



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

11:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

SAM BATT OWENS

◆CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 95:1-6

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

One: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

All: **In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

One: The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

All: **O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

◆INVOCATION 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.

◆HYMN NO. 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, we confess to you, to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. Hear our prayers for confession and our need for mercy. Amen.

◆SILENT CONFESSION

◆ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

◆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.

◆ SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

Laura Patrick

Following Children's Time, children ages 2-3K (Wee Church) and 4-5 K (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.

ANTHEM

O Lord, Have Mercy
Sanctuary Choir

HAL HOPSON

The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain.

Refrain: O Lord, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy, have mercy, Lord.

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin.

From earth-born passions set me free, and make me pure within. Refrain

Lord Jesus, think on me amid the battle's strife.

In all my pain and misery be thou my health and life. Refrain

Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray.

Through darkness and perplexity point thou the heavenly way. Refrain

Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when this life is past,

I may the eternal brightness see, and share thy joy at last. Refrain

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 8:1-17

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

SERMON

Does He Heal Today?

◆ HYMN NO. 177

I Will Come to You

YOU ARE MINE

◆ AFFIRMATION 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

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| ◆ HYMN OF PRAYER NO. 792 | There Is a Balm in Gilead | BALM IN GILEAD |
| ◆ BENEDICTION | | |
| ◆ POSTLUDE | O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High | DEO GRACIAS |

◆ *Please stand, if able*

Leading the service today: Lissa Long, Pastor; Olivia Towne, Liturgist; Robin Zemp, Music.

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

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Acolytes are Hadley Boyd and Harper Lewandowski.
Ushers are Greg Ramsay, Henry Shepard, Ruth Marie Emblar, Ben Whitener.
Children’s Church volunteers are Ashley and Nathan Snider.
Wee Church volunteers are Abbie and Sean Engles.

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.

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.)

A Word about Lent

Today is the Third 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.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Please join us Wednesday, March 15, at 6:00 pm in Covenant Hall and enjoy a delicious supper for adults and children. Nursery is available. Menu is chef's choice, vegetable, salad, rolls, dessert. 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.

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.

SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL TODAY

Please join us today 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!

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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023

Join us for Breakfast and Bible Study from 8:00 - 9:00 am on the Second Tuesday of every month. We meet for breakfast at Trotters Restaurant in the Town and Country Inn and Suites (2008 Savannah Highway). Join us for the Fellowship and Encouragement!

HOOKS AND NEEDLES MONDAY MARCH 13

Join us 10:00 am in Covenant Hall, room 4. We knit and crochet baby blankets for WPC baptisms among other projects. All are welcome to come (even just for the fellowship) Contact Deborah-Anne Ferguson at 914-263-3742 or daferguson11@gmail.com

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@wpccharleston.org.

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCES: REGISTER NOW!

The Sr. High (Completed 9th -12th Grade) week is June 11 - 17 in Montreat, NC. The cost is \$200 (can be dropped off anytime), and **the deadline for registration is MARCH 30**. **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.

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, 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
4:00 pm	WoW Bible Study, Room 4
5:00 pm	Children's Choir
5:00 pm	Mere Christianity Book Study, Room 15
5:00 pm	Youth Oscar Party, DeeBee and John Wright's home
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, March 13

9:50 am	4's Chapel, Sanctuary
10:00 am	Hooks and Needles, Room 4
12:00 pm	Preschool Dance, Covenant Hall
7:00 pm	Scout Troop 79

Tuesday, March 14

6:30 am	Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
8:00 am	Men's Bible Study, Trotters Restaurant
9:30 am	3's Chapel Time, Sanctuary
10:00 am	Circle 5, Parlor
10:00 am	Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office
10:30 am	Circle 4, Room 4
7:00 pm	Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 15

9:00 am	Preschool Funnastics, Covenant Hall
6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday Dinner, Covenant Hall, Chef's Choice
6:00 pm	Congregational Nominating Committee, Parlor
6:45 pm	Finance Committee, Room 4
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 16

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

Sunday, March 19

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Children's Choir
5:00 pm	Deacons Meeting, Room 4
5:00 pm	Mere Christianity Book Study, Room 15
5:00 pm	Middle School Discipleship
6:00 pm	High School Discipleship
6:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting, Room 4
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

THANKSGIVING

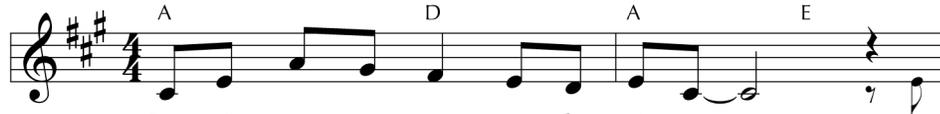


mur-mur stilled:
all is right:
cho-sen band: to God all praise and glo-ry!
take your part:

I Will Come to You

You Are Mine

Leader or All



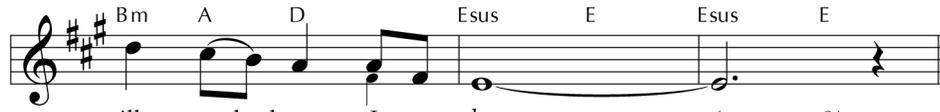
1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.



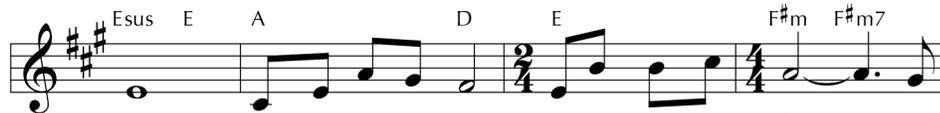
You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)
 Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)
 all will know my name. (to Refrain)
 up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)



Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine." 4 "I

Presuming to speak in the voice of God, as this song does, can only be done with integrity if the singers understand their words as an expression of what they believe about God's nature and God's intentions. It is an occasion for affirming faith, not for wishful thinking.

There Is a Balm in Gilead 792

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul. *Fine*

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, but
 2 Don't ev-er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend, and
 3 If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can

then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain. There is a
 if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll not re-fuse to lend. There is a
 tell the love of Je-sus and say, "He died for all." There is a

to Refrain

This African American spiritual offers a long-delayed answer to the prophet Jeremiah's question, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" (Jeremiah 8:22). No earthly remedy can compare with the healing that comes from a sense of God's presence; nothing else can heal "the sin-sick soul."

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
Edward Fitzgibbon	Phoebe Keene	Janet Wilson	Pat Skees
Teresa Butts	Damir Morrison	Taffy Tamblyn	Cary Alexandre

Friend of the Week

Shirley Kruger
920 Clairmont Dr.
Decatur, GA 30030

Mission of the Week

Habitat for Humanity
731 Meeting St.
Charleston, SC 29403

Student of the Week

Kirkland Smith
833 Old Greenville Hwy.
Apt 721
Clemson, SC 29631

Church Family

Bryan and Mandi Mills
Irene, William
Bill McSweeney

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