



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

August 27, 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

◆ SONG OF PREPARATION

Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

FROM 33: 13-22

One: The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind.
From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth—
he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.
All: **A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.**
One: Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,
to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine.
All: **Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield.**
One: Our heart is glad in him because we trust in his holy name.
All: Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Gracious God, we praise you because you are the One who sees us! You are fully aware of our lives, and you never look away. Thank you for your continual vision over us, even when we don't feel it. Forgive us for the times we have doubted your watchful eye and your loving care. Forgive us for all the times we did not want you to be looking in our direction and for the ways we seek to hide from your claim on our lives. Help us to acknowledge and live in the light of your vision.

◆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

Sweet Beulah Land
Ron Booth

PARSONS, JR.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 16:1-16

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*So Hagar called the name of the Lord who spoke to her,
"You are a God of seeing," for she said,
"Truly here I have seen him who looks after me." Genesis 16:13*

SERMON

Great Is Thy Faithfulness: God Is Faithful in Seeing Us

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 647 Give Thanks

**Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.**

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give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.**

**And now let the weak say, "We are strong;"
let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"**

**And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks. Give thanks.**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence
he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

PASTORAL 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

SENDING OUT

◆ SENDING SONG NO. 541 God Be with You Till We Meet Again

◆ BLESSING

◆ *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

Acolyte is Tanner Gentry
Ushers are George McAbee, Mary McAbee, Graham Wade

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.

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.



GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

We're taking a short break from our study of the Gospel of Matthew for a sermon series on the Faithfulness of God.

August 27	Genesis 16:1-16	God is faithful in seeing us.
September 3	1 John 1:5-9	God is faithful to forgive.
September 10	1 Corinthians 13	God is faithful in love.
September 17	Psalms 118	God is faithful through the years.
September 24	<i>200th Anniversary! Tom Are preaching</i>	
October 1	Exodus 12:21-28	God is faithful in delivering us.
October 8	Lamentations 3:1-26	God is faithful in the dark.
October 15	Corinthians 1:1-9	God is faithful to call us to fellowship.
	<i>Stewardship Dedication Sunday</i>	

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 3, immediately before the 11:00 worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act upon the recommendation of the Congregational Nominating Committee that Randy Davis be elected to a vacant three year term as Elder.

PAUSE AND REFRESH: "WHOSE STORY: LEARNING TO HEAR OTHERS"

When: Sunday, August 27th, @ 10:00 AM

Where: Covenant Hall

Natasha Akery will use biblical stories to guide participants through exercises that will amplify the voices of people we tend to overlook. Practicing this in our readings of the bible will help us do this in life.

CONFIRMATION CLASS!

Look for information for your 7th and 8th graders to join our Confirmation Class this year!

A parent/youth meeting will be held September 10 at 6:00 p.m.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

Come sing with the Sanctuary Choir as we kick off a new year. We will be preparing special music for our 200th Anniversary Celebration on September 24 and invite you to join us. This is a great opportunity to celebrate our rich heritage with only a three-week commitment and a chance to experience the joy in singing with a brass quintet. Rehearsals will be Wednesdays, September 6, 13, and 20, at 7:00 pm in the Choir Room. For more information, contact Robin Zemp, rzemp@wpccharleston.org, 843.509.3056, or just show up on the 6th! We look forward to singing with you.

ACOLYTES - LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

If you are a rising third through rising sixth grader and are interested in serving as an acolyte, please call Miss Dee Bee at 843.729.7005. Training will be Sunday, October 1 from 12:15 -3:30 p.m. We will do our training in the Sanctuary after we have pizza in Covenant Hall. Your parents may leave you after church or they may stay with us. We will need your parents back by 2:15 so that they may watch you practice and will know how to help you when you serve! The schedule will be distributed to you shortly after training, and you may switch with others as necessary. Please let me know if you are coming to training so I will have enough pizza! Please call me if you have any questions, and I look forward to working with each of you. Previously trained acolytes do not need to be present for this training. I will be doing the schedule for November 2023-October 2024 in early October and will email the new schedule to you then.

Thank you! Miss Dee Bee

SAVE THE DATE!

WPC Camp at Bethelwoods

Friday, November 3 - Sunday, November 5

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship beginning Wednesday, September 6. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. Throughout the year there will be special events and speakers that parents and families can attend, and there will be WINK (Wednesday Night Kids) for children and youth to participate in brief faith related activities, while parents and families can attend these special events.

SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK SOCIAL

All are welcome to a fried Chicken luncheon in Covenant Hall following 11:00 a.m. worship the 2nd Sunday of each month. Cash donations for fried chicken welcome, bring a pot luck side or dessert to the kitchen during the Sunday School hour to share. Be filled with fellowship.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Soap bars, small toothpaste tubes, individually packaged toothbrushes, deodorant, 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.

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.

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.



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.

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 27

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
4:00 pm	Club 3,4,5
5:00 pm	Mid High Youth Discipleship
6:00 pm	Senior High
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, August 28

Tuesday, August 29

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
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Wednesday, August 30

7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall
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Thursday, August 31

Friday, September 1

Saturday, September 2

Sunday, September 3

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Congregational Meeting
11:00 am	Worship Service
4:00 pm	Club 3,4,5
5:00 pm	Youth Group
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

WESTMINSTER PRAYS

Cary Alexandre	Bob Ferguson	Mary Martschink	Ginger Stoke
Joyce Aydlette	Edward Fitzgibbon	Christina Miller	Pat Skees
Daryn Barker	Nikolai Fruth	Love Moody	Rachel Singletary
Mary Ashley Barbot	Harold Fountain	Joe Nuchols	Judy Tag
Gary Brooks	Terry Garrett	Libba Palmer	Bryan Thomas
Maryann Brown	Charlotte Griggs	Nancy Plowden	Towne Family
Steve Buddin	Molly Griggs	Suzu Pitsey	Gloria Underhill
Merrily Burnette	Bruce Hamilton	Brayden Preus	Dick Unger
Brian Carolow	Judy Hatch	Monnie Privette	Maryalice Vann
Lydia Crosby	Megan Hatfield	English Purcell	Nancy Waller
Harper Croft	Brenda Jonsson	Reed Family	Lisa Wilcox
Sandi Daniels	David Kerr	Charles Reeves	Laura Wilson
Martin Davis	Fran Ligon	Nita Rodemann	Robin Zemp
Rose Derrick	Evan McMillian	Gloria Ricoma	
Cynthia Ebigwei	Frances McLean	Kevin Ritzel	
Will Edwards	John Martschink	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

Janie Hammersmith
1925 Essex Farms Drive
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Mission of the Week

Boy Scout Troop 79

Church Family

Roberta Shepard
Tradd Shepard

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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