



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

January 22, 2023

11:00 am

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Morning Song

SAM BATT OWENS

## ◆CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 104

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

All: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

One: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

All: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;  
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

## ◆INVOCATION

## ◆HYMN NO. 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

## ◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we approach you with humility because we are aware of the ways we fall short of your will for our lives. We would rather rely on our strength than yours; we act like we have no need for your grace; we chase after wealth, power, and influence instead of discipleship; we only give thanks to you when things go our way; we seek to follow you on our terms; we hold onto the gifts that rightly belong to you. O Lord, show us your mercy. Do not treat us as our sins deserve, but instead set us free from our bondage and set us free for faithful obedience to you. We ask in our Savior's name and for his sake.

## ◆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

◆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

The First Song of Isaiah

JACK NOBLE WHITE

Sanctuary Choir

*The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain.*

**Refrain:**

**Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.**

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation and on that day you shall say, "Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name."

**(Refrain)**

Make God's deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that the Lord is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for God has done great things and this is known in all the world.

**(Refrain)**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion; ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

**(Refrain)**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:13-4:11

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Jesus and the Devil

◆HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

◆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.

## 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.

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| ◆ HYMN NO. 630 | Fairest Lord Jesus  | CRUSADERS' HYMN |
| ◆ BENEDICTION  |   |                 |
| ◆ POSTLUDE     | All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded in the Great and Living Lord | HERBERT HOWELLS |

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◆ *Please stand, if able*

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

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

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Acolytes are Sumner Long and Faith Towne.  
Ushers are Janie Daniels, Taffy Tamblyn, Susana Comte-Walters, Jim Frye.  
Children's Church volunteers are Caroline and Jack Christian.  
Wee Church volunteers are Abbie and Sean Engles.

## 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.

## 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](http://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](http://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.



## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25

Please join us Wednesday, January 25 at 6:00 pm in Covenant Hall and enjoy a delicious supper for adults and children. Nursery is available. Menu is ham, seasoned rice, vegetable, salad, 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](mailto: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](mailto:finance@wpccharleston.org)

## 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](mailto:office@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 22: Matthew 3:13 – 4:11; Jesus and the Devil: Jesus withstands the temptations of the devil. Is the devil real, and what can we learn from this encounter?
- 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 4:23-23; 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.

### **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 a.m. and 12:15-12:30 p.m. Brief gatherings in the sanctuary to pray and be marked with the ashes of repentance.
- 6:30 -7:15 p.m. 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.

### **CLUB 3,4,5 TODAY**

All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are invited for fellowship and fun Sunday, January 22 at 4:00 pm in Covenant Hall. Club 3,4,5 will meet once a month from 4:00 to 5:00 pm in Covenant Hall.

### **CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING TODAY**

It is Westminster's church policy that everyone who interacts with children receive child protection training yearly. There will be two training sessions held in January. January 22, following the 9:00 am worship service at 9:45 am and January 29, following the 11:00 am worship service at 12:00 pm. The training sessions are fifteen minutes or less. Please join us for one of the two training sessions.

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, January 22

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
9:55 am	Child Protection Training, Sanctuary
11:00 am	Worship Service
4:00 pm	Club 3,4,5, Covenant Hall
5:00 pm	Middle School Youth Discipleship
6:00 pm	High School Youth Discipleship
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Monday, January 23

9:50 am	4's Chapel, Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Preschool Dance, Covenant Hall
1:00 pm	Hands of Christ, Room 4
7:00 pm	Scout Troop 79

### Tuesday, January 24

6:30 am	Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
9:30 am	3's Chapel Time, Sanctuary
10:00 am	Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office
1:00 pm	Bridge Group, Library
7:00 pm	Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

### Wednesday, January 25

9:00 am	Preschool Funnastics, Covenant Hall
6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday Dinner, Covenant Hall, ham
6:30 pm	WINK, Covenant Hall
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall Room 3

### Thursday, January 26

9:30 am	3's Music, Sanctuary
10:00 am	4's Music, Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Sandhurst Board Meeting, Room 4

### 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

# 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and contains a vocal line with lyrics. The lower staff is in bass clef and contains a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' blood and  
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

right - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but  
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
 him be found, dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

*Refrain*

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all  
 then is all my hope and stay.  
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24-27 / Luke 6:47-49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

## 630

## Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come  
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of  
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry  
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I  
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is  
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines  
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.  
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.

## Westminster Prays

Carol Cummings	Meg Powell	Summer Garris	Chrissie Bosworth
Bill Pennekamp	Keith Gordon	Mary Ashley Barbot	Ginger Sieftring
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	Don Sumner	Rachel Singletary	John Martschink
Libba Palmer	Lauren Wilson	Fran Ligon	Brenda Jonsson
Bryan Thomas	Reed Family	Molly Griggs	Judy Tag
Gloria Purcell	Charlotte Griggs	Ann Froneberger	Rose Derrick
Will Edwards	Debby Ferguson	Cynthia Ebigwei	Robin Zemp
Bob Ferguson	Elaine Tidwell	Gloria Ricoma	Pat Skees
Ellen Bollinger	Colby Turner	Janet Wilson	Cary Alexandre
Allyn Bruce	Phoebe Keene	Edward Fitzgibbon	

### Friend of the Week

Carolyn Drose  
251 Druid Rd.  
Charleston, SC 29407

### Mission of the Week

Neighbors Together  
2105 Cosgrove Ave.  
N. Charleston, SC 29405

### Student of the Week

Skyler Frasier  
PO Box 8185  
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### Church Family

Tom and Rita Livingston  
David Livingston  
John Livingston

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