



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

August 13, 2023

11:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Abide with Me; 'Tis Eventide

ARRANGEMENT BY
RACHEL P. MOHLMAN

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 121

One: I look up to the mountains.

Does my help come from there?

**All: My help comes from the LORD,
who made the heavens and the earth!**

One: He will not let you stumble and fall;
the one who watches over you will not sleep.

All: Indeed, he who watches over Israel never tires and never sleeps.

One: The LORD himself watches over you!

The LORD stands beside you as your protective shade.

All: The sun will not hurt you by day, nor the moon at night.

One: The LORD keeps you from all evil and preserves your life.

All: The LORD keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and 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. 395

Blessed Jesus At Your Word

LIEBSTER JESU

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we do not fully trust you. We put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises and find ourselves defeated and lost when things fall apart. You have given us a love greater than anything we could experience in this world, but we do not seek it, we do not hold on to it, and we look to our own means of assurance and security. Forgive us. Call us back to you that we may put our trust in you and not be afraid. In the name of Jesus, who loves us and offers us forgiveness, we pray. 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

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.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 17:1-13

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SERMON

The Transfiguration

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 662 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

◆ INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PCUSA BOOK OF ORDER F-1.01

The mission of God in Christ gives shape and substance to the life and work of the Church. In Christ, the Church participates in God's mission for the transformation of creation and humanity by proclaiming to all people the good news of God's love, offering to all people the grace of God at font and table, and calling all people to discipleship in Christ. Human beings have no higher goal in life than to glorify and enjoy God now and forever, living in covenant fellowship with God and participating in God's mission.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

◆ HYMN NO. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

◆ BENEDICTION

◆ *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, 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

The rosebud in the sanctuary is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Jett Callahan Shepard, on August 7, 2023, son of Tradd and Carol Shepard. Grandparents: Brenda Shepard; Henry Shepard. Great Grandmother: Roberta Shepard.

Acolytes are Catherine Patrick and Kate Bobo

Ushers are Taffy Tamblin, Henry Shepard, Ruth Marie Embler, Ben Whitener

Wee Church are Lauren and Bob Openlander

Children's Church are Lindy Coleman and Paige Dadin

395 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Glo - rious Lord, your - self im - part, Light of Light, from

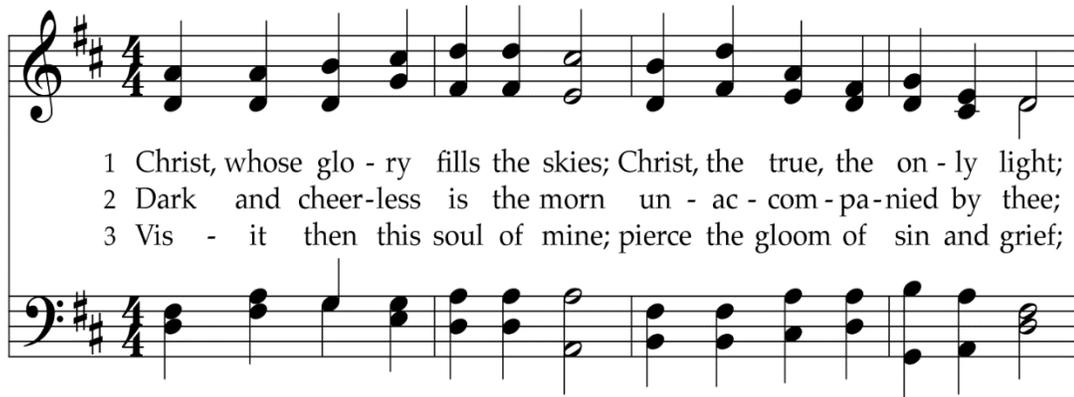
gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed, till your Spir - it breaks our night,
 God pro - ceed - ing. Touch our lips and ears and heart;

and in glow - ing faith be near you. By your gos - pel
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your

