



Westminster Presbyterian Church

February 12, 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

FROM 2 SAMUEL 22

One: The Lord is my Rock, my Fortress, and my Deliverer.

All: My God is my Rock, in whom I take refuge.

He is my Shield and the Horn of my Salvation.

One: He is my Stronghold, my Refuge, and my Savior.

All: I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

◆ 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.

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Dear Lord, you announce the coming of your Kingdom and call us to be open to, pray for, and work for the expansion of your reign in us and in our world. We are so resistant! Rather than heed your call, we settle in our comfort zones, holding on to what is familiar, even if it keeps us from experiencing you in new ways. Shake us from our complacency, we pray. Amen.

◆ 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.
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.

THE WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

Laura Patrick

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:1-16

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

SERMON

The Path to True Happiness

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

MARION

◆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

- One: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
All: Lord, teach us to rely on you and not ourselves.
- One: Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
All: Lord, teach us to weep for the brokenness of the world.
- One: Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
All: Lord, give us patience to wait on your timing.
- One: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
All: Lord, give us a desire to know you more.
- One: Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
All: Lord, teach us to be kind to others.
- One: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
All: Lord, cleanse us of our sin, and transform our hearts.
- One: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons and daughters of God.
All: Lord, make us willing to seek reconciliation with the people we don't like.
- One: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
All: Lord, give us strength in the face of ridicule.
- One: Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
All: Lord, give us the chance to grow through suffering on account of our faith in you.
- One: We pray to you, offering our prayers for the transformation of our world,
our community, and our own hearts.
All: Amen

◆ HYMN NO. 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

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)

Acolyte is Catherine Patrick.
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.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR SUNDAYS IN MARCH, 5:00 - 5:30 PM

1st - 5th graders are invited to join a choir led by Nancy Parrish and Mellany Whetstone. The choir will meet on Sunday evenings in March from 5:00-5:30. This group will sing in church on Sunday, April 2 (Palm Sunday). Sign up via the link in the Tuesday ENews or email office@wpccharleston.org.

TODAY IS SCOUT SUNDAY, AND WE RECOGNIZE THE SCOUTS OF PACK AND TROOP 79 AT WESTMINSTER.

The Scouting program at Westminster is more than just an activity for youth to learn about the outdoors. Scouting provides fun, fellowship, and training to our youth as well as youth in our community. It emphasizes honesty, self-reliance, and respect. Through a year-round program, it affects character, citizenship, and personal fitness. But the success of our Scouting depends on our volunteers, who serve in a variety of leadership roles so that our young people may benefit from our Scouting ministry. Today at 2:00 pm the Scouts will have a Court of Honor Ceremony in the Sanctuary. Westminster is invited to attend to watch the Scouts receive their honors.

SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL TODAY

Please join us today 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!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING TODAY

Westminster youth are collecting dollars and cans for Westminster's Food Pantry following the 11:00 am worship Service. Please place your donations in the narthex in the shopping cart or soup pot of your favorite team.

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.

- 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.

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.

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

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 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 FEBRUARY 15

Please join us Wednesday, February 15, at 6:00 pm in Covenant Hall and enjoy a delicious supper for adults and children. Nursery is available. Menu is pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, rolls, dessert. Join us for fun, food, and fellowship with your church family.

SPECIAL SPEAKER FOR WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Blair Wade will be sharing information about being an Earth Care Congregation in the PCUSA. Blair is the Southeast Renewable Energy Lead at HDR, which is a global engineering and architecture firm with an office in North Charleston.

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. Special thanks to Joe and Brenda Clarey, Ruth Marie and Marc Emblar for leading the Parenting Sunday School Class. So much wisdom has been shared! The class is wrapping up and will end on Sunday, February 19.
- 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.

