



Westminster Presbyterian Church

January 29, 2023

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 Come into God's Presence

Come into God's presence singing "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."

Come into God's presence singing "Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord."

Praise the Lord together singing "Worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb."

Praise the Lord together singing "Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God."

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

ADAPTED FROM PSALM 8

One: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: You have set your glory above the heavens.

From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise.

One: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place...

All: Who are we that you are mindful of us?

One: Creator of Heaven and Earth, thank you for creating us
and loving us in a way that knows no limits.

All: We acknowledge you as Lord and praise you for all of creation.

One: Holy Spirit, we welcome you in this time of praise and worship.

**All: Please, Lord, shape us and mold us into the disciples of Jesus Christ
that you are calling us to be.**

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

CONFESSION

◆CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENESS

WRITTEN BY CHIP HARDWICK

Gracious God, you forgive us whenever we ask, and so we ask you now to forgive all of our sins. We need your grace again, for we often return to the same sins, over and over. Your Spirit longs to make us more like Jesus, yet we resist, holding on to our old patterns of living as long as we can. We presume upon your grace, counting on your forgiveness. Give us, O God, the kind of faith which changes us each day into Christ's likeness, and forgive us again when we seem to be moving in the wrong direction. Pardon us for these and all our sins, as we continue to pray in silence...

◆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.
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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

Laura Patrick

SPECIAL MUSIC

From the Rising of the Sun
Handbell Choir

LINDA LAMB

From the rising of the sun until the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised. - Psalm 113:3

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 4:12-22

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

SERMON

Called to a New Vision

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

◆ DECLARATION 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.

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.

◆ SONG NO. 728 Somebody's Knocking at Your Door SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN'

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

◆ *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)

Ushers are Matt Akery, Joe Jeter, Laura Nunn.

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.



BACKPACK BUDDIES

Wednesday, February 1, 6:30 pm. We need your hands! Join us as we pack weekend food kits for local elementary school students. We will pack in Covenant Hall following Wonderful Wednesday Supper.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1

Please join us Wednesday, February 1 at 6:00 pm in Covenant Hall and enjoy a delicious supper for adults and children. Nursery is available. Menu is rotisserie chicken, vegetable, salad, roll, dessert. Join us for fun, food, and fellowship with your church family.

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 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. This is particularly important if you have set up for automatic weekly or monthly giving.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE 2023 GIVING ENVELOPES

Please email your request to finance@wpccharleston.org

WE'RE STUDYING MATTHEW!

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!

Here's the schedule for the next few weeks.

- January 29: Matthew 4:12-22; Called to a New Vision: The call of Christ is to leave our nets and invest in the work of the Kingdom of God.
- February 5: Matthew 4:23-25; Understanding the Kingdom of God: The broken places of the world are restored as the Kingdom advances in Jesus' ministry.
- February 12: Matthew 5:1-16; The Sermon on the Mount I: The Path to True Happiness: In the Beatitudes, Jesus describes those who are truly blessed in the Kingdom of God.
- February 19: Matthew 5:17-48; The Sermon on the Mount II: Ethics of the Heart: In the Kingdom of God, disciples are motivated out of a changed heart- not legalistic observance of the law.

NEW AND EXCITING SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY: JESUS IN THE GOSPEL

As Christians we wonder "How can we do more?" or "Are we serving God in the most helpful way?" In asking these questions, we find ourselves looking at the scriptures with new eyes on ways to reach our community, serve alongside our community and be community. The class will begin with the book "When Helping Hurts: The Small Group Experience". The WPC Mission Committee has found great value in this study together and is extending the opportunity to the congregation. Books are available in the church office or in class. For more information, join us at 10:00 am in the Church Parlor or contact Pastor Lissa at mlong@wpccharleston.org.

WELCOME TO ANYONE WHO WANTS TO LEARN TO SMOCK!

