



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

May 14, 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

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

FROM JOHN 15

One: Jesus said, "Abide in me, and I will abide in you. Just as a branch cannot produce fruit unless it stays joined to the vine, you cannot produce fruit unless you stay joined to me."

All: We want to stay connected to you!

One: "I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you stay joined to me, and I stay joined to you, then you will produce lots of fruit. But you cannot do anything without me."

All: We want to stay connected to you and produce fruit for the Kingdom!

One: "Stay joined to me and let my teachings become part of you.
When you become fruitful disciples of mine, my Father will be honored."

All: We want to be your disciples and bring honor to God's name!

◆ 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. 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

CONFESSION

◆CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Merciful God, we are disciples who are not disciplined, children who have forgotten their Father, sheep who have strayed from the shepherd. Forgive us when we refuse to be who you call us to be or do what you call us to do. Give us a new understanding of who we are, and help us to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ who loves us and laid down his life for us. We pray in Jesus' name. 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

O Worship the King
Anna Kerr, Emma Kerr

WILLIAM CROFT

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 12:22-37

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 12

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

SERMON

Conflict with the Pharisees 2: On Demons and The Holy Spirit

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 370

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

◆ DECLARATION 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 CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

◆ SENDING SONG NO. 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

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)

Acolyte is Catherine Patrick.

Ushers are Matt Akery, Joe Jeter, Laura Nunn.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of all of the women who have filled the role of mothers in our lives.

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:

- 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.

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.

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 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.

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

For the next few weeks, we are collecting the Mother's Day Offering for the benefit of Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina. For over 60 years, this offering has been an important act of support for this unique ministry of SC Presbyterians to older adults. The proceeds are used solely to support residents at Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina who have outlived their life savings through no fault of their own and now depend on the kindness of others. The annual cost of Charitable Care in 2021-22 was \$1,216,303, offered to 22 residents whose average age was 89. You may drop your offering in the offering plate in the narthex, mail it in to the church, or give online at wpccharleston.org. Checks payable to Westminster, or choose "Presbyterian Home" on the online menu. Thank you!

WE'RE HONORING NITA RUSHTON ON MAY 21

Nita Rushton has been the faithful "face of the church" and "Director of First Impressions" at Westminster for 11 years, and we want to show her how much we appreciate her exemplary service to the church. You're invited to a retirement reception during the Sunday School hour (10:00 – 11:00) on Sunday, May 21. The Deacons are providing refreshments, and we'll have a table set for your gifts and cards of appreciation. We'll take a moment at 10:30 for some words of appreciation.

SENIOR NIGHT AND WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Please join us Wednesday, May 17, at 6:00 pm in Covenant Hall and enjoy a delicious supper for adults and children. Nursery is available. Menu is Spaghetti, vegetable, salad, garlic bread, dessert. Join us for fun, food, and fellowship with your church family. Following Wonderful Wednesday Supper, we're celebrating our High School Seniors. Join us for supper and a short program to acknowledge the accomplishments of and pray for Robert Dounian, Izzy Justice, Ashleigh Smith, and Lauren Smoak.

SAMS (SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY) LUNCH

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. Volunteers are needed to set up and clean up for the SAMS lunch May 18. If you are available please contact Carole Russell: clsrussell@comcast.net or, 843-442-5276.

CALLING ALL MEN

We're looking for great, good, and even not-so-good male voices to sing a special piece in worship on Sunday, June 11. It's one of our favorites: He Leadeth Me. We'll practice on May 21, 28, and June 4 for about 20 minutes right after the 11:00 worship service. ALL voices welcome.

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.

RESPIRE 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!

SOMEONE'S PRAYING, LORD. COME BY HERE.

On Sunday 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 their name on the card. (It's OK to pray for "a friend," because God knows who they are.)

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.

The Church Office and Preschool will be closed on Monday, May 15.
We are shutting off power to the campus to replace the main electrical panel.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, May 14

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, May 15

Church Office and Preschool are closed.

Tuesday, May 16

6:30 am	Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
9:30 am	3's Chapel Time, Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 17

9:00 am	Preschool Funnastics, Covenant Hall
6:00 pm	Congregational Nominating Committee, Parlor
6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday Dinner, Covenant Hall, ham
6:30 pm	High School Seniors Recognition, Covenant Hall
6:30 pm	WINK, Covenant Hall
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall Room 3

Thursday, May 18

9:30 am	3's Music, Sanctuary
10:00 am	4's Music, Sanctuary
1:00 pm	SAM's Luncheon, Covenant Hall
6:00 pm	Scout Troop 79, Covenant Hall

Friday, May 19

11:00 am	Preschool Program, Sanctuary
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Sunday, May 21

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Retirement Reception, Covenant Hall
11:00 am	Worship Service
4:00 pm	Club 3, 4, 5, Covenant Hall
5:00 pm	Deacons Meeting, ZOOM
6:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting, Room 4
7:00 pm	Youth Group, Parkshore Pool
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	Sean Fitzgibbon	Gloria Underhill
Harold Fountain	David Kerr	Nikolai Fruth	Barbara Johnston
Nancy Plowden	Sharon Hutchinson	Mary Martschink	Nita Rodemann
Gary Brooks	Harper Croft	Maryalice Vann	Jackie Epstein
Steve Buddin	Monnie Privette	Christina Miller	Edward Godshall
Dick Unger	Eleanor Woodbury	Meghan Hatfield	Towne Family
Pam Smith	Evan McMillan	Rachel Singletary	Charles Reeves
Libba Palmer	Don Sumner	Fran Ligon	Merrily Burnette
Bryan Thomas	Lauren Wilson	Molly Griggs	John Martschink
Gloria Purcell	Reed Family	Cynthia Ebigwei	Brenda Jonsson
Will Edwards	Charlotte Griggs	Gloria Ricoma	Judy Tag
Bob Ferguson	Elaine Tidwell	Janet Wilson	Rose Derrick
Allyn Bruce	Colby Turner	Cary Alexandre	Robin Zemp
Edward Fitzgibbon	Maryann Brown	Judy Hatch	Pat Skees
Bruce Hamilton	George Rogers	Brad Leon	

Friend of the Week

Jim Seay
1416 Drexell Dr.
Charleston, SC 29407

Mission of the Week

Boy Scout Troop 79
1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.
Charleston, SC 29407

Student of the Week

Rachael Stokes
7 Lavington Rd.
Charleston, SC 29407

Church Family

Paul and Laura Patrick
Cameron, Nicholas
Debbie Pell

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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