



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

October 29, 2023

11:00 am

*Please greet each other warmly as the congregation gathers for worship.  
Take a moment and sign the friendship register.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prayer

RENÉ VIERNE

### ◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM EPHESIANS 2

One: But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—

**All: By grace we have been saved!**

One: God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

**All: By grace we have been saved through faith!**

One: And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

**All: For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**

### ◆ INVOCATION

### ◆ HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

### ◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Heavenly Father, we confess to you the number of times we have called upon your name in vain. We gather in this place to worship, but an encounter with the living God is not on our minds. We pray to you more out of habit than with expectation. We stand to sing your praise, but only halfheartedly. We offer you ourselves and our gifts but not with gratitude. We open your Word but do not open our hearts to receive it. Lord, we desperately need your forgiveness and we need your Spirit to breathe new life into us. We ask in Our Savior's name and for his sake. 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.

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. Ready to Worship students & parents go to Covenant Hall. Parents may pick them up following the service.*

ANTHEM

Christians, We Have Met to Worship  
Sanctuary Choir

LLOYD LARSON

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:1-6

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 19

SERMON

Who is the Greatest?

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 310

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

TAKEN FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (1983)

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.



## 307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

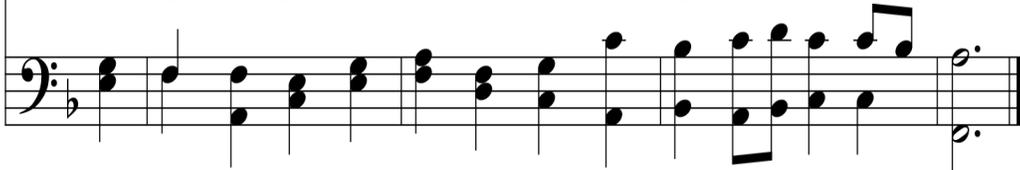
# I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord 310



1 I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,  
2 I love thy church, O God. Her walls be - fore thee stand,  
3 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers as - cend;  
4 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways:  
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given



the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.  
dear as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav - en on thy hand.  
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.  
her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.  
the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.



One of the oldest American hymn texts in continuous use, this paraphrase of Psalm 137 was created by a president of Yale University while compiling a popular revision of Watts's *Psalms of David*. The arranger of the tune was the clerk of a Presbyterian church in London.

# 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

## TODAY WE ARE GLAD TO BE WELCOMING THESE NEW MEMBERS TO WESTMINSTER.

Debbie VanDeventer, Roger and Karen Lobitz, David and Peggy Jump, Kristin and Lauren Cook, and Jonathan and Gail Schier.

## THE 200<sup>TH</sup> BANNER IS FILLING UP WITH NAMES!

Every household that completes a 2024 Estimate of Giving card has their last name written on the banner in the narthex. Already, there are SO MANY names! THANK YOU to those who have already made those commitments for 2024! Our goal is 100% participation, so if you have not yet turned in your card (they are available in the pew), you may do that by placing it in the offering plate or making your commitment online at [www.wpccharleston.org](http://www.wpccharleston.org) Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!!

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP! LET US KNOW YOU'RE HERE.

Please take a moment to sign and pass the Friendship Register in the pews. There is a virtual option for those who are worshipping online. 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. Fill out a New Member Form and put it in the offering plate in the narthex. Forms are available at the Hospitality Table in the narthex, or you may fill one out online 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.



## 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.

## FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

We're hopping back into the Gospel of Matthew.

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?

## 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. Children are welcome or can go to Sunday School/Nursery. Save your spot at the October 29 Connections class by emailing [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org).

## PRAYER REQUEST?

Leave your written requests in the basket next to the main sanctuary doors. WPC staff will pray for your request at our weekly meeting and throughout the week.

## **REGISTER NOW!**

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>

## **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.

## **JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!**

- Children 0-2 Nursery.
- Children 3K-K, 1-2nd, and 3rd-5th classes meet in the Christian Education building.
- Youth 6th-8th and 9th-12th grades meet in Covenant Hall.

