



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

Pentecost

May 28, 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 NO. 743 Oh God You are My God STEP BY STEP

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE FROM PSALM 104

One: O Lord, how manifold are your works!
All: In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
One: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
All: May the Lord rejoice in his works, who looks on the earth and
it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!
One: We will sing to the Lord as long as we live;
we will sing praise to our God while we have being.
All: May our meditation be pleasing to him, for we rejoice in the Lord.
Bless the Lord! Praise the Lord!

◆ 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. 309 Come, Great God All the Ages ABBOT'S LEIGH

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Hear our prayers this morning God. Prayers for when we have taken a step away from your
wisdom. Prayers for when we have turned our eyes and ears away from a neighbor. Prayers for
when you have shown us the way, but yet we declined. Prayers for our impatience and our
selfishness. Lord, hear our prayers.

◆ SILENT PRAYERS

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING OUT

◆ SENDING SONG NO. 543 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

◆ 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)

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Acolyte is Tanner Gentry
Ushers are Nancy Dixon, Nathan Ward, Jim Drennan

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 28 Acts 2:1-21 All Together: The experience of Pentecost is pivotal in the formation of the Church. What does it mean 2000 years later?
- June 4 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 11 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.
- June 18 Matthew 13: 44-58 Kingdom Parables 3 - The Treasure, The Pear, and the Net: Jesus Compares the Kingdom to a valuable treasure, a pearl of great price, and a net with every kind of fish.
- June 25 Matthew 13: 53-14:36 Receiving Jesus: We see 5 responses to Jesus—from outright rejection to strong faith .
- July 2 Matthew 15: 1-20 Clean Hearts: God looks at more than our actions - he looks at the condition of our hearts.

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. Your completed submission is due by May 31 and should be submitted electronically to deebeewright@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.

CAROL SMITH, OUR BELOVED HOSTESS AND CATERER OF 20 YEARS, IS RETIRING!

Carol has been a consistent part of the Westminster family for a long time, and we're happy for her in this transition. She'll be with us on Wednesdays through June 7, and then the Second Sunday Social on June 11 will be her last time in the kitchen. We'll suspend Wonderful Wednesdays this summer until we secure a new caterer, but be on the lookout for special fellowship events hosted by the Fellowship Committee.

WHEN HELPING HURTS MISSIONAL RESPONSE

Are you interested in workshopping ideas for ways Westminster Presbyterian Church connects, engages, listens, and serves within our community and the world? On June 11, grab your plate on Second Sunday and join together in Room 4 of Covenant Hall for exciting conversation!

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Please join us Wednesday, May 31 at 6:00 pm in Covenant Hall and enjoy a delicious supper for adults and children. Nursery is available. Menu is chili, baked potato, and dessert. Join us for fun, food, and fellowship with your church family.

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 today and June 4 for about 20 minutes right after the 11:00 worship service. ALL voices welcome!

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.)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE

The Elementary Choir will be singing on Father's Day, June 18 at the 11 o'clock service. Practices will be on June 4 and June 11 from 5pm- 5:30pm in the choir room. All first graders—fifth graders are invited! Contact Nancy Parrish 843-442-6654 or stelesowell@gmail.com.

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.

I'M GLAD YOU ASKED!

All summer long, join us in Covenant Hall for Sunday School. Pastor Daniel and Pastor Lissa will teach the class using questions you have submitted. We begin on June 4 at 10:00. Join us!

- June 4 How do we understand the devil, hell, and the part of the Apostles' Creed that says Jesus "descended into hell."
- June 11 How did we get the Bible, and what place does it have in our lives today?
Do we still need the OT laws?
- June 18 What happens when we die?
- June 25 Who are all the "Marys" in Jesus' life, and as women, do they get appropriate recognition?

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, May 28

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

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 30

6:30 am	Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
10:00 am	Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office
12:00 pm	Staff Lunch

Wednesday, May 31

6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday - Chili
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall Room 3

Sunday, June 4

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

Westminster Prays

Carol Cummings	Meg Powell	Summer Garris	Chrissie Bosworth
Kate Pennekamp	Keith Gordon	Mary Ashley Barbot	Ginger Siefring
Love Moody	Lydia Crosby	Joyce Aydlett	Martin Davis
Lisa Wilcox	Brian Carlow	Daryn Baker	Kevin Ritzel
Harold Fountain	Frances McLean	Sean Fitzgibbon	Gloria Underhill
Nancy Plowden	David Kerr	Nikolai Fruth	Barbara Johnston
Gary Brooks	Sharon Hutchinson	Mary Martschink	Nita Rodemann
Steve Buddin	Harper Croft	Maryalice Vann	Jackie Epstein
Dick Unger	Monnie Privette	Christina Miller	Edward Godshall
Pam Smith	Eleanor Woodbury	Meghan Hatfield	Towne Family
Libba Palmer	Evan McMillan	Rachel Singletary	Charles Reeves
Bryan Thomas	Don Sumner	Fran Ligon	Merrily Burnette
Gloria Purcell	Lauren Wilson	Molly Griggs	John Martschink
Will Edwards	Reed Family	Cynthia Ebigwei	Brenda Jonsson
Bob Ferguson	Charlotte Griggs	Gloria Ricoma	Judy Tag
Allyn Bruce	Colby Turner	Janet Wilson	Rose Derrick
Edward Fitzgibbon	Maryann Brown	Cary Alexandre	Robin Zemp
Bruce Hamilton	George Rogers	Judy Hatch	Pat Skees

Friend of the Week

Judy Tag
201 W 9th North St., Unit 1
Summerville, SC 29483

Mission of the Week

Healing Farms
703 Yew St.
Charleston, SC 29407

Church Family

Tim & Sandy Pennekamp
Mark & Stephani Peterson
Hailey & Kayten

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