The Lowcountry Smockers Guild meets at Westminster every second Thursday of the month. Their mission is to make baby burial gowns to distribute locally for the national "Wee, Care" project, and to promote the art of hand sewing. On Thursday, February 9 at 10:00 am the Smocking Guild will be offering free lessons to anyone wanting to learn how to smock or needing a refresher course. We will provide all the materials needed. We would like to know how many are coming, so please email your name and phone number to Brenda Clarey, brendasews4@yahoo.com or text 843-364-3429.

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.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, February 5, immediately following the 11:00 worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to review the financial reports from 2022, review the Session-approved budget for 2023, and in accordance with G-2.0804/G-1.0501 review and vote on changes in the terms of call for our pastors. We will also convene briefly for a Meeting of the Corporation. There is no business, but an annual meeting is required by SC law.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 22

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. It's called Ash Wednesday because, as a sign of repentance, believers through the centuries have received the mark of an ashen cross on their forehead. The ashes remind us of God's words to Adam when he sinned- "remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," and it reminds us of the Old Testament practice of wearing sackcloth and having ashes placed on the head as a sign of spiritual poverty.

On February 22, there are several opportunities to gather:

- 8:00- 8:15 am and 12:15-12:30 pm Brief gatherings in the sanctuary to pray and be marked with the ashes of repentance.
- 6:30 -7:15 pm Ash Wednesday worship where we hear God's word of hope and are marked with the ashes of repentance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWING IN CHRIST

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, Carrie 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, Amy Smoak

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. Lindy Coleman, John Dounian, Deb Brown, Brenda Haile. 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 Emblar. 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.
- Jesus in the Gospel, Parlor. Pastor Lissa and other facilitators. There are multiple conversations where as Christians we wonder "How can we do more?" or "Are we serving God in the most helpful way?" In asking these questions, we find ourselves looking at the scriptures with new eyes on way to reach our community, serve alongside our community and be community. The class will begin with the book *When Helping Hurts: The Small Group Experience*. Books available at church office or in class.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING TODAY

It is Westminster's church policy that everyone, Deacons, Elders and anyone who interacts with children, receive child protection training yearly. There is a child protection training today following the 11:00 am worship service at 12:00 pm. The training sessions are fifteen minutes or less. Please join us today.

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 February 19, 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 February 19 Connections class by emailing office@wpccharleston.org

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, January 29

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Child Protection Training, Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Middle School Youth Discipleship
6:00 pm	High School Youth Discipleship
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, January 30

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

Tuesday, January 31

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, February 1

9:00 am	Preschool Funnastics, Covenant Hall
6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday Dinner, Covenant Hall, rotisserie chicken
6:30 pm	Backpack Buddies, Covenant Hall
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall Room 3

Thursday, February 2

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

Sunday, February 5

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
11:55 am	Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Worship Committee, Parlor
5:00 pm	Middle School Youth Discipleship
6:00 pm	High School Youth Discipleship
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

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
Pam Smith	Eleanor Woodbury	Christina Miller	Charles Reeves
Libba Palmer	Evan McMillan	Meghan Hatfield	Merrily Burnette
Bryan Thomas	Don Sumner	Rachel Singletary	John Martschink
Gloria Purcell	Lauren Wilson	Fran Ligon	Brenda Jonsson
Will Edwards	Reed Family	Molly Griggs	Judy Tag
Bob Ferguson	Charlotte Griggs	Ann Froneberger	Rose Derrick
Allyn Bruce	Elaine Tidwell	Cynthia Ebigwei	Robin Zemp
Susan Earhart	Colby Turner	Gloria Ricoma	Pat Skees
Edward Fitzgibbon	Phoebe Keene	Janet Wilson	Cary Alexandre
Damir Morrison			

Friend of the Week

Keith Gordon
1759 River Front Dr.
Charleston, SC 29407

Mission of the Week

Water Mission International
1150 Molly Greene Way
Bldg. 1605
N. Charleston, SC 29405

Student of the Week

Matthew Butts
1426 Parkshore Dr.
Charleston, SC 29407

Church Family

Grahame and Lissa Long
Macie, Sumner
Peter and Karen McInnes

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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