GROW IN FAITH WITH C.S. LEWIS

We offer an 8-week study of C.S. Lewis's classic, *Mere Christianity*. You can join any of these groups by registering online through the ENews or emailing dsmoak@wpcccharleston.org

- Sunday 5:00 - 6:00 at Church (childcare available)
- Wednesday 6:45 - 7:45 at Church
- Thursday 6:30 - 7:30 at Pastor Daniel's Home in Shadowmoss

We begin the week of February 12. Pastor Daniel will lead the discussion; books (\$10) will be distributed at the first meeting. About the Book: One of the most popular introductions to the Christian faith ever written, *Mere Christianity* has sold millions of copies worldwide and was named the most influential book of the 20th century by Christianity Today. Originally a series of radio broadcasts during WWII, Lewis's intention was to make a logical and persuasive case for the core truths of the Christian faith. For those seeking to grow in faith and come to a better understanding of what Christians hold dear, *Mere Christianity* is a must-read.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, February 12

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Second Sunday Social, Covenant Hall
12:15 pm	Mission Committee, Room 4
2:00 pm	Scout Troop 79 Court of Honor, Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Club 3,4,5, Covenant Hall
5:00 pm	Mere Christianity Book Study, Room 15
5:00 pm	Middle School Youth Discipleship
6:00 pm	High School Youth Discipleship
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, February 13

9:50 am	4's Chapel, Sanctuary
10:00 am	Hooks and Needles, Room 4
11:00 am	Buildings and Grounds, Workroom
12:00 pm	Preschool Dance, Covenant Hall
7:00 pm	Scout Troop 79

Tuesday, February 14

6:30 am	Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
8:00 am	Men's Bible Study, Trotters Restaurant
9:30 am	3's Chapel Time, Sanctuary
10:00 am	Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office
10:00 am	Circle 5, Parlor
10:30 am	Circle 4, Room 4
11:00 am	Presbyterian Women, Covenant Hall
1:00 pm	Bridge Group, Library
7:00 pm	Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 15

9:00 am	Preschool Funnastics, Covenant Hall
6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday Dinner, Covenant Hall, pork loin
6:45 pm	Mere Christianity Book Study, Room 15
6:45 pm	Finance Committee, Room 4
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall Room 3

Thursday, February 16

9:30 am	3's Music, Sanctuary
10:00 am	4's Music, Sanctuary
1:00 pm	Hands of Christ, Room 4
6:00 pm	Scout Troop 79 District Banquet, Covenant Hall
6:30 pm	Mere Christianity Book Study, Pastor Daniel's Home in Shadowmoss

Sunday, February 19

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Connection Class, Pastor's office
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Mere Christianity Book Study, Room 15
5:00 pm	Deacons Meeting, Zoom
5:00 pm	Middle School Youth Discipleship
6:00 pm	High School Youth Discipleship
6:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting, Room 4
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	Lydia Crosby	Joyce Aydlett	Martin Davis
Love Moody	Brian Carlow	Daryn Baker	Kevin Ritzel
Lisa Wilcox	Frances McLean	Curtis Sponseller	Gloria Underhill
Harold Fountain	David Kerr	Sean Fitzgibbon	Barbara Johnston
Nancy Plowden	Sharon Hutchinson	Thom Penney	Nita Rodemann
Gary Brooks	Harper Croft	Nikolai Fruth	Jackie Epstein
Steve Buddin	Monnie Privette	Mary Martschink	Edward Godshall
Dick Unger	Eleanor Woodbury	Maryalice Vann	Towne Family
Pam Smith	Evan McMillan	Christina Miller	Charles Reeves
Libba Palmer	Don Sumner	Meghan Hatfield	Merrily Burnette
Bryan Thomas	Lauren Wilson	Rachel Singletary	John Martschink
Gloria Purcell	Reed Family	Fran Ligon	Brenda Jonsson
Will Edwards	Charlotte Griggs	Molly Griggs	Judy Tag
Bob Ferguson	Elaine Tidwell	Ann Froneberger	Rose Derrick
Allyn Bruce	Colby Turner	Cynthia Ebigwei	Robin Zemp
Susan Earhart	Phoebe Keene	Gloria Ricoma	Pat Skees
Edward Fitzgibbon	Damir Morrison	Janet Wilson	Cary Alexandre

Prayers of Sympathy and Support are extended for family and friends of Larry Salley, February 2, 2023.

Friend of the Week

Roy Nickles
1445 Bluewater Way
Charleston, SC 29414

Mission of the Week

Scout Troop 79
1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.
Charleston, SC 29407

Student of the Week

Caitlin Shelor
2036 Egret Lane
Charleston, SC 29414

Church Family

Bob and Meredith Maki
Griffin, Graeme, Gray
Debra McQueeney

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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