



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

September 10, 2023

11:00 a.m.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Morning Reverie

CARL SIMONE

## ◆CALL TO WORSHIP

JOHN 15

One: These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

**All: This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.**

One: Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

**All: These things I command you, so that you will love one another.**

## ◆INVOCATION

## ◆HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 188

Jesus Loves Me

JESUS LOVES ME

## ◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PSALM 71

In you, O Lord, we take our refuge. In your righteousness deliver us and rescue us; incline your ear to us and save us. Be to us a rock of refuge from our sin and brokenness. Hear our prayers of confession for our hope is in you and not our own doing. Our trust is in you and not our own will. You have been present with us always in your steadfastness. We pray for your grace and mercy. Amen.

## ◆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.*

ANTHEM

They Shall Soar Like Eagles  
Sanctuary Choir

LAURA MANZO

*They shall soar like eagles; rise up and soar like eagles. They who wait upon the Lord shall not be weary.  
They shall never stumble, but gain new strength and power, They who wait upon the Lord.  
Those who are weary and burdened with sorrow need not despair there is hope for tomorrow.  
God will be there each time you call on Him.*

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13

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SERMON

Great is God's Faithfulness in Love

◆HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

◆AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit  
who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.  
In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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

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| ◆ HYMN NO. 687 | Our God, Our Help in Ages Past | GIFT OF LOVE        |
| ◆ BENEDICTION  |                                |                     |
| ◆ POSTLUDE     | Postlude in E Flat             | ROBERT W. THYGERSON |

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◆ *Please stand, if able*

Leading the service today: Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Lissa Long, Pastor; Robin Zemp and Sarah Shayban, Music  
11:00 am Livestream at [www.wpccharleston.org](http://www.wpccharleston.org), YouTube (Westminster Presbyterian Charleston)  
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Acolytes: Brooke and Will Patrick  
Ushers: Greg Ramsay, Henry Shepard, Ruth Marie Emblar, Ben Whitener  
Wee Church: Abbie and Sean Engles  
Children's Church: Alissa Ferguson and Amy Kuenzel

## 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 TODAY. 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.

## GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

God is Faithful! In the sermon series over the next weeks, we're studying the ways God shows his faithfulness.

September 10	1 Corinthians 13	God is faithful in love.
September 17	Psalm 118	God is faithful through the years.
September 24	200 <sup>th</sup> 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	

## 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](http://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](http://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.*
- **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.*

## CONFIRMATION CLASS!

Look for information for your 7th and 8th graders to join our Confirmation Class this year!  
A parent/youth meeting is tonight 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 are Wednesdays, September 13 and 20, at 7:00 pm in the Choir Room. For more information, contact Robin Zemp, [rzemp@wpccharleston.org](mailto:rzemp@wpccharleston.org), 843.509.3056, or just show up this week! We look forward to singing with you.

## SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL POTLUCK

TODAY following 11:00 a.m. Worship. 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.

### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK**

Men of all ages: Join us for Breakfast and Bible Study from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. on the Second Tuesday of every month. We are meeting for breakfast at Trotters Restaurant at Town and Country Inn and Suites (2008 Savannah Highway). Pastor Daniel will be leading; join us for the Fellowship and Encouragement! This Week: 1 Corinthians 1&2.

### **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS**

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship Wednesday, September 13! 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.

Menu: Spaghetti pie and salad.

### **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.

**SAMS SAVE THE DATE:** Lunch and program September 28, 2023 in Covenant Hall at 12:00 pm.

### **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

### **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](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.



### **BETHELWOODS RETREAT 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>

### **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.

### **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, and deodorant

### **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.

## This Week at Westminster

### 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

### Monday, September 11

10:00 am	Hooks and Needles, Classroom 4, Covenant Hall
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### Tuesday, September 12

8:00 am	Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
10:00 am	Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, September 13

7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Thursday, September 14

### Friday, September 15

### Saturday, September 16

### Sunday, September 17

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Mid High Youth
5:00 pm	Deacons Meeting
6:00 pm	Senior High Youth
6:00 pm	Session Meeting
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

## WESTMINSTER PRAYS

Cary Alexandre	Will Edwards	Evan McMillian	Gloria Ricoma
Joyce Aydlette	Bob Ferguson	Frances McLean	Kevin Ritzel
Daryn Barker	Edward Fitzgibbon	John Martschink	Ginger Stoke
Mary Ashley Barbot	Nikolai Fruth	Mary Martschink	Pat Skees
Ronald Booth	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

### PRAYER LIST UPDATED SEPTEMBER 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	Mission of the Week	Church Family
Mrs. Shirley Kruger 920 Clairmont Avenue Decatur, GA 30030	Healing Farms 703 Yew Street Charleston, SC 29407	Tim Smith  Rosalee Smith

### 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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## Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.  
 2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to him be-long. They are weak, but he is strong.  
 tak - ing chil-dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

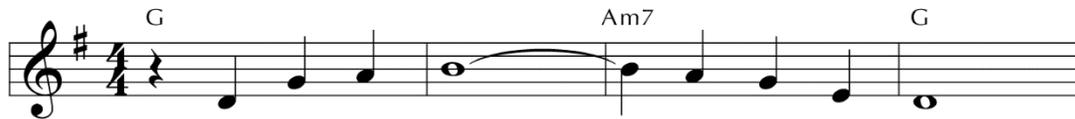
Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Few songs of faith have supported people from cradle to grave like this one. The great theologian Karl Barth said that its opening two lines were a summary of all that he had learned. The composer formed the refrain from those lines when creating this universally used tune.

# Though I May Speak

## The Gift of Love

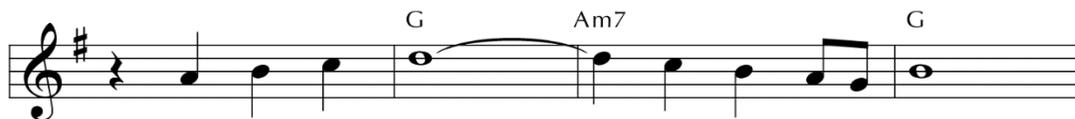
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1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,  
 2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,  
 3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;



and have the gift to all in - spire,  
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,  
 our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love, my words are vain,  
 but not be given by love with - in,  
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.  
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.  
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

As paraphrases of 1 Corinthians 13:1, 3 the first two stanzas here are in the first person singular, yet they lead into a plural prayer for the gift of such love, for it thrives in community. These words are especially poignant with this adaptation of an English folk melody.

# 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our  
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the  
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine  
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing  
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
 bears all our years away;  
 they fly forgotten, as a dream  
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come,  
 be thou our guard while life shall last,  
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.