



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

August 20, 2023

11:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

How Firm a Foundation

ARRANGED BY BRUCE GREER

◆CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 107

One: God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.

All: **Because of God's everlasting goodness,
we offer God our thanks and praise.**

One: God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.

All: **Because of God's love for us,
we offer God our thanks and praise.**

One: God's faithful love endures for ever and ever.

All: **Because of God's transforming powers and actions,
we gather as a community of faith and trust in God—
and we offer God our thanks and praise.**

◆INVOCATION

◆HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 620

Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven

LIEBSTER JESU

◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, we come before you as a broken and sinful people. Our thoughts, words, and deeds testify against us and reveal the need we have for your saving grace. Unable to save or heal ourselves, we renew our trust in the mercy you offer us through Jesus Christ. Humble our prideful hearts, and make us aware of your faithful love. Help us to see ourselves as you declare us to be: forgiven, holy, and loved.

◆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

Give Thanks

ARRANGED BY BERNADINE JOHNSON

Dee Bee Wright, cymbells

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 10: 19-25

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 224

*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,
for he who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23*

SERMON

Great Is Thy Faithfulness; God Is Faithful in Keeping Promises

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

◆ INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

◆ HYMN NO. 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

◆ BENEDICTION

◆ POSTLUDE

Come Ye Children of the Lord

ARRANGED BY ELVIS ANDERSON

◆ *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

Acolytes: Cora Parrish and Sophia Teitsort

Ushers: Nathan Ward, Lou Bowers, Alissa and Jack Ferguson

Wee Church: Corey and Lexi Frazier

Children's Church: Ben and Kate Ludwig

ADORATION

620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his
 3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -

feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
 peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as
 fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly
 hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -

giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
 bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

This free paraphrase of Psalm 103 gains much energy and conviction by including the double "Alleluia!" before the final line of text. That repeated four-note figure descending from the tune's highest note gives voice to the praise that the rest of the hymn evokes.

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
 2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
 flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

**Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."*

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

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 20	Hebrew 10:19-25	God is faithful in keeping promises.
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.

Stewardship Dedication Sunday

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.

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.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

2023 is the anniversary of Westminster's founding, and we look back with gratitude and forward with eagerness and anticipation. God is faithful, and we give him all glory, honor, and praise. Details about the celebration are available at wpccharleston.org. Here are the highlights:

- **All-Church Picnic at McLeod Plantation; Saturday, September 23; 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.**
A catered meal and dessert truck. No cost; we just need your RSVP by September 17 to make proper arrangements. (RSVP at wpccharleston.org)
- **Anniversary Worship; Sunday, September 24; 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.**
Rev. Tom Are, Associate Pastor from 1986-1989 is our guest preacher. You can join the choir for special music! Rehearsal starts 9/6 at 7pm in the choir room.
- **All-Church Photo; Sunday, September 24; 10:00 a.m. in the Courtyard**
Don't miss the chance to be in the photo that will be displayed in the glass case in the narthex for years to come.
- **Share Your Story**
If you have a story to share about your experience of the mission and ministry of the church, please email it to office@wpccharleston.org
- **T-Shirt Sales**
Green with the anniversary logo on the back. They are \$10 each, payment upon delivery, but you must preorder on the website by Noon on Wednesday, August 30th. Adult and Youth sizes available.
- **Great Is Thy Faithfulness Devotional**
We're sending out email devotionals created by people in the Westminster family. These testimonies of God's faithfulness help us to give thanks to God, from whom all blessings flow. Make sure you're signed up for the ENEWS, and you'll receive them.

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!*

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 beginning in September! Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. WINK for elementary/middle school students and Nursery will be available the evenings we have guest speakers and special programs.

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.

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 wpccharleston.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.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT NUMBERS

Mental Health Crisis Hotline 988

Community Resource and Support Hotline 211

My Sister's House (domestic abuse) (843) 744-3242

AlAnon (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 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

Monday, August 21

Tuesday, August 22

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
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Wednesday, August 23

7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall
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Thursday, August 24

Friday, August 25

Saturday, August 26

9:00 am	S.T.E.P.S. Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian
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Sunday, August 27

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Mid High Youth Discipleship
6:00 pm	Senior High
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	Joe Nuchols	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	Suzy Pitsey
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

Friend of the Week

Eleanor Grayson
201 W. 9th North Street
Unit 19
Summerville, SC 29483

Mission of the Week

The Food Pantry
Westminster Presbyterian Church

Church Family

Bob & Beth Shepard
Neil Shepard
Travis Shepard
Nicholas 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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