



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

July 23, 2023

11:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

ARRANGED BY MARSHA SISCO

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 134

One: We give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole heart;

All: We give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your world.

One: On the day we called, you answered us; our strength of soul you increased.

All: Though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve our life.

One: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for us;

All: Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

◆ 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 OF PRAISE NO. 413

Come into God's Presence

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ROMANS 12:12

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

◆ 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.**

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

Watch The lamb
Tom Whetstone

WORDS AND MUSIC BY RAY BOLTZ

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 16: 13-20

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SERMON

Who Am I?

◆HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

◆AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES CREED

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

◆HYMN NO. 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

◆BENEDICTION

◆ *Please stand, if able*

Leading the service today: Lissa Long, Pastor; Nancy Parrish, Music; Liturgist Marshall Ward

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

You may also listen to the weekly sermon by utilizing *Sermon By Phone* and calling 843-252-0146.

Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from CCLI License #2778901

Acolytes are Mac Ferguson and John Griggs

Ushers are Nathan Ward, Taffy Tamblyn, Susana Comte-Walters, Jim Frye

Wee Church volunteers are Caroline and Jack Christian

Children's Church volunteers are Amy and Will Kuenzel

Come into God's Presence 413



- 1 Come in - to God's pres-ence sing - ing "Al - le - lu - ia,
- 2 Come in - to God's pres-ence sing - ing "Je - sus is Lord,
- 3 Praise the Lord to - geth - er sing - ing "Wor - thy the Lamb,
- 4 Praise the Lord to - geth - er sing - ing "Glo - ry to God,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."
 Je - sus is Lord, Je - sus is Lord."
 wor - thy the Lamb, wor - thy the Lamb."
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God."

**May be sung as a canon.*

This anonymous worship chorus is thought to have been created extemporaneously during the 1960s and was one of the earliest songs of that kind. The opening line of the text is a paraphrase of Psalm 100:2, and the very act of singing this song fulfills that verse's invitation.

The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The chur - ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

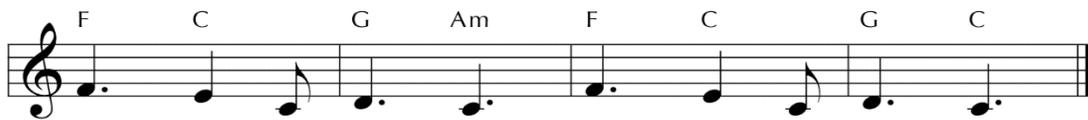
O Christ, Surround Me



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.

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 at 10:00. Join us!

- July 23 Technology is advancing quickly. Should the church embrace it or not?
- July 30 Loose ends: all the "short answer" questions that have been submitted.
- August 6 What is the Lord's Supper, and how often should we have it?

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:

- July 23 Matthew 16:13-20 Peter's Great Confession: Peter confesses Jesus as "Christ, the son of the living God." Who do we say Jesus is?
- July 30 Philippians 2:1-11 New Officer Ordination and Installation!

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.

o Pastor Daniel Smoak, 843-872-1001

o 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

UNDIES SUNDAYS DONATION MONTH

Westminster's Hands of Christ distribution dates are August 17, 18, 19 and we need your help! Bring your **new** underwear donations today through July 23 and place them in the designated area in the Narthex. Requested boys' sizes: 4T/5T, Small (6-8), Medium (10-12), Large (14-16), X-Large (18-20). Requested girls' sizes: Girls 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16; Missy 6, 7, 8. Thank you for your continued support of Hands of Christ.

IT'S SOCK-IT-TO-ME SUNDAYS AT WESTMINSTER

Every Sunday in July, you can join in the fun by donating girls socks for the 2023 Hands of Christ program which provides needed clothing for kids throughout the Low Country. We are in great need of medium and large socks for girls, but any size will be welcomed. Sock-it-to-us in July by joining the Westminster Sock-Hop! Donations can be dropped off in the Church Narthex.

HANDS OF CHRIST is in need of many copy paper boxes. Please drop off in Covenant Hall.

OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE HOURS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Hands of Christ is getting ready for a busy distribution season. If you are a high school student looking to earn service hours this summer, contact Tom Livingston at dtlivingstoniii@aol.com.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR HANDS OF CHRIST?

Contact Sonya Willemse at sonyawillemse@gmail.com.

