



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

October 8, 2023

11:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

DAVID PAXTON

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 130

One: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord!

All: O Lord, hear our voice!

One: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our pleas for mercy!

All: We wait for the Lord, our soul waits, and in God's word we hope.

One: O Israel, hope in the Lord!

All: For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with the Lord is plentiful redemption.
It is the Lord who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

◆ INVOCATION

◆ HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 409

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

FROM PSALM 71

Lord, forgive our transgressions. Hear our prayer for our wandering hearts that are easily distracted. Hear our prayer for acting as though we are still in the wilderness although the kingdom is here before us. Hear our prayer for when we ask for guidance but don't turn to you first. Hear our prayer for when we seek restoration in relationships and forget your grace abides. Forgive us Lord, for we need you and love you.

◆ 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Administered to Catalina Jane Rutter, daughter of Matt and Missy Rutter
Brenda Gibson, assisting elder*

◆ 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

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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Sanctuary Choir

ARR. VIRGIL THOMSON

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed, Beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back, When I forsake his ways; And leads me, for his mercy's sake, In paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay; A word of thy supporting breath Drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, Does still my table spread; My cup with blessings overflows; Thy oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God Attend me all my days. O may thy house be my abode, And all my work be praise! There would I find a settled rest, While others go and come, No more a stranger or a guest, But like a child at home.

SCRIPTURE

Lamentations 3:1-26

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SERMON

Great is God's Faithfulness in Darkness

◆ HYMN NO. 815

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

FESTAL SONG

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. 543 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me GREEN TYLER

◆ BENEDICTION

◆ POSTLUDE Strong in the Faith EDWARD BROUGHTON

◆ *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)

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 and narthex are given to the glory of God
in celebration of the baptism of Catalina Jane Rutter.*

Acolytes: Gracie Fulmer and Jillian Ramsay

Ushers: Greg Ramsay, Henry Shepard, Ruth Marie Embler, Ben Whitener

Wee Church: Ashleigh and Mark Patrick

Children's Church: Meredith and David Boyd

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God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

815 Give to the Winds Thy Fears

1 Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be
 2 Through waves and clouds and storms God gent - ly
 3 Leave to God's sov - ereign sway to choose and
 4 Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast

un - dis - mayed. God hears thy sighs and
 clears the way. Wait pa - tient - ly; so
 to com - mand. So shalt thou, won - dering,
 truth de - clare, and pub - lish with our

counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.
 shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.
 own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!
 fi - nal breath thy love and guard - ian care.

This text uses selected stanzas from sixteen four-line English stanzas based on the original German text, which was twice as long. The German hymn was constructed as an acrostic on Martin Luther's translation of Psalm 37:5, and much of the spirit of that psalm is retained here.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

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.

20,000 FOR 200!

In just a few short weeks, people responded to the 200th Anniversary Endowment challenge, and we raised almost \$25,000 for the Westminster Endowment Fund! Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!

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.

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 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?

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 Meeting the Spirit.
- 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.

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.

SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK SOCIAL TODAY!

All are welcome to a fried Chicken luncheon in Covenant Hall following 11:00 am 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. Be filled with fellowship.

CHICKEN AFTER CHURCH FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

High School Youth are invited to walk to Kickin' Chicken for a meal after 11:00 am worship, Sunday, October 8, 12:00 - 1:00 pm at Kickin' Chicken. We will have "Chicken after Church" one Sunday a month. We hope to see our high school youth there!

MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 AT 8:00 AM

Men of all ages: Join us for Breakfast and Bible Study from 8:00 - 9:00 am 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 1 Corinthians 3; join us for the Fellowship and Encouragement!

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY DINNER UPDATE!

We are excited that THIS WEEK we are having two great offerings! First, dinner will be prepared by Ms. Pamela Reid from S&P Catering. Pamela caters a host of regular meals around town including the Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club. This week she'll be preparing garden salad, green beans, fried/baked chicken, red rice, and cake! Second, it is a WINK! night! Preschool and elementary children will be invited to enjoy Bible games with Ms. Claire around 6:30 pm while the grown-ups get to enjoy fellowship.

THE ELEMENTARY CHOIR

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

TRUNK OR TREAT

Children, Youth, Family and Friends are invited Sunday, October 15, 4:00 - 5:30 pm for a fun afternoon of Trunk & Treating in your Halloween costumes at Westminster. We are inviting you to park in the front parking lot and walk the carpool loop along the back of the Church Campus to visit all the trunks along the way. We are recruiting volunteers who are willing to decorate their trunk and pass out treats. Contact Claire Winkles for more information.

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.

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.

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@wpcccharleston.org.

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.

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, toothpaste, individually packaged toothbrushes, deodorant, small bottles of shampoo

This Week at Westminster

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
12:00 pm	Second Sunday Lunch
12:00 pm	Chicken After Church - High School Youth
12:45 pm	Mission Committee
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 9

11:30 am	Pastor Lunch at the Village
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Tuesday, October 10

8:00 am	Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
10:00 am	Circle 4 meeting
10:00 am	Circle 5 meeting
7:00 pm	Handbell Choir

Wednesday, October 11

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

Thursday, October 12

1:00 pm	SAMS Steering Committee meeting
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Friday, October 13

Saturday, October 14

Sunday, October 15

Stewardship Commitment Sunday

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
11:20 am	Worship Prep for First Graders
3:30 pm	All Youth Groups assisting in Trunk or Treat
4:00 pm	Trunk or Treat
6:00 pm	Session Meeting
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

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	Mark Stender
Ronald Booth	Harold Fountain	Mary Martschink	Ginger Stoke
Gary Brooks	Terry Garrett	Christina Miller	Pat Skees
Maryann Brown	Charlotte Griggs	Love Moody	Rachel Singletary
Steve Buddin	Molly Griggs	Joe Nuchols	Judy Tag
Merrily Burnette	Bruce Hamilton	Libba Palmer	Bryan Thomas
Brian Carolow	Judy Hatch	Nancy Plowden	Towne Family
Susie Cashion	Megan Hatfield	Suzy Pitsey	Gloria Underhill
Lydia Crosby	Jennifer Holladay	Brayden Preus	Dick Unger
Harper Croft	Rev. Chris Huff	Monnie Privette	Maryalice Vann
Sandi Daniels	Maurice Jackman	Reed Family	Nancy Waller
Martin Davis	Brenda Jonsson	Charles Reeves	Lisa Wilcox
Rose Derrick	Mildred Kennerly	Nita Rodemann	Laura Wilson
Cynthia Ebigwei	David Kerr	Gloria Ricoma	Robbie Yarnall
			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

College Student of the Week	Friend of the Week	Mission of the Week	Church Family
Ashleigh Smith 2275 University Station 4577 Lightsey Clemson, SC 29632	Love Moody 1318 New Castle Street Charleston, SC 29407	Water Missions International 1150 Molly Green Way Bldg. 1605 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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