



Westminster Presbyterian Church

We are called to be and to make disciples who love God and who love our neighbors.

The First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 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. 175

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

PSALM 118:19-24

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

All: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

One: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

All: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

One: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

◆ 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. 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

PSALM 51

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. For we know of our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, we have sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Hear our prayers and create a clean heart within us. Renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.

◆DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

◆SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

◆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 6:19-7:11

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One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Sermon on the Mount IV: Different Than the Others Around Us

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 452

Open the Eyes of My Heart

OPEN THE EYES

◆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 PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

◆ SONG OF PRAYER NO. 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

Leading the service today: Lissa Long, Pastor; Mary Patrick, Liturgist; Sarah Shayban, Music.

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

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Acolytes are Tanner Gentry and Jahrell Jones.
Ushers are Jim Drennan, Nancy Dixon, Regina Keene.

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.
 - o Pastor Daniel Smoak, 843-872-1001
 - o 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.



A Word about Lent

Today is the First Sunday in LENT. The word *lent* is from the Anglo-Saxon *lencten* which means *spring* or the *springtime*. Literally, it means the time of the year when the days *lengthen*. In the church, Lent is the 40 day period during which Christians rededicate themselves to follow Jesus Christ as His faithful disciples, and prepare to celebrate the Lord's resurrection at Easter. Many Christians vow to give up things (like desserts or TV) during Lent so that when they desire those things, they are reminded of their relationship with the Lord. Other Christians choose to take up something (like daily prayer or acts of kindness) during Lent to strengthen their faith.

SOMEONE'S PRAYING, LORD. COME BY HERE.

During the Sundays of Lent, we hope you'll share your prayer joys and concerns during the worship service so our pastors can include them in the Prayers of the People. Write down your prayers of confession, adoration, thanksgiving, joy, or petition on the index cards in the pew rack and put them in the baskets on the outer aisles. You can put them in the baskets before worship, during the Passing of the Peace or Children's Time, or during a hymn. We'll collect them from the baskets before we pray near the end of the service, and the pastor will pray through the cards during the Prayers of the People. We'll conclude with a Prayer Hymn. All prayers are welcome, but it is best to have a person's consent before writing his/her name on the card. (It's OK to pray for "a friend," because God knows who they are.)

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY AND BACKPACK BUDDIES

Please join us Wednesday, March 1, at 6:00 pm in Covenant Hall and enjoy a delicious supper for adults and children. Nursery is available. Menu is Ham, cheese potatoes, vegetable, salad, rolls, dessert. Join us for fun, food, and fellowship with your church family. We will pack weekend food kits for local elementary school students following Wonderful Wednesday Supper.

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@wpcharleston.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 may be dropped in the box in the Narthex and will be taken to our partners at Mary Ford and Neighbors Together. Through the month of March we will be collecting children's belts and children's shoes.

VOLUNTEER AT NEIGHBORS TOGETHER

Please volunteer Wednesday, March 15, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm to serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need at Neighbors Together; 2105 Cosgrove Ave, North Charleston, 29405. Westminster serves on the third Wednesday of every month. Contact Brenda Gibson, 843-478-0026 or brenmalia1@gmail.com.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY (S.A.M.) SOUP, SALAD, AND SANDWICH POTLUCK.

Thursday, March 9, 1:00 pm in Covenant Hall. All Westminster's finest 55 and older members and visitors, please join us for a soup, salad, and sandwich potluck. Last name A-H bring Soup, I-P bring Salad, Q-Z bring Sandwiches. Drinks and desserts will be provided. Join Grahame Long, Director of Museums for Historic Charleston Foundation, for an examination and discussion of Charleston's funerary art and its communication.

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 March 26, 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 March 26 Connections class by emailing office@wpcccharleston.org

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.

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 wpcccharleston.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.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, February 26

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
3:00 pm	Charleston Music Teachers Association Recital, Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Mere Christianity Book Study, Room 15
5:00 pm	All Youth, Bowling
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, February 27

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

Tuesday, February 28

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, March 1

9:00 am	Preschool Funnastics, Covenant Hall
6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday Dinner, Covenant Hall, Ham
6:30 pm	Back Pack Buddies, 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, March 2

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

Sunday, March 5

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	3rd–5th Grade Sunday School Party, Covenant Hall
12:15 pm	Worship Committee, Parlor
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

Jim Hammersmith
1925 Essex Farms Dr.
Charleston, SC 29414

Mission of the Week

Healing Farms
703 Yew St.
Charleston, SC 29407

Student of the Week

Andrew Smoak
9200 University Blvd.
N. Charleston, SC 29406

Church Family

Derek and Betsy McLaughlin
Abby Grace, Cole
Kevin Mikles

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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