



Westminster Presbyterian Church

February 5, 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

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

SPECIAL MUSIC

Are You Washed in the Blood
Joe Jeter, banjo

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

A VISION OF WORSHIP FROM REVELATION 4

One: And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight.

All: **And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"**

One: And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever.

All: **They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."**

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

◆ SILENT CONFESSION

◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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.

◆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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 4:23-25

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

SERMON

Understanding the Kingdom of God

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆HYMN NO. 177

I Will Come to You

YOU ARE MINE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

◆INVITATION

◆DECLARATION OF FAITH

FROM THE NICENE CREED (381)

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

◆ *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, YouTube (Westminster Presbyterian Charleston)

Ushers are Dee Bee Wright, John Wright, Grahame Long.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

Today 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 hear a report from the DYCM Search Committee and 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

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.



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8

Please join us Wednesday, February 8, at 6:00 pm in Covenant Hall and enjoy a delicious supper for adults and children. Nursery is available. Menu is spaghetti, vegetable, salad, garlic bread, 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 special 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.

NEXT SUNDAY IS SCOUT SUNDAY, AND WE RECOGNIZE THE SCOUTS OF PACK 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.

SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL FEBRUARY 12

Please join us February 12, 2023, 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!

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 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 mllong@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.

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

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 Emblor for leading the Parenting Sunday School Class. So much wisdom had 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 5

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
	Meeting of the Corporation, Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Worship Committee, Parlor
2:30 pm	Scout Troop 79, Room 1
5:00 pm	Middle School Youth Discipleship
6:00 pm	High School Youth Discipleship
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, February 6

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, February 7

6:30 am	Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
9:30 am	3's Chapel Time, Sanctuary
10:00 am	Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office
5:30 pm	Exchange Club, Covenant Hall
7:00 pm	Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 8

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

Thursday, February 9

9:30 am	3's Music, Sanctuary
10:00 am	4's Music, Sanctuary
10:00 am	Smocking Guild, Covenant Hall and Room 4

Saturday, February 11

10:00 am	Multiple Myeloma Group, Covenant Hall
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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
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

Westminster Prays

Carol Cummings	Meg Powell	Summer Garris	Chrissie Bosworth
Bill Pennekamp	Keith Gordon	Mary Ashley Barbot	Ginger Siefing
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

Eleanor Grayson
201 W. 9th North St.
Unit 19
Summerville, SC 29483

Mission of the Week

Metanoia
2005 Reynolds Ave.
N. Charleston, SC 29405

Student of the Week

Noelle Whitener
1847 Piper Dr.
Charleston, SC 29407

Church Family

Tyler and Emily Lusk
Carter, Paul
Alison MacLeod
John, Callie

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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