



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

September 3, 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 NO. 634 To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

PSALM 118

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
All: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
One: This is the day that the LORD has made;
All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
One: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
All: We bless you from the house of the LORD.
One: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will praise you.
**All: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

CONFESSION

◆CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Heavenly Father, we confess that we are by nature prone to hypocrisy. We are satisfied with our own ideas of righteousness and forsake the true righteousness that you demand. As we come into your glorious presence, the stains of sin on our souls become clear to us, so we humbly bow before you in repentance. In your mercy, forgive us and set us free from our rebellious ways. Give us a heart to seek your Kingdom and to follow your will in every aspect of life. We pray in Jesus' name.

◆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

SPECIAL MUSIC

He Abides
Bobbie Whittington

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 1:5-9

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SERMON

Great Is Thy Faithfulness: God is Faithful to Forgive

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 441 Hear the Good News of Salvation

THE LORD'S SUPPER

◆INVITATION

◆DECLARING OUR 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
and became truly human.
For our sake
he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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

◆ SONG NO. 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

SENDING OUT

◆ 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

Ushers: Dee Bee Wright, John Wright, Grahame Long, Sumner Long

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).

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a congregational meeting for today, 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; Beth Georgen be elected to a vacant one year term as an Elder; Brad Earnst be elected to the Congregational Nominating Committee.

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.

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	200 th Anniversary! Tom Are preaching.	
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	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	God is faithful to call us to fellowship.
	Stewardship Dedication Sunday	

WE WELCOME SARAH SHAYBAN (BACK) TO WESTMINSTER

Sarah was our wonderful assistant to the Director of Music last year, and we welcome her back to the music ministry. Sarah is a Charleston native who has served churches and schools in the Lowcountry for the past 20 years, including Director of Music at Johns Island Presbyterian Church and most recently working here at Westminster. She is the mom of two (one brand new this summer!). She loves spending time outdoors with her husband, children, and cocker spaniel, Mo.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship Wednesday, September 6, beginning in September! 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.

This week: Back Pack Buddies.

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.

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.

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

THE ELEMENTARY CHOIR

Elementary Choir (children in grades 1-5) will sing on October 15 at the 11:00 service! Practices start on Sunday, September 24 and will also be on October 1 and October 8. Each practice meets in the choir room. 5pm-5:45pm. Please contact Nancy Parrish for more information. Hope to see you there.

SAVE THE DATE!

WPC Camp at Bethelwoods

Friday, November 3 - Sunday, November 5

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

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.



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

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 wpccharleston.org.

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

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.

This Week at Westminster

Sunday, September 3

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Congregational Meeting
11:00 am	Worship Service
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, September 4

Labor Day (Church office closed)

Tuesday, September 5

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
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Wednesday, September 6

6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, September 7

Friday, September 8

Saturday, September 9

Sunday, September 10

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Second Sunday Potluck Social
5:00 pm	Mid High Youth
6:00 pm	Senior High Youth
6:00 pm	Parent's Meeting for Confirmation Students
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

WESTMINSTER PRAYS

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

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

Ms. Lynn Koger
129 Chadwick Drive
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Mission of the Week

Back Pack Buddies

Church Family

Kirk & Jennifer Smith
-Kirkland
-Ashleigh

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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