



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 2, 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.

All who wish to join the Palm processional during the first hymn should gather in Narthex.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ WORDS OF PRAISE

FROM MATTHEW AND LUKE

One: When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And as he rode along, most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying:

All: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

One: And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting,

All: Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

♦ PROCESSIONAL SONG OF PRAISE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One. (Refrain)

The company of angels are praising Thee on high;
And we with all creation in chorus make reply. (Refrain)

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. (Refrain)

CONFESSiON

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

O God, you know us well. We are quick to speak of faith, but slow to live it fully. We shout "hosanna" as Jesus approaches, but we do not want him to come too close. We are quick to claim faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior, but we are fickle, slow to live fully and everywhere as faithful disciples. We are quick to want the blessings of faithfulness, but we are slow to accept the pain and suffering of authentic Christ-like living. In your mercy, forgive our sin.

◆ SILENT PRAYERS

♦ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

♦SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
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

HYMN NO. 198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

ST. DROSTANE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 14:32-42

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

SERMON

Is Anything Worse than Crucifixion?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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 OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

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.

♦ SONG OF PRAYER NO. 227

Jesus, Remember Me

REMEMBER ME

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.

WE'RE STUDYING MATTHEW!

All through 2023, we'll be engaged in a verse-by-verse study of the Gospel. Here is the Schedule for the next few weeks:

- April 16 Matthew 9:35-10:42 Workers for the Harvest
 Jesus equips and sends out his disciples for Kingdom mission.
- April 23 Matthew 11:1-24 Jesus and John the Baptist
 Jesus interprets the ministry of John the Baptist as fulfilled prophecy.
- April 30 Matthew 11:25-30 Rest for Your Soul
 Jesus promises rest for those who follow him.

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 April 30, 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 April 30 Connections class by emailing office@wpccharleston.org

HOLY WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP

- **Maundy Thursday Worship, Thursday, April 6, 7:00 pm***
*The darkness falls as we worship, remembering the night Jesus was betrayed and arrested.
Special music by the Westminster Choir and instrumentalists, and we'll share the Lord's Supper.*
- **Good Friday Worship and Lunch, Friday, April 7, 12:00 pm**
*We gather in the sanctuary for worship that focuses on the final hours and final words of Jesus' life.
Lunch follows in Covenant Hall from 12:30 – 1:00, basket donation.*
- **Easter Sunday, Sunday, April 9, 9:00* and 11:00 am***
*The tomb is empty and death is defeated! Praise God for the victory we have in Jesus,
and hear what difference the resurrection makes for us today. Special music and instrumentalists at both services.*

*Nursery provided

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.)

BRING A FLOWER ON EASTER SUNDAY!

Christ's resurrection brings new life to the whole world—it is the beginning of the restoration of all things! Even the terrible, rugged cross, the instrument of Jesus' death, can become an emblem of new life in Christ. On Easter Sunday, a cross will be located at the front of the sanctuary, and you are invited to bring a flower or use the flowers provided to decorate it.

TODAY IS PALM SUNDAY!

All children (and young at heart) are invited to process and wave palm branches during the first hymn. It's a celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week! Palms are provided; everyone will gather in the narthex during the Announcements.

TODAY WE SHARE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to share in the sacrament. For those in the Sanctuary, Elders will distribute the prepared bread and juice cups during the service. As a sign of our unity in Christ, we will partake together once everyone is served. Gluten Free is available, and WPC is a safe place for people in recovery -we serve grape juice. For those worshiping online, gather juice and bread (or wine or crackers) to participate. Children are invited to the table provided they've had instruction at home or in Westminster's worship prep class (1st grade).

DONATE CHILDREN'S RAIN GEAR

We are collecting children's rain gear in various sizes in the month of April. Donations can be placed in the large, labeled box in the Narthex.

SAVE THE DATE SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY LUNCH

We had a wonderful time meeting together last month and can't wait until the next SAMS lunch! Save Thursday, May 18 at 1:00 on your calendar. We will have a speaker and a catered lunch. Please bring \$10 to help cover the costs.

