



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

July 16, 2023

9:00 a.m.

## GATHERING

*Please greet each other warmly as the congregation gathers for worship.  
Take a moment and sign the virtual friendship register.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### MOMENT FOR MISSION

Hands of Christ

#### ◆ SONG OF PREPARATION NO. 399

God Welcomes All

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

#### ◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

One: For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

**All: How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!**

One: Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**All: And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another.**

One: Finally, all of you be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

**All: And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.**

#### ◆ 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. 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

## CONFESSION

#### ◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

**Heavenly Father, you have called us to bear witness to the cross and resurrection of Jesus, but we confess we keep this good news to ourselves. You give us opportunities every day to speak words of hope and comfort, but we are too nervous to speak up. You have called us to a way of life that demonstrates your redemptive power, but we often live like you make no difference in our lives. Forgive us for denying your divine love in our thoughts, words, and actions. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit so that we will bear faithful witness to the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

◆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.  
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◆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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Here Is Love

Lowry/Wilson

*Anna Kerr, Ava Whitener, and Nancy Parrish*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 15:21-39

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SERMON

For the Gentiles

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

◆DECLARING OUR FAITH

Confession of Belhar (1986)

**We Believe:**

**That Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;**

**That unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;**

**That this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.**

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

◆SONG NO. 693

Though I May Speak

## SENDING OUT

### ◆ BLESSING

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◆ *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](http://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

Acolyte is Eleanor Akery

Ushers are George McAbee, Mary McAbee, Graham 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. We begin on June 4 at 10:00. Join us!

- July 16 Are Presbyterians evangelical?
- 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 16 Matthew 15:21-39 For the Gentiles: Jesus' ministry is extended to the Gentiles; he comes for them, too.
- 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](http://www.wpccharleston.org)

## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY SPECIAL COOKOUT

Mark your calendar for the Cookout! Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall. Sign up on the poster outside Covenant Hall or call the church office.

## 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](mailto:dtlivingstoniii@aol.com).

### INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR HANDS OF CHRIST?

Contact Sonya Willemse at [sonyawillemse@gmail.com](mailto:sonyawillemse@gmail.com).

### 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](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.



### 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.

### **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!*

### **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.

### **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.neighborstogethersc.org](http://www.neighborstogethersc.org).

### **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.

### **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 16

9:00 am      Worship Service  
10:00 am      Sunday School  
11:00 am      Worship Service  
6:00 pm      Session Meeting  
7:00 pm      AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Monday, July 17

2:00 pm      CYM, Kitchen

### Tuesday, July 18

10:00 am      Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, July 19

8:00 am      Youth depart for Maryville  
2:00 pm      CYM, Kitchen  
6:00 pm      Wonderful Wednesday Cook-out Special  
7:00 pm      AA Meeting, Covenant Hall, Room 3

### Thursday, July 20

### Friday, July 21

### Saturday, July 22

### Sunday, July 23

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

## Westminster Prays

Cary Alexandre	Bob Ferguson	John Martschink	Ginger Siefring
Joyce Aydlette	Edward Fitzgibbon	Mary Martschink	Rachel Singletary
Daryn Baker	Sean Fitzgibbon	Christina Miller	Pat Skees
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	Monnie Privette	Gloria Underhill
Merrily Burnette	Molly Griggs	Brayden Preus	Dick Unger
Brian Carolow	Bruce Hamilton	English Purcell	Maryalice Vann
Lydia Crosby	Judy Hatch	Gloria Purcell	Lisa Wilcox
Harper Croft	Megan Hatfield	Reed Family	Janet Wilson
Sandi Daniels	Brenda Jonsson	Charles Reeves	Lauren Wilson
Martin Davis	David Kerr	Nita Rodemann	Eleanor Woodbury
Rose Derrick	Fran Ligon	Gloria Ricoma	Robin Zemp
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](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org)

Friend of the Week	Mission of the Week	Church Family
Barbara Crumrine 7488 Stoney Creed Drive Augusta, MI 49012	La Patria Norte/ Antioch Church	Janet Saunders Jairus and Sarah Schumann -Teddy

## 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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