexandre

Prayers of Sympathy and Support are extended for
Anna Kerr and family upon the death of her father, Marion Woodbury.

Friend of the Week
Barbara Crumrine
7488 Stoney Creek Dr.
Augusta, MI 49012

Mission of the Week
Healing Farms
703 Yew St.
Charleston, SC 29407

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

Church Family
Will and Amy Kuenzel
Jenna, Lana
Dorothy Maastricht

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