



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

June 18, 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. 413 Come into God's Presence

Come into God's presence singing...
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."

Come into God's presence singing
"Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord."

Praise the Lord together singing
"Worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb."

Praise the Lord together singing
"Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God."

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

FROM PSALM 113

One: Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.

All: **Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.**

One: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.

All: **The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.**

One: For there is no other like our God, the One who sits enthroned on high.

All: **Let us worship the Lord our God.**

◆ 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. 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

One: Lord, we have sinned and fallen short of your glory.
All: **Create in me a pure heart, O God, that I may glorify your name.**
One: We would rather live for ourselves than live for you.
All: **Create in me a pure heart, O God, that I may glorify your name.**
One: We would rather meet our needs than the needs of others.
All: **Create in me a pure heart, O God, that I may glorify your name.**
One: We keep committing the same sins over and over again.
All: **Create in me a pure heart, O God, that I may glorify your name.**
One: We keep neglecting to do the right things over and over again.
All: **Create in me a pure heart, O God, that I may glorify your name.**
One: We are trapped, and need you to rescue us.
All: **Create in me a pure heart, O God, that I may glorify your name.**
One: We confess before you all the ways we have walked in darkness...
(silence. And we pray for your mercy.)
All: **Create in me a pure heart, O God, that I may glorify your name.**

◆ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE

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

Claire Winkles

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13:44-58

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SERMON

Kingdom Parables III: The Treasure, the Pearl, and the Net

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE INSERT

My Worth Is not in What I Own

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

◆ SONG NO. 415 Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

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 Eleanor Akery.
Ushers are George McAbee, Mary McAbee, Graham Wade.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a congregational meeting today 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, Susana Comte-Walters, Liz Crosby, Alissa Ferguson, Annie Klingshirm, Kate Ludwig, Debbie McQueeney, Christine Towne, John Wright. **Congregational Nominating Committee:** Dale Norman, Sandy Pennekamp, LeAnn Teitsort, Blair Wade.

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.

- 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?
- July 2 In a world torn apart by hot button issues and loud personalities, what role does the church play?
- July 9 How do Christians cling to the truth without being judgmental? Can we be tolerant and principled at the same time?
- July 16 Are Presbyterians evangelical?

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:

- 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 today! 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.

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



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.

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.

Text: "charlestonwpc" to 73256. Thank you for giving.

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.

This Week at Westminster

Sunday, June 18

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

Monday, June 19

11:00 am Hands of Christ Operations Meeting
6:30 pm Session Meeting

Tuesday, June 20

6:30 am Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
10:00 am WPC Children Park Playdate at JI County Park
11:00 am Bridge Group, Library
1:00 pm Pam Smith Memorial Service

Wednesday, June 21

5:00 pm End of Year Pool Party (3,4,5 graders)
6:00 pm Officer Training Session 1
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall, Room 3

Thursday, June 22

Friday, June 23

Saturday, June 24

10:00 am Charleston Area Multiple Myeloma Group

Sunday, June 25

9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall
12:00 pm VBS Opening Lunch Program

Westminster Prays

Sandi Daniels	Keith Gordon	Mary Ashley Barbot	Ginger Siefring
Kate Penekamp	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 McMillian	Rachel Singletary	John Martschink
Bryan Thomas	Don Sumner	Fran Ligon	Brenda Jonnson
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

Ginnie Yarborough
1600 Dickens Street
Charleston, SC 29407

Mission of the Week

Habitat for Humanity
731 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC 29403

Church Family

Greg and Kendall Ramsay
Jillian & Henry
Debra Redmon

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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