



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

July 9, 2023

11:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Simple Gifts

ARRANGED BY BILLY MARIN
& PEGGY DUQUESNEL

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM SONG OF SONGS 2 AND PSALM 45

One: Rejoice, beloved children of God, for the winter has passed.

All: **The rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth.**

One: A time of singing has come; the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

All: **The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom.**

One: With joy and gladness, we enter the house of the Lord.

All: **The Lord's name will be praised from generation to generation.**

◆ 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. 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, though we try to do good, we confess that we often fall prey to sin. Ignoring your commandments, we focus our attention on ourselves and our energy on achieving our own goals, often at the expense of our neighbors and the rest of your creation. We fail to meet the needs of those around us, instead working toward fulfilling our own wants and desires. We are truly sorry, and we repent of our ways. We humbly ask you to pour your grace out onto us, to cleanse and renew us, and to redirect our hearts towards a new way of life, a life devoted to serving you.

◆ 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

CLAIRE WINKLES

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

Come Unto Me (I'll Give You Rest)

Mark Burckhalter

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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SERMON

The Great Invitation

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 824 There Is a Place of Quiet Rest

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INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

◆ HYMN NO. 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

◆ BENEDICTION

◆ POSTLUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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, YouTube (Westminster Presbyterian Charleston)

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

Acolytes are Sumner Long and Faith Towne

Ushers are Greg Ramsey, Henry Shepard, Ruth Marie Emblar, Ben Whitener

Wee Church volunteers are Lauren and Bob Openlander

Children's Church volunteers are Blair and Graham Wade

20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all. *Fine*

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well. *to Refrain*

One of a series of hymns the author wrote for children on the Apostles' Creed, this text (originally in seven stanzas) expands "Maker of heaven and earth." The first stanza became the refrain when the text was later set to a popular tune from the age of King Charles II.

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest 824

Near to the Heart of God

1 There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,
 2 There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God,
 3 There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God,

a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.
 a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.
 a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

Refrain

O Je - sus, blest Re - deem - er, sent from the heart of God,

hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.

A Presbyterian campus pastor and choir director in Missouri wrote this simple but moving hymn in response to the death of two young nieces from diphtheria. By distilling such personal grief into the shared assurances of faith, these words have brought comfort to many.

463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

WELCOME ANDREW BYRD

Today we are so glad to 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.

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 Jesus is?

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

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY SPECIAL COOKOUT

Wednesday, July 19th 6:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall. See you Wednesday, July 19th at 6:00 p.m. for a cookout! 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.

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.

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.



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 wpcharleston.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.

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, 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 & Bible
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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