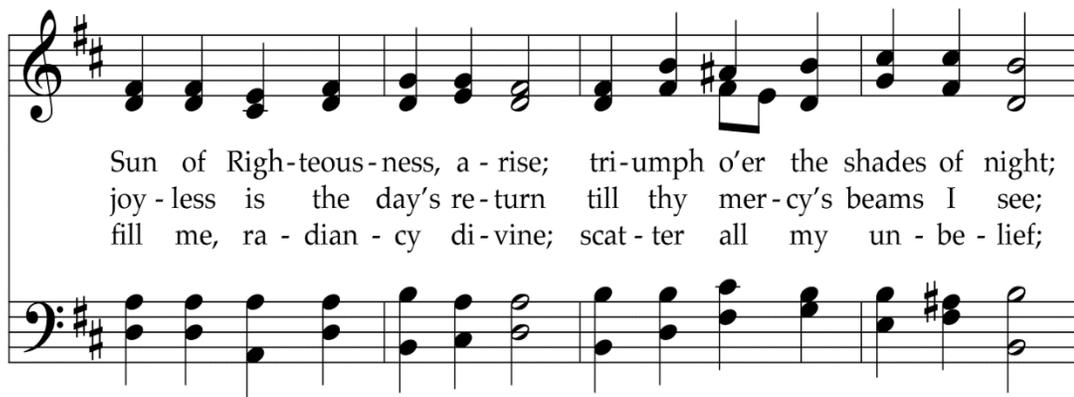
true and ho - ly, teach us, Lord, to love you sole - ly.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 church now rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Originally conceived to be sung before the sermon, this hymn assumes a congregation that assembles regularly, and it needs to be placed near the beginning rather than the end of worship. The simple repetitive tune reinforces the text's sense of receptivity and expectation.

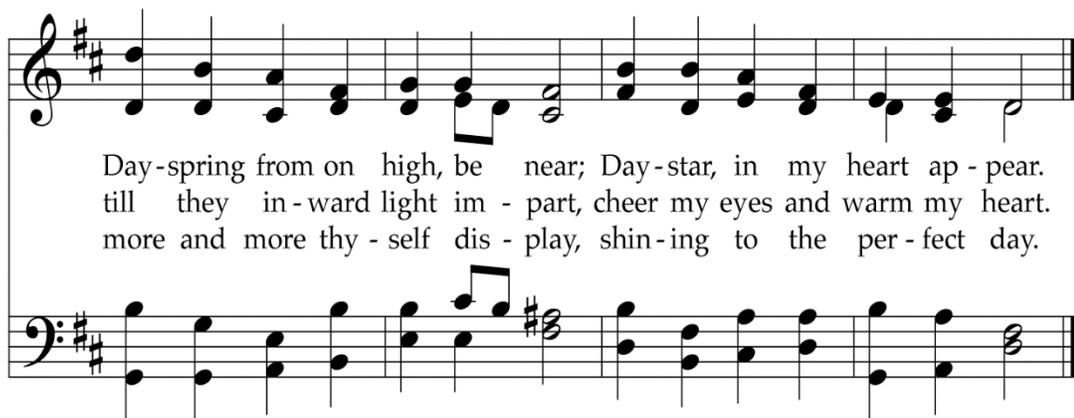
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies 662



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies; Christ, the true, the on - ly light;
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa-nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of Righ-teous-ness, a - rise; tri-umph o'er the shades of night;
joy - less is the day's re - turn till thy mer - cy's beams I see;
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

This well-crafted morning hymn opens by celebrating daylight as an image of Christ, the true Light, then ponders life without light, and culminates in a prayer for inward light. The tune's name honors its German roots: Ratisbon is the former English name for Regensburg.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

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

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 September 10. 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 September 10th Connections class by emailing office@wpccharleston.org.

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.

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!

- August 13 More Loose Ends: Wrapping up the Summer Series
- August 20 Kickoff Sunday!!

ALL CHURCH BEACH DAY TODAY!

Join us this afternoon 4:00-6:00 p.m. for some fun, outdoor fellowship at the beach! Look for the WPC Blue Banner by Folly Beach County Park Beach Access. We'll also have access to the Pelican Watch Pavilion at the Folly Beach County Park for restrooms, etc. WPC is providing bottled water and snacks. Families should bring chairs, towels, sunscreen, beach toys, etc.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

It is a joy to worship God and ordain and install new leaders at the 9:00 service this morning. Here are the new deacons and elders, including the ones ordained and installed on July 30 at 11:00.