HANDS OF CHRIST BENEFIT CONCERT

Sunday, August 6, at 5:00 pm at James Island Presbyterian Church, 1632 Fort Johnson Road, James Island. The Hands of Christ benefit concert will feature the choirs, music team and dance troupe from Harborview Presbyterian Church, St James Presbyterian Church and James Island Presbyterian Church. All proceeds will go to the Hands of Christ ministry.

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.)

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.



S.T.E.P.S.- STUDYING + TEACHING + EQUIPPING + PRAYING + SERVING:

This presbytery-wide event is a wonderful opportunity for church members, teachers, ministry teams, worship/music leaders, officers, and staffs to enrich their faith and understanding of the church. S.T.E.P.S. will take place Saturday, August 26 at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church. Saturday will offer two workshop sessions, with worship in between. A new feature is “Table Talks” which will take place after the second workshop period. This will give participants an opportunity to continue workshop conversations and reflect on their STEPS experience. A boxed lunch may be purchased for an additional cost or participants may bring a bag lunch. Registration information is on the presbytery website (<http://capresbytery.org/steps-2023>) and printed brochures are in the Admin Hall. We hope to see you at S.T.E.P.S. 2023 exploring ways we can grow and share our faith while we *keep awake!*

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.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Cereal, grits, dried beans, soap bars, tooth paste, toothbrushes, shampoo

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.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS & SAVE THE DATE

WPC 200th Anniversary Festivities September 23-24, 2023

In 2023, Westminster Presbyterian Church celebrates 200 years as a congregation of people doing God's work! Our celebration will take place with several special events in September!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT NUMBERS

Mental Health Crisis Hotline 988

Community Resource and Support Hotline 211

My Sister's House (domestic abuse) (843) 744-3242

AlAnon (843) 762-6999

Narcotics Anonymous (843) 852-3001

Wake-Up Carolina (support for families and individuals battling substance abuse) (843) 972-8154

This Week at Westminster

Sunday, July 23

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Middle School Youth depart for Bethelwoods
5:00 pm	Youth return from Maryville
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, July 24

Tuesday, July 25

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
2:00 pm	CYM, Kitchen
3:00 pm	Hands of Christ Site Director Meeting

Wednesday, July 26

2:00 pm	CYM, Kitchen
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, July 27

Friday, July 28

5:00 pm	Middle School Youth return from Bethelwoods
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Saturday, July 29

Sunday, July 30

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
11:00 am	Ordination/Installation of New Officers
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Westminster Prays

Cary Alexandre	Bob Ferguson	John Martschink	Ginger Siefring
Joyce Aydlette	Edward Fitzgibbon	Mary Martschink	Pat Skees
Daryn Baker	Sean Fitzgibbon	Christina Miller	Rachel Singletary
Mary Ashley Barbot	Nikolai Fruth	Love Moody	Judy Tag
Gary Brooks	Harold Fountain	Libba Palmer	Bryan Thomas
Maryann Brown	Terry Garrett	Nancy Plowden	Towne Family
Alyn Bruce	Keith Gordon	Kate Pennekamp	Colby Turner
Steve Buddin	Charlotte Griggs	Brayden Preus	Gloria Underhill
Merrily Burnette	Molly Griggs	Monnie Privette	Dick Unger
Brian Carolow	Bruce Hamilton	English Purcell	Maryalice Vann
Lydia Crosby	Judy Hatch	Gloria Purcell	Lisa Wilcox
Harper Croft	Megan Hatfield	Reed Family	Lauren Wilson
Sandi Daniels	Brenda Jonsson	Charles Reeves	Eleanor Woodbury
Martin Davis	David Kerr	Nita Rodemann	Robin Zemp
Rose Derrick	Fran Ligon	Gloria Ricoma	
Cynthia Ebigwei	Evan McMillian	Kevin Ritze	
Will Edwards	Frances McLean	George Rogers	

Prayer List updated July 2023

If you need to add or remove someone to the prayer list. Email Suzann at office@wpccharleston.org.

Friend of the Week

Ms. Carol Cummings
1137 Sam Rittenberg Blvd
Charleston, SC 29407

Mission of the Week

Hooks & Needles
Westminster Presbyterian Church

Church Family

Joe & Cylinda Scruggs
Michael & Annelise Scruggs
-Anderson

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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