



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

April 30, 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

10,000 Reasons

REDMON/ANGRISANO

Mary Patrick

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

FROM PSALM 103

One: Bless the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—

All: **He forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;**

He redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion;

He satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

One: Bless the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, bless his holy name.

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 439

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

STUTT GART

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Heavenly Father, you have revealed yourself to us as a God of mercy, compassion, and grace, yet we continue to think of you as harsh and unyielding. We are anxious in our efforts to win your approval, and we resist your invitation to rest in the knowledge of your steadfast love.

Forgive us when we think, work, and live as if it all depends on us. Transform our lives by the Spirit of the Living Christ in such a way that we will trust you completely.

◆ 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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WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

◆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

Resurrection Day
Handbell Choir

LLOYD LARSON

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 11:25-30

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

SERMON

I Will Give You Rest

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

◆DECLARATION OF FAITH

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 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

◆ SENDING SONG NO. 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL

◆ 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 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 30 Matthew 11:25-30 Rest for Your Soul
Jesus promises rest for those who follow him.
- May 7 Matthew 12:1-21 Conflict with the Pharisees 1: On Keeping the Sabbath
When questioned by the Pharisees about breaking the Sabbath, Jesus teaches that he is Lord of the Sabbath.
- May 14 Matthew 12:22-37 Conflict with the Pharisees 2: On Demons and the Holy Spirit
Jesus uses the demon conflict to teach: good trees bear good fruit and bad trees bear bad fruit.
- May 21 Matthew 12:38-50 Conflict with the Pharisees 3: On Signs and Doing the Will of God
Jesus compares his death and resurrection to the trials of the prophet Jonah.
- May 28 Matthew 13:1-23 Kingdom Parables 1 - The Sower
Jesus compares the Kingdom to a sower who sows seed in 4 types of soil
- June 4 Matthew 13:24-43 Kingdom Parables 2 - The Weeds, the Mustard Seed, and the Net
Jesus compares the Kingdom to a field of wheat and weeds, a tiny mustard seed, and a small amount of yeast.

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 June 18, 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 June 18 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.

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 Today**. 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 by the link in the eNews or calling the church office, 843-766-8311, 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.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Please join us Wednesday, May 3, at 6:00 pm in Covenant Hall and enjoy a delicious supper for adults and children. Nursery is available. Menu is pork tenderloin, vegetable, salad, roll, dessert. Join us for fun, food, and fellowship with your church family.

SAMS (SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY) LUNCH

We can't wait to gather again Thursday, May 18 at 1:00 pm. Lunch will be catered, so please bring \$10 to help cover the cost of the meal. Our speaker, Mark Patrick, will be sharing all the options through the Charleston County Parks this summer. There are so many unknown nuggets to learn about. Please RSVP to mlong@wpccharleston.org, or call the church office 843-766-8311.

MISSION PARTNER ENGAGEMENT

Healing Farms—Walk and Roll Event May 6, 11:00 am—2:00 pm at Wannamaker Park. Register by following the link www.healingfarms.com/walkandroll and join some incredible people in caring for one another. In person and virtual walking options available.

HANDS OF CHRIST

Westminster Presbyterian Church is looking for a Volunteer Coordinator for our Hands of Christ distribution. This person would help coordinate all of our fabulous volunteers for the August distribution. Co-Coordinators are also an option. Reach out to Pastor Lissa if interested in hearing more.

NEIGHBORS TOGETHER

Volunteer to help serve one of the hot meals during the week! We have a team who serves on the third Wednesday of the month or you can register at www.neighborstogether.org.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Westminster Presbyterian Church sponsors an AA group Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in Covenant Hall room 3. If you or someone you know is seeking support, please feel free to share this information.

RESPITE CARE CHARLESTON

Respite Care Charleston offers articles, support groups, half-day memory care (respite) and so much more. If you are interested in volunteering or participating, please reach out to Caitlin at 843-647-7405.

WESTMINSTER'S SCOUT TROOP 79 IS COLLECTING USED SHOES AND SNEAKERS

Did you know that the shoes and sneakers you no longer wear can help support Boy Scout Troop 79 Charleston, micro entrepreneurs across the globe and our environment? Well, they can. All we need is your gently worn, used, or new shoes and sneakers in any condition. We are partnering with Funds2Orgs and Got Sneakers to help us raise funds for our troop, provide stock to micro entrepreneurs in impoverished countries, and keep shoes out of landfills. It's a win-win-win!! Here's how you can help: Shoes: gently worn, used or new shoes that you no longer want, men's, women's, children's of any type that you would feel good about giving to someone else (dress shoes, casual shoes, sandals, clogs, house shoes, crocs, flip flops, cleats, and other athletic shoes). Shoes should be absent of holes, tears, or excessive wear (should have intact soles and insoles), single shoes or mismatched pairs, or wet/moldy shoes please. Pair shoes together heel to heel with a rubber band and drop them in the bins located in Covenant Hall. (Shoes will be picked up from there each Monday until June 1st) We sincerely appreciate your support!

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 30

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Connections Class, Pastor's Office
11:00 am	Worship Service
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

Monday, May 1

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

Tuesday, May 2

6:30 am	Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
9:30 am	3's Chapel Time, Sanctuary
10:00 am	Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office
1:00 pm	Bridge Group, Library
7:00 pm	Handbell Choir

Wednesday, May 3

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

Thursday, May 4

9:30 am	3's Music, Sanctuary
10:00 am	4's Music, Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Scout Troop 79, Covenant Hall

Sunday, May 7

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
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 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
Bruce Hamilton	Maryann Brown	Cary Alexandre	Brad Leon
	Judy Hatch		

Prayers of Sympathy and Support are extended for

Janie Hammersmith and family upon the death of her husband, James Hammersmith.

Friend of the Week

Bill Pennekamp
1451 Tobias Gadson Blvd.
#118
Charleston, SC 29407

Mission of the Week

Thornwell Home for Children
302 South Broad St.
Clinton, SC 29325

Student of the Week

Skyler Frasier
PO Box 8185
2020 Alumni Dr.
Rock Hill, SC 29733

Church Family

Mark and Ashleigh
Brooke, Will
Matthew and Jill Patrick
Mary, Catherine

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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