- New Deacons being ordained and installed are: Deb Brown, Jennifer Binnicker, Mark Burckhalter, Liz Crosby, Kate Ludwig, and Debbie McQueeney.
- New Deacons, previously ordained and being installed are: Susana Comte-Walters, Alissa Ferguson, Annie Klingshirn, Christine Towne, and John Wright.
- New Elders being ordained and installed are: Jonathan Bazzle, Mary McAbee, Ashley Snider.
- New Elders, previously ordained and being installed are: Allyn Bruce and John Dounian.

SPECIAL THANKS

A hearty thank you goes to these Deacons and Elders who are completing their terms of active service. You gave valuable leadership at Westminster, and you are to be commended for your service. Well done!

Deacons: Sara Bobo, Teresa Butts, Brenda Jonsson, Regina Keene, Robert Luhn, Bill McSweeney, Mandi Mills, Catherine Morgan, Sandy Pennekamp, Sarah Schumann and Trevor Shelor.

Elders: Matthew Akery, David Boyd, Earl Frasier, Brenda Gibson, George McAbee, and Nathan Ward.

VOLUNTEER FOR HANDS OF CHRIST DISTRIBUTION AUGUST 17 - 19

Hands of Christ is offering the annual Presbytery-wide school uniform and school supply distribution. Mark your calendar and plan to participate at one or all the distributions at Westminster:

- Thursday and Friday August 17-18 from 4:00 - 6:00
- Saturday August 19 from 10:00 - 12:00.

For all distributions, plan to come a little early for training and stay a little late for a meal. Interested in volunteering for Hands of Christ? Contact Sonya Willemse at 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 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!*

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.

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.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Soap bars, small toothpaste tubes, individually packaged toothbrushes, small bottles of shampoo

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

Al-Anon (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, August 13

9:00 am	Worship Service with Ordination and Installation of Officers
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
4:00 pm	Beach Day
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, August 14

Tuesday, August 15

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
1:00 pm	SAMS Steering Committee meeting

Wednesday, August 16

7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall
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Thursday, August 17

4:00 pm	Westminster Hands of Christ distribution
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Friday, August 18

4:00 pm	Westminster Hands of Christ distribution
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Saturday, August 19

10:00 am	Westminster Hands of Christ distribution
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Sunday, August 20

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Deacons meeting
6:00 pm	Session Meeting
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

WESTMINSTER PRAYS

Cary Alexandre	Bob Ferguson	John Martschink	Ginger Stokes
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
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	Nancy Waller
Harper Croft	Megan Hatfield	Reed Family	Lisa Wilcox
Sandi Daniels	Brenda Jonsson	Charles Reeves	Laura Wilson
Martin Davis	David Kerr	Nita Rodemann	Eleanor Woodbury
Rose Derrick	Fran Ligon	Gloria Ricoma	Joe Nuchols
Cynthia Ebigwei	Evan McMillian	Kevin Ritze	Suzy Pitsey
Will Edwards	Frances McLean	George Rogers	

PRAYER LIST UPDATED AUGUST 2023

If you need to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please email Suzann at office@wpccharleston.org

Friend of the Week

Keith Gordon
1759 River Front Drive
Charleston, SC 29407

Mission of the Week

Thornwell Home for Children
302 South Broad Street
Clinton, SC 29325

Church Family

Liz and Cliff Shelor
Trevor and Jackie Shelor
- Caitlin & Emily

Westminster Session Members and Committees

Administration: Tom Whetstone and Matthew Patrick; **Buildings and Grounds:** Matt Teitsort; **Christian Education:** Lindy Coleman and Laura Patrick; **Fellowship:** Jonathan Bazzle, Betsy McLaughlin, and Mike Niblock; **Finance:** Norman Hook and Chuck Towne; **Membership:** Karen Norman and John Dounian; **Missions:** Dee Bee Wright and Mary McAbee; **Preschool:** Abbie Mobley; **Worship:** Allyn Bruce and Ashley Snider; **Clerk:** Carole Russell; **Assistant Clerk:** Lindy Coleman; **Treasurer:** Nancy Dixon; **Assistant Treasurer:** Patty Stokes

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