



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

June 11, 2023

9:00 am

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## 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. 452      Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.  
Open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see you; I want to see you;  
I want to see you; I want to see you;  
To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory,  
Pour out your power and love as we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."  
Holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

Isaiah 44:6-8

One: Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last: besides me there is no God.  
All: **Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.**  
One: Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses!  
All: **Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."**

◆ 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. 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

## CONFESSION

### ◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Romans 8:18-25

Merciful God, your creatures cry, creation groans, but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are too busy, too young, too old, too apathetic. We do not see the abundance before us, nor the brokenness. Wash us clean and restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. It is in your name we hope and pray. 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought  
*Men's Chorus*

Arr. By Camp Kirkland

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13:24-43

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SERMON

Kingdom Parables II

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### ◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 714

God of the Fertile Fields

### ◆ DECLARATION OF FAITH

From The Confession of 1967

One: To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community.

All: **This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other.**

One: Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.

All: **The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call. In the power of the risen Christ and hope of his coming, the church sees the promises of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.**

INVITATION TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

◆ SONG NO. 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

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◆ Please stand, if able.

Leading the service today: Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Lissa Long, Pastor; Nancy Parish, Music.

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

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Acolyte is Catherine Patrick.

Ushers are Matt Akery, Joe Jeter, and Laura Nunn.

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God in appreciation of Carol Smith's twenty years of dedicated service as Westminster's kitchen hostess and in honor of her retirement.

### **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. Join us!

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| June 11 | How did we get the Bible, and what place does it have in our lives today?<br>Do we still need the OT law? |
| 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?                |

### **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:

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| 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 five 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](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org).

### **SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL CELEBRATING CAROL SMITH**

Join us after worship today for lunch as we celebrate Carol's service as Westminster's Church Hostess and retirement. We will suspend Wonderful Wednesday this summer until this fall.

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY**

Men's Breakfast Bible Study, ordinarily the second Tuesday of the month at Trotter's restaurant, will not meet this month.

### **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? Grab your plate today and join together in Room 4 of Covenant Hall for exciting conversation!

### **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.

## WE ARE SO GLAD TO WELCOME CLAIRE WINKLES AS WESTMINSTER'S NEW DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

A note from Claire: "My gifts, my faith, and my desire to share the stories of Jesus and foster belief in children are the reasons I feel called to serve at Westminster. I have spent the last five years of my professional career loving and teaching kids in the public school setting and keeping God at the center of that work. My prayer for the children and youth at Westminster is that they will each remember their identity in Christ. I pray as they learn about Jesus and grow in their faith, that they will feel prepared and excited to go out and spread his word. I pray that each child and youth will see and feel God's love in every day ahead, and that they will always have a foundation in Christ's love. I truly feel that this is the time that the Lord has called me. I feel I was born to do this job, and it is a lifelong dream come true, a great responsibility and a tremendous blessing."

We'll pray for Claire today at the beginning of the 11:00 worship service and then send her, the youth, and Pastor Daniel off to Montreat for the week. Special thanks is given to the DYCM Search Team: Robert Dounian, Abbie Mobley, Jill Patrick, Chuck Towne, Ben Whitener, Dee Bee Wright (chair), and Pastor Daniel. Special thanks also to Pastor Lissa for her good work with the youth in the last 16 months and to Laura Patrick, our Interim Director of Children's Ministries. Laura's last day is June 30.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING June 18 at 11:00

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, June 18 at 11:00 (Immediately prior to the 11:00 Worship Service.) The purpose of this meeting is officer elections. We will hear and act on a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee who will be presenting these candidates for election as Deacons, Elders, and Nominating Committee members. **Elders:** Jonathan Bazzle, Allyn Bruce, Joe Clarey, John Dounian, Mary McAbee, Ashley Snider. **Deacons:** Deb Brown, Jennifer Binnicker, Mark Burckhalter, Susanna Comte-Walters, Liz Crosby, Alissa Ferguson, Annie Klingshirn, Kate Ludwig, Debbie McQueeney, Christine Towne, John Wright. **Congregational Nominating Committee:** Dale Norman, Sandy Pennekamp, LeAnn Teitsort, Blair Wade.

## 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.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE

The Elementary Choir will be singing on Father's Day, June 18 at the 11 o'clock service. Practice will be today from 5:00pm- 5:30pm in the choir room. All first graders—fifth graders are invited! Contact Nancy Parrish 843-442-6654 or steelesowell@gmail.com.

## 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 [wpccharleston.org](http://wpccharleston.org).  
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.

## 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



## 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.)

## This Week at Westminster

### Sunday, June 11

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Second Sunday Social
12:45 pm	Mission Response Gathering, Covenant Hall, Room 4
5:00 pm	Children's Choir Practice in choir room
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Monday, June 12

10:00 am	Hooks and Needles
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### Tuesday, June 13

6:30 am	Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
11:00 am	Bridge Group, Library
1:00 pm	SAM's Planning Team

### Wednesday, June 14

6:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting, Parlor
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall, Room 3

### Thursday, June 15

6:00 pm	Scout Troop 79, Covenant Hall
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### Friday, June 16

### Saturday, June 17

### Sunday, June 18

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

## Westminster Prays

Sandi Daniels	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	Sean Fitzgibbon	Gloria Underhill
Harold Fountain	David Kerr	Nikolai Fruth	Nita Rodemann
Nancy Plowden	Sharon Hutchinson	Mary Martschink	Jackie Epstein
Gary Brooks	Harper Croft	Maryalice Vann	Towne Family
Steve Buddin	Monnie Privette	Christina Miller	Charles Reeves
Dick Unger	Eleanor Woodbury	Meghan Hatfield	Merrily Burnette
Libba Palmer	Evan McMillan	Rachel Singletary	John Martschink
Bryan Thomas	Don Sumner	Fran Ligon	Brenda Jonsson
Gloria Purcell	Lauren Wilson	Molly Griggs	Judy Tag
Will Edwards	Reed Family	Cynthia Ebigwei	Rose Derrick
Bob Ferguson	Charlotte Griggs	Gloria Ricoma	Robin Zemp
Allyn Bruce	Colby Turner	Janet Wilson	Pat Skees
Edward Fitzgibbon	Maryann Brown	Cary Alexandre	
Bruce Hamilton	George Rogers	Judy Hatch	

### Friend of the Week

Aileen Weise  
110 Ashley Villa Cir Apt B  
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### Mission of the Week

Russian Church Partnership  
Church of Transfiguration  
Perm, Russia

### Church Family

David and Donna Purcell  
Gloria Purcell

## 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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