



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

Pentecost

May 28, 2023

11:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

ARR. ROBERT POWELL

*To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the Vine, to the church in faith
assembled, to our midst as gift and sign: Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

◆CALL TO WORSHIP

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!

◆INVOCATION 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.

◆HYMN NO. 309

Come, Great God of All the Ages

ABBOT'S LEIGH

◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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 CONFESSION

◆ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

◆SONG OF RESPONSE

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

◆SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

Please greet your neighbors.

TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

Laura Patrick

Following Children's Time, children ages 2-3K (Wee Church) and 4-5 K (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.

ANTHEM

HEAR MY WORDS
Sanctuary Choir

STEPHEN PAULS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2: 1-21

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 119

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

SERMON

All Together

◆HYMN NO. 361

O Christ, the Great Foundation

AURELLA

◆AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (1983)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, Amen.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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| ◆HYMN NO. 543 | God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me | GREEN TYLER |
| ◆BENEDICTION | | |
| ◆POSTLUDE | Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us | Ebenezer |

◆*Please stand, if able*

Leading the service today: Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Lissa Long, Pastor; Robin Zemp, Music.

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

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Acolytes are Cora Parrish and Sophia Teitsort.
Ushers are Regina Keene, Taffy Tamblyn, Susana Comte Walters, Jim Frye.
Wee Church volunteers are Amy Kuenzel and Alissa Ferguson.
Children’s Church volunteers are Lindy Coleman & Brenda Clarey.

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 Pearl, 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 sign up by the link in the eNews or calling the church office, 843-766-8311. Your completed submission is due by May 31st 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.

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 potatoes, 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 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.

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!

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 steelesowell@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



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?

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, 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

309 Come, Great God of All the Ages

1 Come, great God of all the a - ges; make your earth - ly
 2 Come, Christ Je - sus, flesh and spir - it, sure foun - da - tion,
 3 Come, great Spir - it, in and with us, tune our ears to
 4 Come, O come, in cel - e - bra - tion, house - hold of the

mis - sion known; speak through ev - ery deed and per - son;
 cor - ner - stone; help us form the church e - ter - nal;
 hear your call; through the mov - ing of your pres - ence,
 one true God; in com - mit - ment and re - joic - ing

let your way and will be shown. Guide the church to true com -
 may your vi - sion be our own. Send a mes - sage to each
 let re - deem - ing love re - call min - is - try in ded - i -
 let us go where Christ has trod; as we act in faith and

mit - ment; give di - rec - tion now, we ask; fit us for the
 fol - lower; lead all peo - ple to your way; urge us to strong
 ca - tion, love em - bod - ied in our deeds; chal - lenge us to
 rev - erence, let us, Lord, the fu - ture see; place us in the

This text was written in 1987 for the capital cornerstone campaign of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. It is set here to a mid-20th-century tune created in wartime England to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

THE CHURCH

work of build-ing; ded - i - cate us to the task.
faith and ac - tion as we build the church to - day.
do your bid - ding, see your pur - pose, fill all needs.
church tri - um - phant, now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). It features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line with chords and some melodic fragments. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic foundation with chords and a few melodic lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

O Christ, the Great Foundation 361

1 O Christ, the great foun-da - tion on which your peo - ple stand
 2 Bap - tized in one con - fes - sion, one church in all the earth,
 3 Where ty - rants' hold is tight - ened, where strong de - vour the weak,
 4 This is the mo - ment glo - rious when he who once was dead

to preach your true sal - va - tion in ev - ery age and land:
 we bear our Lord's im - pres - sion, the sign of sec - ond birth:
 where in - no - cents are fright - ened, the righ - teous fear to speak,
 shall lead his church vic - to - rious, their cham - pion and their head.

pour out your Ho - ly Spir - it to make us strong and pure,
 one ho - ly peo - ple gath - ered in love be - yond our own,
 there let your church a - wak - ing at - tack the powers of sin
 The Lord of all cre - a - tion his heaven - ly king - dom brings:

to keep the faith un - bro - ken as long as worlds en - dure.
 by grace we were in - vit - ed; by grace we make you known.
 and, all their ram - parts break - ing, with you the vic - tory win.
 the fi - nal con - sum - ma - tion, the glo - ry of all things.

The text was written by a leading Chinese educator, author, and editor who chaired the commission that prepared an important ecumenical Chinese hymnal, *Hymns of Universal Praise* (1936). This familiar tune invites comparison of these words with its usual text (see no. 321).

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

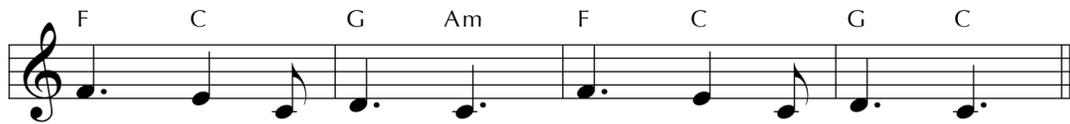
O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

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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