



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

February 19, 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 NO. 401

Here in This Place

Molly Griggs

#### ◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM 2 SAMUEL 22

One: O Lord, you are my lamp. The Lord lights up my darkness.

All: **In your strength we can advance against a troop; with our God we can scale any wall.**

One: God's way is perfect. All the Lord's promises prove true.

All: **The Lord is a shield for all who look to him for protection.**

One: For who is God except the Lord? Who but our God is a solid rock?

All: **God is our strong fortress, and we will praise his Holy Name!**

#### ◆ 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. 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

## CONFESSION

#### ◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Lord, when we read your law, we realize how sinful we are. Your ways are true and perfect, and we have failed in obedience. We pray today you will use your righteous law to convict us of our sin and make us aware of our need for a Savior. Hear us now as we confess our sin and seek your mercy.

#### ◆ 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Grace Greater Than Our Sin  
*Dee Bee Wright and Nancy Parrish*

ARR. ROBERT MULLOY

*Grace, Grace, God's Grace,  
Grace that is greater than all our sin!*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:17-48

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

SERMON

The Sermon on the Mount 2: Ethics of the Heart

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

◆SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 702                      Christ Be Beside Me

BUNESSAN

◆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

### SENDING OUT

◆ SENDING SONG NO. 80

The Trees of the Field

ISAIAH 55:12

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap! clap!)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands; (clap! clap!)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap! clap!)  
while you go out with joy.

◆ BLESSING

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◆ *Please stand, if able*

Leading the service today: Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Lissa Long, Pastor; Nancy Parrish, Music.

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

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Acolyte is Eleanor Akery.  
Ushers are George McAbee, Mary McAbee, Graham Wade.

## 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.



## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Thank you to all who helped make our Souper Bowl of Caring a success! \$868 was collected along with 400 pounds of food for the Food Pantry. The WPC Food Pantry provides 144 bags of food a month along with emergency bags for those who are unable to utilize a kitchen. In addition to food, the Food Pantry provides laundry pods, diapers, adult care items, Birthday Boxes, and more. Your continued support allows Westminster Presbyterian Church an avenue to assist those with food insecurities.

## MEET AND GREET UKRAINIAN SOLDIERS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 5:00 -7:00 PM

It has been almost a full year of Russian invasion in Ukraine. A year of resilience, unbreakable spirit and sacrifices. We have an opportunity to welcome a group of Ukrainian soldiers receiving prosthetics in the United States. These brave Ukrainians who lost their limbs in the war received free prosthetics by Protez Foundation in Minnesota just two weeks ago. You are invited to greet them and show some love Tuesday, February 21 at 5:00-7:00 pm in Covenant Hall.

## **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 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.
- February 22 (Ash Wednesday); Matthew 6:1-18; The Sermon on the Mount III: The Vector of Your Life; Jesus teaches about a way of life that is pointed to God in all areas.
- February 26: Matthew 6:19 - 7:11; The Sermon on the Mount IV: Different than the others around Us; Jesus teaches a way of life that is markedly different than the way of the world.

## **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.

## **NEW HERE? MAKE SOME CONNECTIONS AT WESTMINSTER TODAY**

Connections: An opportunity for those visiting or new who want to meet others and learn more about LIFE at Westminster. We meet today 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.

## **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22**

Please join us Wednesday, February 22, at 6:00 pm in Covenant Hall and enjoy a delicious supper for adults and children. Nursery is available. Menu is BBQ chicken, vegetable, salad, rolls, dessert. Join us for fun, food, and fellowship with your church family.

## **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](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org).

## **COAT AND WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE EXTENDED THROUGH FEBRUARY**

Based on a continued need, the coat drive will be extended through the month of February. Donations are taken to our partners at Mary Ford and Neighbor's Together. Through the month of March we will be collecting children's belts and children's shoes.

## 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.
- 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.

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### 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
6:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting, Room 4
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Tuesday, February 21

6:30 am	Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
9:30 am	3's Chapel Time, Sanctuary
10:00 am	Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office
12:30 pm	Minister's Lunch, Room 4
5:00 pm	Ukrainian Soldiers, Covenant Hall
7:00 pm	Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

### Wednesday, February 22

8:00 am	Ash Wednesday Prayer Gathering, Sanctuary
9:00 am	Preschool Funnastics, Covenant Hall
12:15 pm	Ash Wednesday Prayer Gathering, Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday Dinner, Covenant Hall,
6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship, Covenant Hall
7:00 pm	Mere Christianity Book Study, Room 15
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall Room 3

### Thursday, February 23

9:30 am	3's Music, Sanctuary
10:00 am	4's Music, Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Mere Christianity Book Study, Pastor Daniel's Home in Shadowmoss

### Friday, February 24

1:00 pm	Hands of Christ, Room 4
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### Sunday, February 26

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Mere Christianity Book Study, Room 15
5:00 pm	Middle School Discipleship
6:00 pm	High School 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	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
Taffy Tamblyn	Peter McInnes		

### Friend of the Week

Janie Hammersmith  
1925 Essex Farms Dr.  
Charleston, SC 29414

### Mission of the Week

Back Pack Buddies  
1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.  
Charleston, SC 29407

### Student of the Week

Amber Appell  
404 Waterwood Dr.  
Goose Creek, SC 29445

### Church Family

Ernie and Nancy Mallard  
Rachel Mallard  
John Martschink

## 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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