



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023

11:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude on an Old Irish Tune

GEORGE BLAKE

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

A VISION OF WORSHIP FROM REVELATION 7

One: After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

All: **“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”**

One: And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

All: **“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”**

◆ INVOCATION

◆ HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

FROM PSALM 51

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

◆ 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.

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.

◆ HYMN NO. 443

There Is a Redeemer

DETROIT

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 12:21-28

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SERMON

Great Is Thy Faithfulness: God is Faithful in Delivering Us

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

◆ INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

◆ 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 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.**

ANTHEM

A Communion Invitation
 Sanctuary Choir

CRAIG COURTNEY

*Come, if you are lonely, My door is open wide.
 All of you are welcome, come and step inside.
 Enter with My blessing, no one is denied.
 Come, sit at My table, come, sit by My side.
 Come, if you are thirsty, I will pour the wine,
 If you hunger, take this bread, sit with Me and dine.
 Every weary trav'ler, every troubled soul,
 rest for just a moment and leave the table whole.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

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. 233	The Day of Resurrection	LANCASHIRE
◆BENEDICTION		
◆POSTLUDE	Victory Through Faith	DAVID PAXTON

◆*Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY

Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Lissa Long, Pastor; Robin Zemp and Sarah Shayban, Music

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11:00 am Livestream at www.wpcharleston.org, YouTube (Westminster Presbyterian Charleston)
You may also listen to the weekly sermon by utilizing *Sermon By Phone* and calling 843-252-0146.
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The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of a special Citadel gentleman on his birthday.

Acolytes: Sumner Long and Faith Towne
Ushers: Carole Russell, Sandy Pell, Janie Daniels, Jack Daniels
Wee Church: Kendall and Greg Ramsay
Children's Church: Ben and Katie Ludwig

Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab-sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

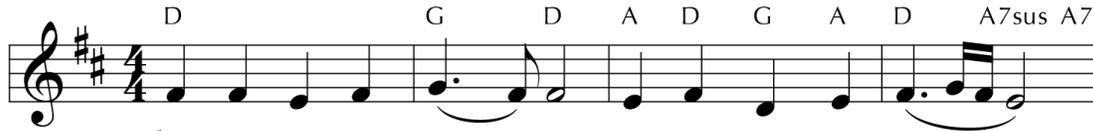
A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down-ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

There Is a Redeemer

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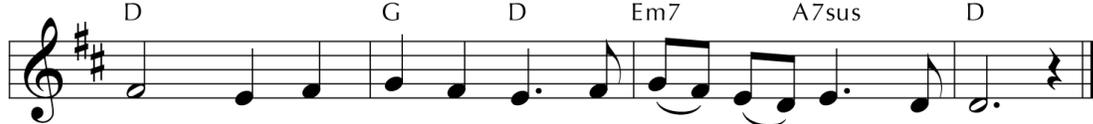
1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son;
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names,
 3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his face;



pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
 pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, hope for sin - ners slain.
 there I'll serve my King for - ev - er in that ho - ly place.



Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son, and



leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

Although the refrain of this piece names all three Persons of the Trinity, the stanzas emphasize references to Jesus Christ under various titles. There is also a shift in tone between the stanzas and the refrain: the former speak about God and the latter speaks to God.

233 The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

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 in the pew with bread and juice. 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).

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 15!



Having celebrated 200 years of ministry, we now turn to the future and how we can respond to God's faithfulness. EVERY member of the Westminster Session, Diaconate, and Finance Committee has already completed their 2024 Estimate of Giving Cards, and now each WPC disciple can make a personal commitment to the Lord and the ministry at Westminster for the coming year. Look for information in the mail this week. Bring your completed form (or fill one out online by choosing the 2024 Estimate of Giving button at wpccharleston.org) to worship on Sunday, October 15, and we'll dedicate our commitments to the Lord together in worship. Thank you for your participation: all responses are needed in our prayerful discernment in ministry planning for the coming year.

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.

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 October 29. 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 October 29 Connections class by emailing office@wpccharleston.org.

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



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.



FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

We're concluding our series about the Faithfulness of God and hopping back into the Gospel of Matthew.

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.
		<i>Stewardship Dedication Sunday</i>
October 22	Matthew 17:14-27	Dysfunctional Disciples: Jesus corrects his disciples' weak faith and lack of understanding.
October 29	Matthew 18:1-6	Who Is the Greatest? "Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."
November 5	Matthew 18:7-9	Temptations to Sin "Cut it off! Tear it out!" How radical are we supposed to be in dealing with temptation?

THE ELEMENTARY CHOIR

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

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 begins today 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 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.

WORSHIP PREP

1st Graders, Sundays, October 1 - November 23, following Time for Children at 11:00 am worship service. One of the ways we keep the vows we make when our children are baptized is to give thought, effort and prayer to their participation in worship. Good worship experiences don't "just happen." If children feel loved, included and accepted in worship, it is because both the church and you have been faithful to their tasks. To that end, we will talk about where we worship, why we worship, how we worship and about prayer. We will also learn about both sacraments celebrated in the Presbyterian Church, Baptism and Communion. At least one parent or grandparent must attend class with their child. If you have any questions, please call Dee Bee Wright at 843-729-7005.

WOMEN'S STUDY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS - DAUGHTERS OF GRACE

Throughout the Old and New Testaments, we are introduced to a variety of women who had a significant impact on the story of redemption found in the Bible. Throughout each woman's story, God's steadfast love and constant grace are evidenced. Please join us in celebrating these women in our six-week Sunday School offering "Daughters of Grace." Class starts October 1 in the Library and will be facilitated by Catherine Morgan, Jennifer Binnicker, and Sonya Willemse.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY DINNER UPDATE!

We are excited that THIS WEEK we are having two great offerings! First, we can't wait to see you and share fellowship together! Mid week meals together help us meet new people, build relationships, and share the week together. Second, it is Backpack Buddies night and we will be packing weekend meals for children at Goodwin Elementary to take home. See you at 6:00 p.m.!

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.

VOLUNTEER FOR TRUNK OR TREAT

Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 15, 4:00 - 5:30 pm We are recruiting volunteers who are willing to decorate their trunk and pass out treats. If a couple families would like to share a trunk to allow time to go around with your children, that would be great. Contact Claire Winkles for more information.

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.neighborstogethersc.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

Please follow the Enews link to complete your family registration for the Bethelwoods Churchwide Retreat Friday, November 3 - Sunday, November 5! All ages are welcome! <https://forms.gle/4GEbpQGGvFJAQtaJA>

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.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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

This Week at Westminster

Sunday, October 1

9:00 am	Worship Service
9:00 am	Blood Drive
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
11:20 am	Worship Prep for First Graders
12:15 pm	Acolyte Training
5:00 pm	Mid High Youth
5:00 pm	Elementary Choir practice
6:00 pm	Senior High Youth
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, October 2

Tuesday, October 3

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
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Wednesday, October 4

6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday
6:30 pm	Backpack Buddies
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, October 5

Friday, October 6

Saturday, October 7

Sunday, October 8

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
11:20 am	Worship Prep for First Graders
5:00 pm	Mid High Youth
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WESTMINSTER PRAYS

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

PRAYER LIST UPDATED SEPTEMBER 2023

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

College Student of the Week	Friend of the Week	Mission of the Week	Church Family
Molly Kerr 15 Kelsey Lane Beaufort, SC 29910-4556	Mary Martschink 1218 Durham Place Charleston, SC 29407	Neighbors Together 2105 Cosgrove Avenue N. Charleston, SC 29405	Nathan & Ashley Snider -Andrew and Miles

WESTMINSTER SESSION MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES

Administration: Tom Whetstone and Matthew Patrick; **Buildings and Grounds:** Matt Teitsort and Randy Davis; **Christian Education:** Lindy Coleman and Laura Patrick; **Fellowship:** Jonathan Bazzle, Betsy McLaughlin, and Mike Niblock; **Finance:** Norman Hook and Chuck Towne; **Membership:** Beth Georgen 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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