



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 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

I Come with Joy

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here, alive among us here.

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

One: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
Through the resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ,
we have been born anew into a living hope;
we have been given an inheritance that will never pass away!

All: Blessing and glory and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!

One: Praise God! Because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
we have been given a brand-new life and a glorious future!

**All: Come into his presence with praise and thanksgiving, with laughter and song.
Give thanks to him and praise his name!**

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

CONFESSION

◆CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Our Heavenly Father, you have called us to bear witness to the cross and resurrection of Jesus, in whose love we have found abundant life. We confess that too often we keep this good news to ourselves. Neither our words nor our actions have faithfully proclaimed his saving grace. Forgive us for denying the love in which we live and move and have our being. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit, in all that we say and do, to bear witness to the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

◆SILENT PRAYERS

◆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

Laura Patrick

SPECIAL MUSIC

La Cinquantine
Jordan Mae Bazzle

GABRIEL-MARIE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 9:35-10:42

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

SERMON

Workers for the Harvest

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own,
but belong—
body and soul,
in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free
from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

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.

SENDING OUT

◆HYMN NO. 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

◆BLESSING

◆RESPONSE

Chorus from Judas Maccabeaus
Jordan Mae Bazzle

HANDEL

◆*Please stand, if able*

Leading the service today: Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Sarah Shayban, Music.

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

Ushers are George McAbee, Mary McAbee, Graham Wade.

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

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.

PAUSE AND REFRESH: OUR IMAGE—DIVERSITY IN ALL OF US

A Special Sunday School Event for Youth and Adults Sunday, April 23; 10:00 am in Covenant Hall. Join Natasha Akery as we explore the layered identity of God through the Creation story, biblical metaphors, and Jesus. We will also examine our own multifaceted identities as unique children of God which equips us to serve in the Kingdom.

CHURCH WORK DAY APRIL 29, 2023.

Please mark your calendar for Church workday projects. Saturday, April, 29, 2023 at 9:00 am. Projects: window cleaning, re-nail boards between church and Kickin Chicken, light pressure washing, (signs, tables, windows). Yard work projects: memory garden, trim dead from dogwood trees, watering plants. What to bring: yard racks, heavy racks to level crushed rock for potholes, work gloves, pressure washers, extension pole saw/cutter. Sunscreen, water bottle, appetite. We will provide donuts in the morning and pizza for lunch. Contact Carole Russell, text 843-442-5276, email clsrussell@comcast.com, if you plan to attend or have questions.

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 sign up to participate by April 30. Your completed submission is due by May 31 and should be submitted electronically to deebewright@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.
 - 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.



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 16

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Deacons Meeting, ZOOM
5:00 pm	Mere Christianity Book Study, Room 15
5:00 pm	All Youth Discipleship, Covenant Hall
6:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting, Room 4
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, April 17

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, April 18

6:30 am	Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
9:30 am	3's Chapel Time, Sanctuary
10:00 am	Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office
12:30 pm	CAP Ministers Lunch, Covenant Hall, Room 4
7:00 pm	Handbell Choir

Wednesday, April 19

9:00 am	Preschool Funnastics, Covenant Hall
6:00 pm	Congregational Nominating Committee, Parlor
6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday Dinner, Covenant Hall Special Guest: Katie Zimmerman, Executive Director, Charleston Moves.
6:30 pm	WINK, Covenant Hall
6:45 pm	Mere Christianity Book Study, Room 15
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall Room 3

Thursday, April 20

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

Sunday, April 23

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Pause and Refresh, Covenant Hall
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Mere Christianity Book Study, Room 15
5:00 pm	Middle School Youth Discipleship, Covenant Hall
6:00 pm	High School Youth Discipleship, Covenant Hall
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
Bruce Hamilton	Maryann Brown	Cary Alexandre	Brad Leon

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Mission of the Week

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Church Family

Tommye Owen
Cullen and Hilary Parrish
Cora, Hattie

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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