



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 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

SONG OF PREPARATION NO. 701      Lord, Prepare Me

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

## ◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

FROM PSALM 27

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

One: One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek:

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

**All: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;**

**Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;**

One: In his presence I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;

**All: I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

## ◆ 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. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

## CONFESSION

## ◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, you know the condition of our hearts and how selfish we are. We claim to be your disciples, yet instead of serving you, we want you to serve us. We pray that you would forgive our sin and create new hearts in us. Renew in us the gift of your Holy Spirit that we might be certain of your grace and then grow into lives of discipleship.**

## ◆ SILENT CONFESSION

◆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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Praise to the Living God  
*Handbell Choir*

MARK S. ARNOLD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 7:12-29

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

SERMON

The Sermon on the Mount 5: What Path Are You On?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

◆HYMN NO. 523

You Satisfy The Hungry Heart

BICENTENNIAL

◆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

◆SONG OF PRAYER NO. 675

All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

TALLIS' CANON

SENDING OUT

◆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)

The rosebud in the Sanctuary is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of  
Miles Richardson Baskin, born February 24, 2023, parents Scott and Jane Baskin,  
Grandparents, Barry and Debbie Baskin.

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

## 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](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.



## **A Word about Lent**

Today is the Second 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 SPECIAL GUEST**

Please join us Wednesday, March 8, at 6:00 pm in Covenant Hall and enjoy a delicious supper for adults and children. Nursery is available. Menu is BBQ sandwiches, beans and rice, corn on the cobb, salad, dessert. Paula Waters, the Events and Engagement Coordinator with our mission partner, Neighbors Together. She is joining us to share more information about the work they do in our community and how we can volunteer with this wonderful organization. Join us for fun, food, and fellowship with your church family.

### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR - COME TO THE CHOIR ROOM TODAY AT 5:00 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).

### **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](mailto: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.

### **SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL MARCH 12**

Please join us March 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!

### **LOWCOUNTRY HANDBELL WORKSHOP**

Many members of Westminster's handbell choir are participating in the Lowcountry Handbell Workshop on Friday and Saturday, March 10-11. The Clinician is David Harris who directs The Raleigh Ringers. **The workshop ends with a free concert at Summerville Baptist Church (417 Central Ave) on Saturday, March 11 at 4 p.m.** The handbell choir would love to see some familiar faces in the concert audience. All are invited and welcome! If you have any questions, contact Dee Bee Wright at 843.729.7005.

### **WALK FOR WATER SATURDAY, MARCH 25.**

Please join the Westminster team in a walk to raise funds to provide safe drinking water for communities worldwide in need. This year's walk on Saturday, March 25 will begin at 9:00 am at Riverfront Park. Use promo code WESTMINSTER23 for complimentary registration.

### **DONATE CHILDREN'S BELTS AND SHOES**

We are collecting children's belts and shoes in various sizes in the month of March. Donations can be placed in the large, labeled box in the Narthex.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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.

## WEEKLY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Thursday, March 16, a group of women will begin a Bible Study called *The Attributes of God*, and you are invited! We meet Thursdays at 10:00 am in the Church Parlor (room beside Pastor Lissa's office). Books will be available at the study. For more information please, email Pastor Lissa at [mlong@wpcccharleston.org](mailto:mlong@wpcccharleston.org).

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### 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	Children's Choir
5:00 pm	Middle School Youth
6:00 pm	High School Youth
6:15 pm	Congregational Nominating Committee, Pastor's office
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Monday, March 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, March 7

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

### Wednesday, March 8

9:00 am	Preschool Funnastics, Covenant Hall
6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday Dinner, Covenant Hall, BBQ sandwiches
6:00 pm	Neighbors Together, Paula Waters guest speaker
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 9

9:30 am	3's Music, Sanctuary
10:00 am	4's Music, Sanctuary
10:00 am	Smocking Guild, Room 4
1:00 pm	SAM, Soup, Salad, Sandwich Potluck, Covenant Hall
6:30 pm	Mere Christianity Book Study, Pastor Daniel's Home in Shadowmoss

### Sunday, March 12

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Second Sunday Social, Covenant Hall
5:00 pm	Children's Choir
5:00 pm	Mere Christianity Book Study, Room 15
5:00 pm	Youth Oscar Party, DeeBee and John Wrights home
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	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
Susan Earhart	Phoebe Keene	Janet Wilson	Pat Skees
Edward Fitzgibbon	Damir Morrison	Taffy Tamblyn	Cary Alexandre

### Friend of the Week

Lynn Koger  
129 Chadwick Dr.  
Charleston, SC 29407

### Mission of the Week

Hands of Christ  
1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.  
Charleston, SC 29407

### Student of the Week

Rachael Stokes  
1020 Benton St.  
Columbia, SC 29201-1814

### Church Family

David and Lauren McCullough  
Emma, Wesley  
John and Carolyn Niblock

## 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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