



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

September 10, 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

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

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.

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 188

Jesus Loves Me!

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

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.

◆ 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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 13

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SERMON

Great Is Thy Faithfulness In Love

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 693

Though I May Speak

◆ DECLARING OUR 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.

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. 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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

Acolyte: Catherine Patrick

Ushers: Matt Akery, Joe Jeter, Laura Nunn

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	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	

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.
- **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.

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 on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Cash donations for fried chicken welcome, bring a potluck side or dessert to the kitchen during the Sunday School hour to share.

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.

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.

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, 843.509.3056, or just show up this week! We look forward to singing with you.

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

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.

This week: Spaghetti pie and salad.

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.

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.

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.



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, and deodorant

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 of 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@wpcccharleston.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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