



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

June 4, 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

Make a Joyful Noise
Brenda Clarey

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

From Psalm 100

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!
All: **Know that the Lord is God! He made us, and we are his.
We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**
One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
All: **Give thanks to the Lord and bless his name!**
One: For the Lord is good. His steadfast love endures forever,
his faithfulness to all generations!
All: **Let us worship 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. 385 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Lord God, we lack a whole-hearted response to Jesus. We confess far too many daily moments of apathy, indifference, and distraction. Forgive us, Lord, for these patterns of passionless discipleship. Instead, plant in us a sense of adventure and a growing excitement over Christ's call in our lives. May we be full of joy and faith even in this moment. This we pray in the merciful name of Jesus.

◆ 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 13: 1-23

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SERMON

Kingdom Parables I: The Sower

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE

Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

Almighty God, Your Word is cast; Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of Heav'n descend, And righteous fruits abound.

Let not the foe of Christ and man; This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart; To bring forth fruits of love.

Let not the world's deceitful cares; The rising plant destroy.
But let it yield a hundredfold; The fruits of peace and joy.

Oft as the precious seed is sown, Your quick'ning grace bestow,
That all whose souls the truth receive, Its saving power may know.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

◆ INVITATION

◆ DECLARATION OF FAITH

From the Nicene Creed (381)

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 CUP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

◆ SONG

Kum Ba Yah

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

◆ 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, YouTube (Westminster Presbyterian Charleston)

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Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast, Text: John Cawood, 1819 Music: Day's Psalter, 1562 Public Domain

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

The rosebud in the Sanctuary is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Sarah Kay, born June 1, 2023, parents Mark and Lynsey Rushton, Grandparents, Tony and Nita Rushton.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to share in the bread and the cup. Elders will serve the congregation seated in the pews; please hold your communion until all are served, and we will partake together. WPC is a safe place for those in recovery – we serve grape juice only. Gluten free is available. Children are invited to the table provided they've had instruction at home or in Westminster's worship prep class (1st grade).

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 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 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 4 | 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 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 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.

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!

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 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.

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.

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

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.

This Week at Westminster

Sunday, June 4

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Calling All Men vocal practice in Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Worship Committee meeting in parlor
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, June 5

Tuesday, June 6

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

Wednesday, June 7

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

Thursday, June 8

6:00 pm	Scout Troop 79, Covenant Hall
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Friday, June 9

Saturday, June 10

10:00 am	Charleston Area Multiple Myeloma Group, Covenant Hall
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Sunday, June 11

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Second Sunday Social
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Westminster Prays

Kate Pennekamp	Keith Gordon	Mary Ashley Barbot	Ginger Sieftring
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

Nancy Wells Wichmann
201 W 9th North St., Unit 1
Summerville, SC 29483

Mission of the Week

Hands of Christ
Westminster Presbyterian Church
1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.
Charleston, SC 29407

Church Family

Dan and Debbie Ponton

Charlie and Meg Powell

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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