



◆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

CLAIRE WINKLES

SPECIAL MUSIC

Come Unto Me (I'll Give You Rest)

*Mark Burckhalter*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

SERMON

The Great Invitation

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

◆SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 842

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

◆SONG NO. 463

How Firm a Foundation

**SENDING OUT**

◆BLESSING

*\*Please stand, if able*

Leading the service today:

Andrew Byrd, PCUSA Candidate, 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)

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Acolyte is Catherine Patrick  
Ushers are Matt Akery, Joe Jeter, Laura Nunn

## TODAY WE WELCOME ANDREW BYRD TO THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

Andrew is a Candidate for Ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in our Presbytery, a student at Union Theological Seminary, an accomplished organist and church musician, a summer chaplain at Roper St. Francis, and an avid Hands of Christ supporter and volunteer.

## SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL TODAY

Second Sunday Social today and August 13 following the 11:00 a.m. worship services! We can't wait to share some fried chicken, shared sides (thanks in advance!) and fellowship. If you are available to help in the kitchen today or August 13, please contact Nathan Ward at [nwardsc@gmail.com](mailto:nwardsc@gmail.com).

## 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 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?
- July 23          Technology is advancing quickly. Should the church embrace it or not?

## 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 9            Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 (Andrew Byrd preaching)
- 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

## 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)

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY MEETS TUESDAY, JULY 11

Men of all ages: Join us for Breakfast and Bible Study from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. on the Second Tuesday of every month. We are meeting for breakfast at Trotters Restaurant at Town and Country Inn and Suites (2008 Savannah Highway). Pastor Daniel will be leading; join us for the Fellowship and Encouragement!

## 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.



IT'S SOCK-HOP SUNDAYS AT WESTMINSTER We hope you'll join in with no dancing required! 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.

## JULY IS UNDIES SUNDAYS DONATION MONTH

Westminster's distribution dates are August 17, 18, 19, and we need your help! Bring your **new** underwear donations beginning 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.

### **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).

### **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY SPECIAL COOKOUT**

Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall. See you Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for a cookout! Sign up on the poster outside Covenant Hall or call the church office.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

## This Week at Westminster

### Sunday, July 9

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Second Sunday Social
5:00 pm	Montreat Middle School Conference Meeting, C Hall
6:00 pm	Officer Training Session 4
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Monday, July 10

2:00 pm	CYM, Kitchen
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### Tuesday, July 11

8:00 am	Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
10:00 am	Staff Meeting
1:00 pm	Bridge Group

### Wednesday, July 12

2:00 pm	CYM, Kitchen
6:00 pm	Finance Committee meeting
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall, Room 3

### Thursday, July 13

10:00 am	Lowcountry Smockers Guild
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### Friday, July 14

### Saturday, July 15

### Sunday, July 16

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
6:00 pm	Session Meeting with Examination of New Officers
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

## Westminster Prays

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

### Friend of the Week

Mrs. Rachel Crews  
1316 Kiki Way  
Charleston, SC 29407

### Mission of the Week

Metanoia  
2005 Reynolds Avenue  
North Charleston, SC 29405

### Church Family

Missy and Matthew Rutter  
Tom and Sarah Sams  
-Kathryn, Elizabeth

## 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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