



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

September 17, 2023

11:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Ever Faithful, Ever Near

FRANKLIN RITTER

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever.

**All: We will give thanks to you, LORD, with all our heart;
We will tell of all your wonderful deeds.**

One: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

All: And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

One: Give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

All: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

◆ INVOCATION

◆ HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

MARION

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess our limited long-term memory. From the foundation of the world you have had us engraved in the palm of your hand, but we are only interested in what you have done lately to help us achieve our goals. Through your Son, you have redeemed us and the world, but we are so short-sighted we only focus on the present situation. Forgive us, and help us to see your divine purpose being worked out over time.

◆ 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.

◆ WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

◆ 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

Let Us Rejoice (Psalm 118)

MARTY HAUGE

Sanctuary Choir

Please join in singing the refrain.

**Refrain: This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad;
This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever;
Let the house of Israel say: "His mercy endures forever." **Refrain**

The hand of the Lord has struck with pow'r, his right hand is exalted,
I shall not die, but live anew, declaring the works of the Lord. **Refrain**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,
The Lord of love and mercy has brought wonder to our eyes! **Refrain**

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118

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SERMON

Great Is Thy Faithfulness: God Is Faithful through the Years

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

◆ 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	In Christ Alone	INSERT
◆ BENEDICTION		
◆ POSTLUDE	Marching in Faith	DAVID PAXTON

◆ *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, YouTube (Westminster Presbyterian Charleston)
Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from CCLI License #2778901
You may also listen to the weekly sermon by utilizing *Sermon By Phone* and calling 843-252-0146.

*The rosebud in the sanctuary is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Murray Pate Scruggs,
on September 12, 2023, son of Michael & Annelise Scruggs.*

Acolytes: Henry Ramsey and Jillian Ramsey
Ushers: John Dounian + son, Lou Bowers, Alissa & Jack Ferguson and Debby Ferguson
Wee Church: Lauren and Bob Openlander
Children's Church: Blair and 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 in October. 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 17	Psalm 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	

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 pm**
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 am**
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.

CALLING ALL THIRD GRADERS AT WESTMINSTER!

Please join Mrs. Dee Bee today after church to make stepping stones and eat pizza! We will meet in Covenant Hall from 12:00-1:30 pm. Parents please be sure to pick up your child at 1:30 pm. We hope to see you there!

With Joy, Dee Bee Wright and Claire Winkles

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship Wednesday, September 20! 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: Roasted Pork Loin with black beans and yellow rice, ice cream

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 LUNCH AND DRUM

Join us September 28, 2023 for lunch at 1:00 pm. Pulled Pork provided, please bring a side (rolls/bread, salad/vegetable, dessert - see signup sheet in Administrative Hallway). Demonstration and optional participation in Exercise Drumming...the latest fitness activity for your heart and your head! Reduces anxiety, stress, depression, lowers blood pressure, burns calories, helps control chronic pain and boosts brain power. For more information, or to sign up for a dish to bring, contact Carole Russell (843-442-5276 or clsrussell@comcast.net) or the church office, (843) 766-8311.

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

TICKET SALE FUND RAISER FOR TROUP 79 CHICKEN BOG

Today, after the 11:00 service, Troup 79 will sell tickets in the breezeway of Covenant Hall for their chicken bog dinner to be held on Saturday, September 30, in Covenant Hall. This is similar in nature to the chicken barbecue they have prepared in years past. Cash or check with \$10 a plate, dine in or take out. Chicken bog, green beans, bread, and brownies. Please contact Tap Gresham, (704) 953-9652 if you have any questions.

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.

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.

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

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN BLOOD DRIVE

When: Sunday, October 1, 8:00AM-12:00PM

Location: Bloodmobile in church parking lot

Schedule your donation today by scanning the QR code or visit www.redcrossblood.org and type in sponsor code: Westminster. All donors will receive a \$15 Amazon Gift Card by email.



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 17

- 9:00 am Worship Service
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:00 pm Stepping Stones with third grade
- 4:00 pm Club 3,4,5
- 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

Monday, September 18

Tuesday, September 19

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 20

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

Thursday, September 21

Friday, September 22

Saturday, September 23

- 4:00 pm All-Church Picnic at McLeod Plantation

Sunday, September 24

- 9:00 am Worship Service
- 10:00 am Fellowship Time
- 10:00 am All-Church Photo in Courtyard
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 5:00 pm Mid High Youth
- 6:00 pm Senior High Youth
- 7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

WESTMINSTER PRAYS

Cary Alexandre	Will Edwards	Evan McMillian	Kevin Ritzel
Joyce Aydlette	Bob Ferguson	Frances McLean	Jim Seay
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	Reed Family	Lisa Wilcox
Martin Davis	Mildred Kennerly	Charles Reeves	Laura Wilson
Rose Derrick	David Kerr	Nita Rodemann	Robbie Yarnall
Cynthia Ebigwei	Fran Ligon	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
Izzy Justice Post Office Box 7207 2020 Alumni Drive Winthrop University Rock Hill, SC 29733	Heather MacInnes 504 Shem Butler Ct Charleston, SC 29414	Russian Church Partnership Church of Transfiguration Perm, Russia	Jerry and Sue Smoak John and Angie Smoak

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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804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

1 Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's sur - ging praise,
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!

Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce!

These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.

240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Refrain E C#m F#m B

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B E

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B

- 1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
- 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
- 4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

E C#m F#m B *to Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 Now we shall live for - ev - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.