



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

August 6, 2023

11:00 a.m.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus

ARRANGEMENT BY SUSAN W. HENRY

## ◆CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 139: 7-14

One: How can I get away from your Spirit?  
Where can I go to escape from you?

All: **If I go up to the heavens, you are there.  
If I lie down in the deepest parts of the earth, you are also there.**

One: Suppose I were to rise with the sun in the east  
and then cross over to the west where it sinks into the ocean.

All: **Your hand would always be there to guide me.  
Your right hand would still be holding me close.**

One: Suppose I were to say, "I'm sure the darkness will hide me.  
The light around me will become as dark as night."

All: **Even that darkness would not be dark to you.  
The night would shine like the day,  
because darkness is like light to you.**

One: You created the deepest parts of my being.  
You put me together in my mother's womb.

All: **How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that.  
What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.**

## ◆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. 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

## ◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most Holy and High God, as we are drawn into your presence, we are aware of our sin. We do the things we should not do, and we don't do the things we should do. Your glory reveals that we are hopeless without redemption. We pray that by your mercy, you will not count our sins against us. In Christ, we humbly ask for your grace. Restore our broken relationship with you and with each other. We pray in Jesus' name and for his sake.

◆ 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

*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

Lord, Here I Am  
*Mike Niblock, soloist*

JOHN NESS BECK

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 16: 21-28

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SERMON

Following Jesus to the Cross

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

◆ HYMN OF PREPARATION NO.525 Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM THE NICENE CREED (381)

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary



# Here in This Place

## Gather Us In

401



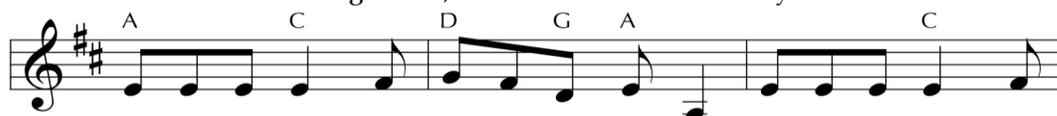
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

# Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

## Let Us Break Bread Together 525

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)  
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)  
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)  
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshippers' experience.

## **TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

All who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to share in the bread and the cup. Elders will serve the congregation at the table by intinction. WPC is a safe place for those in recovery- we serve grape juice only. Gluten free is available. Children are invited to the table provided they've had instruction at home or in Westminster's worship prep class (1st grade).

## **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 6      What is the Lord's Supper, and how often should we have it?
- August 13     More Loose Ends: Wrapping up the Summer Series
- August 20     Kickoff Sunday!!

## **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:

- August 6      Matthew 16:21-28      Following Jesus to the Cross: Jesus explains the demands of true discipleship.
- August 13     Matthew 17:1-13      The Transfiguration: Peter, James and John witness glorification of Jesus- along with Elijah and Moses.

## **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 10<sup>th</sup> Connections class by emailing [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org).

## **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)

## THE CHURCH OFFICE

Will be closed Monday, August 7, Tuesday, August 8, and Wednesday, August 9 for electrical panel replacement.

## ALL CHURCH BEACH DAY AUGUST 13!

Join us August 13th from 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. Save the Date for our Beach Day on August 13<sup>th</sup>!

## 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.



## 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](http://wpccharleston.org).

Text: "charlestonwpc" to 73256. Thank you for giving.

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

### **INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR HANDS OF CHRIST?**

Contact Sonya Willemse at [sonyawillemse@gmail.com](mailto:sonyawillemse@gmail.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](http://www.neighborstogether.org).

### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

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

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 6

9:00 am      Worship Service  
10:00 am      Sunday School  
11:00 am      Worship Service  
5:00 pm      Hands of Christ Benefit concert  
7:00 pm      AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Monday, August 7

Church Office Closed for electrical panel replacement

### Tuesday, August 8

Church Office Closed for electrical panel replacement  
8:00 am      Men's Prayer Breakfast at Trotters

### Wednesday, August 9

Church Office Closed for electrical panel replacement  
6:00 pm      Finance Committee meeting  
7:00 pm      AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Thursday, August 10

### Friday, August 11

### Saturday, August 12

10:00 am      Charleston Area Multiple Myeloma Group

### Sunday, August 13

9:00 am      Worship Service  
9:00 am      Ordination and Installation of Officers  
10:00 am      Sunday School  
11:00 am      Worship Service  
4:00 pm      All Church Beach Day  
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	
Cynthia Ebigwei	Evan McMillian	Kevin Ritze	
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](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org)

#### Friend of the Week

Carolyn Drose  
251 Druid Road  
Charleston, SC 29407

#### Mission of the Week

Mary Ford Learning Center  
3180 Thomasina McPherson Blvd.  
North Charleston, SC 29405

#### Church Family

Matthew and Marianne Seel  
- John, Wyatt, and Lillian  
Robert Seiber

## 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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