SAVE THE DATE CHURCH WORK DAY APRIL 29, 2023.

Please mark your calendar for Church workday projects. Saturday April, 29, 2023 at 9:00 am. Look for details in the eNews and bulletins.

MONTREAT MID HIGH YOUTH CONFERENCE: REGISTER NOW!

The Middle School (Completed 6th – 8th Grade) dates are July 19-23, and the conference is at Maryville College in Maryville, TN. The cost is \$200 (can be dropped off anytime), and the deadline for registration is APRIL 30. These are good opportunities for students to grow, learn, and strengthen their faith. Plus, it is A TON of fun. Links to the registration forms have been emailed out, and you may text Pastor Daniel 843.872.1001 for a fresh link.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY- 200th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

In September 2023, Westminster Presbyterian Church will celebrate 200 years as a congregation of people loving God and sharing his word! Our plans are to celebrate our past while keeping our eyes and hearts focused on the future and on God's plans for us! During the month of September, each day a personal testimony from a member of our flock will be shared. Your submission may be written and may include video or artwork; we encourage you to be creative and to make your testimony personal! Please signup to participate by April 30. Your completed submission is due by May 31 and should be submitted electronically to deebeewright@comcast.net. There are several musical phrases from the beloved hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness," and you will choose one of these phrases to elaborate on in your testimony. Once you choose your phrase, scripture suggestions will be provided to you. They are intended to be helpful, but you may certainly choose any one scripture that speaks to you/your family. Please include your chosen scripture and a prayer in your submission. Contact Dee Bee Wright @ 843.729.7005 if you have any questions.

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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, April 2

9:00 am	Worship Service, Palm Sunday, Lord's Supper
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service, Palm Sunday, Lord's Supper
5:00 pm	Mere Christianity Book Study, Room 15
5:00 pm	All Youth Discipleship
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, April 3

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

Tuesday, April 4

6:30 am	Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
9:30 am	3's Chapel Time, Sanctuary
10:00 am	Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office

Wednesday, April 5

9:00 am	Preschool Funnastics, Covenant Hall
6:00 pm	Congregational Nominating Committee, Parlor
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall Room 3

Thursday, April 6

9:30 am	3's Music, Sanctuary
10:00 am	4's Music, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

Friday, April 7

12:00 pm	Good Friday Worship, Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Good Friday Lunch, Covenant Hall

Sunday, April 9

9:00 am	Worship Service, Easter Sunday
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service, Easter Sunday
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	Nikolai Fruth	Nita Rodemann
Gary Brooks	Harper Croft	Mary Martschink	Jackie Epstein
Steve Buddin	Monnie Privette	Maryalice Vann	Edward Godshall
Dick Unger	Eleanor Woodbury	Christina Miller	Towne Family
Pam Smith	Evan McMillan	Meghan Hatfield	Charles Reeves
Libba Palmer	Don Sumner	Rachel Singletary	Merrily Burnette
Bryan Thomas	Lauren Wilson	Fran Ligon	John Martschink
Gloria Purcell	Reed Family	Molly Griggs	Brenda Jonsson
Will Edwards	Charlotte Griggs	Ann Froneberger	Judy Tag
Bob Ferguson	Elaine Tidwell	Cynthia Ebigwei	Rose Derrick
Allyn Bruce	Colby Turner	Gloria Ricoma	Robin Zemp
Edward Fitzgibbon	Phoebe Keene	Janet Wilson	Pat Skees
Teresa Butts	Damir Morrison	Taffy Tamblyn	Cary Alexandre
Maryann Brown	Carol Leeper		

Friend of the Week

Love Moody
1318 New Castle St.
Charleston, SC 29407

Mission of the Week

Metanoia
2005 Reynolds Ave.
N. Charleston, SC 29405

Student of the Week

Kyle Jonsson
2275 University Station
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Church Family

Dale and Karen Norman
Laura Nunn
Martha Nye

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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