



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

May 7, 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

### MOMENT FOR MISSION

Elizabeth King, The Village

### ◆ 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 PSALM 118

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.

**All: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

One: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**All: We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

One: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will praise you.

**All: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!**

### ◆ 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. 15

All Creatures of Our God and King  
(Verses 1,4,5,6)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

## CONFESSION

### ◆CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Heavenly Father, we confess we are by nature prone to hypocrisy. We are satisfied with our own ideas of righteousness and forsake the true righteousness that you demand. As we come into your glorious presence, the stains of sin on our souls become clear to us, so we humbly bow before you in repentance. In your mercy, forgive us and set us free from our rebellious ways. Give us a heart to seek your Kingdom and follow your will in every aspect of life. 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.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God**

### ◆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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 12:1-21

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

SERMON

Conflict with the Pharisees 1: On Keeping the Sabbath

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### ◆SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

THE LORD'S SUPPER

### ◆INVITATION

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

PRAYER

◆SONG NO. 299

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

HANOVER

◆BLESSING

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◆*Please stand, if able*

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

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

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

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Bob and Nella Peele by the Beasley and Aldrich family.

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

### **TODAY WE SHARE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

All who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to share in the sacrament. For those in the Sanctuary, Elders will distribute the prepared bread and juice cups during the service. As a sign of our unity in Christ, we will partake together once everyone is served. Gluten Free is available, and WPC is a safe place for people in recovery –we serve grape juice. Children are invited to the table provided they've had instruction at home or in Westminster's worship prep class (1st grade).

### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY TUESDAY, MAY 9, 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!

### **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY**

Please join us Wednesday, May 10, at 6:00 pm in Covenant Hall and enjoy a delicious supper for adults and children. Nursery is available. Menu is ham, vegetable, salad, roll, dessert. Join us for fun, food, and fellowship with your church family.

### **SENIOR NIGHT**

On Wednesday, May 17 following Wonderful Wednesday Supper (6:00 p.m.), 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**

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](mailto: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](mailto:clsrussell@comcast.net) or, 843-442-5276.

### **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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup>) 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](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.



## 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](http://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 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

#### **Monday, May 8**

9:50 am           4's Chapel, Sanctuary  
10:00 am           Hooks and Needles, Room 4  
12:00 pm           Preschool Dance, Covenant Hall  
1:00 pm            Hands of Christ, Room 4  
7:00 pm            Scout Troop 79

#### **Tuesday, May 9**

6:30 am            Toastmasters, Covenant Hall  
8:00 am            Men's Bible Study, Town and Country  
9:30 am            3's Chapel Time, Sanctuary  
10:00 am           Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office  
10:00 am           Circle 5, Parlor  
10:30 am           Circle 4, Room 4  
1:00 pm            Bridge Group, Library  
5:30 pm            Exchange Club, Covenant Hall

#### **Wednesday, May 10**

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

#### **Thursday, May 11**

9:30 am            3's Music, Sanctuary  
10:00 am           4's Music, Sanctuary  
10:00 am           Smocking Guild, Room 4  
11:00 am           Preschool Mother's Day Lunch, Covenant Hall  
6:00 pm            Scout Troop 79, Covenant Hall

#### **Saturday, May 13**

10:00 am           Multiple Myeloma, Covenant Hall

#### **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

## Westminster Prays

Carol Cummings	Meg Powell	Summer Garris	Chrissie Bosworth
Bill Pennekamp	Keith Gordon	Mary Ashley Barbot	Ginger Sieftring
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			

### Friend of the Week

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

### Mission of the Week

Food Pantry  
1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.  
Charleston, SC 29407

### Student of the Week

Amber Appell  
404 Waterwood Dr.  
Goose Creek, SC 29445

### Church Family

Michael and Stacy Patrick  
Ella, Hannah, Sarah Beth  
Amber, Skyler

## 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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