### **Adult Class Offerings**

- Anchor Class (Christian Education Building)-Bible Study through 6-8 week studies. Currently the group is using the book called Following Jesus.
- Carey Grayson Class (Covenant Hall-Room 4)-This class works through the scriptures by chapter and verse! Currently the class is studying Deuteronomy.
- Jesus in the Gospel (Parlor/Admin. building) Book study utilizing the book Having Nothing, Possessing Everything by Michael Mather.
- WoW Women's Study (Covenant Hall-Library)-Book study utilizing the book Daughters of Grace.

## **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY**

This week we look forward to Backpack Buddies on November 1! Our dinner menu will be a Garden Salad, Baked Spaghetti, Green Beans, Garlic bread, and Cake. See you at 6:00 p.m.  
Adults \$7, kids \$4 and a family cap of \$20 via cash, card or check.

## **ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST**

We can't wait to see everyone at the Annual Oyster Roast on Wednesday, November 22! Worship begins at 6:00 to be followed by food and fellowship. Sides: Red Rice, Cole Slaw and Chips with S'Mores for dessert!

- Adult Oyster/Shrimp and Sides \$20
- Adult Hotdog/Chili and Sides \$10
- Children (4-11 years old) Hotdog/Chili and Sides \$5

## **SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS: A SEMINAR ON GRIEF DURING THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS**

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated? Our *Griefshare* Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. Whether ongoing or new grief, you'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to discover hope for your future

We're offering the seminar at two different times:

Sunday, November 12 from 5:00 - 7:00pm and Wednesday, November 15 from 10:00 - 12:00pm.

Please RSVP by contacting Pastor Lissa [mlong@wpcccharleston.org](mailto:mlong@wpcccharleston.org).

## **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SERVICE NOVEMBER 26**

We are excited to announce that we will be having our Children's Sunday Service on November 26 at the 11:00 am service. Children in Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to help lead worship, sing songs of praise, and much more on this Sunday. There will be two opportunities to practice before the service: from 9:00 to 10:00 on November 12 in the Sunday School building, and at WINK on November 15 from 6:30-7:00 pm. Please click the link below to sign your child up to be in the Children's Sunday service. There are a variety of roles (speaking and non-speaking) so please take a look at the sign up for more information on ways that your child can be involved in Children's Sunday. If you have any questions, please send me an email at [cwinkles@wpccharleston.org](mailto:cwinkles@wpccharleston.org) or give me a call at the church. I am looking forward to watching the children of Westminster be leaders in worship!

Link for signing up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44A4AB2AAAF5C52-44946746-childrens#/>

## **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 attends class with their child. If you have any questions, please call Dee Bee Wright at 843-729-7005.

## **YOUTH GROUP TRICK-CAN-TREATING TODAY ON YOUR FRONT DOORSTEP!**

This is an ALL YOUTH event you do not want to miss! We will be driving around some neighborhoods in the Charleston area doing a little bit of "Trick Can Treating"! Kids will be driven by youth leaders to different WPC households, where they will leave a bag (with information) to collect canned goods for the Lowcountry Food Bank! This is Trick or Treating with a twist, and a Westminster Presbyterian Youth Tradition that you do not want to miss!

## **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).

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

Presbyterian Women are continuing with our women's undergarment ministry for the Leeds Avenue Detention Center. Circles are asked to participate by donating a packet of white, regular briefs, in their own size so we get a variety of sizes for the Christmas collection. They can be dropped off at the church office until December 15. Should you have any questions, please contact Barbara Lundy at 843-607-2102.

## **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Soap bars, toothpaste, 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

AlAnon 843-762-6999

Narcotics Anonymous 843-852-3001

Wake-Up Carolina (support for families and individuals battling substance abuse) 843-972-815

## **This Week at Westminster**

### **Sunday, October 29**

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Elementary Sunday School classes visiting Viviant Healthcare
10:45 pm	Session Meeting for New Members
11:00 am	Worship Service
11:20 am	Worship Prep for First Graders
5:00 pm	Youth Trick-Can-Treat
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### **Monday, October 30**

### **Tuesday, October 31**

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
7:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, November 1**

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

### **Thursday, November 2**

<b><u>Friday, November 3</u></b>	Bethelwoods All Church Retreat
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### **Saturday, November 4**

### **Sunday, November 5**

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
11:20 am	Worship Prep for First Graders
12:15 pm	Worship Committee meeting
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

## WESTMINSTER PRAYS

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

### PRAYER LIST UPDATED OCTOBER 2023

If you need to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please email Suzann at [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org)

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### 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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