



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

November 19, 2023

11:00 a.m.

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on "Now Thank We All Our God"

DARWIN WOLFORD

### ◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 100

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!  
Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!  
**All: Know that the Lord is God! He made us and we are his.  
We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**  
One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise!  
**All: Give thanks to the Lord and bless his name!**  
One: For the Lord is good. His steadfast love endures forever,  
his faithfulness to all generations!  
**All: Let us worship God.**

### ◆ INVOCATION

◆ HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 645 Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

### ◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we are disciples who are not disciplined, children who have forgotten their Father, sheep who have strayed from the shepherd. Forgive us when we refuse to be who you call us to be or do what you call us to do. Give us a new understanding of who we are, and help us to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ who loves us and laid down his life for us. We pray in Jesus' name. 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.**

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

With a Voice of Singing  
Sanctuary Choir

MARTIN SHAW

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:10-14

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SERMON

The Lost Sheep

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 187

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

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. 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

◆ BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*All Singing:*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father,**

**Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

◆ *Please stand, if able*

**LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY**

Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Lissa Long, Pastor; Robin Zemp and Sarah Shayban, Music

Acolytes: Hadley Boyd/Harper Lewandowski

Ushers: John Dounian\* + son, Lou Bowers , Alissa & Jack Ferguson  
or Debby & Bob Ferguson

Wee Church: Bryan and Mandi Mills

Children's Church: Jodie Almeida and Claire Winkles

11:00 am Livestream at [www.wpccharleston.org](http://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

## 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all  
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -  
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief  
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,  
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,  
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With  
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -  
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as  
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less  
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and  
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the  
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

# Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187

1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.  
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.  
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.

In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.  
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a - stray.  
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.  
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1–18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer’s name.

# 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

**CHOCTAW**  
*Shilombish holitopa ma!  
 Ishmminti pulla cha  
 hatak ilbusha pia ha  
 is pi yukpalashke.*

**CREEK**  
*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet  
 ah non ah cha pa kas  
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus  
 um e ha ta la yus.*

**NAVAHO**  
*Nizhónúigo joo bá diits' a'  
 yisdáshítínigí,  
 lah yóóiyá, k'ad  
 shénáhoosdzin,  
 doo eesh'íí da nít'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

## **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY**

Next Sunday, November 26, we are so glad to have the children of Westminster sharing the leadership for different parts of the 11:00 worship service. They will greet, usher, sing, and lead portions of the prayers and liturgy. At both services, Pastor Daniel, Pastor Lissa, and Ms. Claire will share a special three-part message titled "What We Tell the New People." It is an explanation of and compelling invitation to join in the mission of the church: "We are called to be and to make disciples who love God and who love our neighbors."

## **PRACTICE FOR CHILDREN'S SUNDAY**

This Tuesday Nov. 21st from 4:00-5:00 p.m. there will be a practice opportunity in the sanctuary for children with speaking roles, as well as a final mandatory practice on Sunday Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary from 10:00-10:30 a.m. If your child has not been able to attend any practices, please reach out to Ms. Claire.

## **CONNECT WITH GLOBAL MISSIONS**

Pray for the Smoak Family! Daniel, Amy, and Matthew are traveling to Brazil in December to visit with WPC mission partners Felipe and Laura Matias. They will learn more about The Lighthouse ministry to kids in the slums of Sao Paulo and explore options for future teams from Westminster to share in that ministry.

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

Every household that completes a 2024 Estimate of Giving card is 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 pledge 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.



## **ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST**

We can't wait to see everyone at the Annual Oyster Roast this Wednesday, November 22! Worship begins at 6:00 to be followed by food. Today is the last day to purchase tickets.

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

## 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 [wpcharleston.org](http://wpcharleston.org).

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

## 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.

## GIFT MAKING WORKSHOP!

We invite children in first-fifth grade to join us on December 2nd from 10:00-11:30 in Covenant Hall to create and wrap gifts for their loved ones. If you would like to sign up your child for this event or if you are interested in hosting a gift making table, please find the sign ups for this event on our church website! You can also reach out to Ms. Claire at [cwinkles@wpcharleston.org](mailto:cwinkles@wpcharleston.org) with any questions about this event. We hope to see!

## ANGEL TREE

Westminster's goal this year is to provide gifts to 125 students at Mary Ford Early Childhood Center. All of the children are between the ages of 4-5. Please select an angel in the narthex, and place your name on the sign-up sheet indicating your selection. (i.e. boy or girl along with the age of the child selected.) This information is provided on the angel. Put your unwrapped gifts in a gift bag and bring them to the church by December 10<sup>th</sup>. Please affix your angel on the gift bag as that becomes the gift tag for your child's gift.

## SAMS MEPKIN ABBEY CRÈCHE FESTIVAL TRIP

Choose Your Date: Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> or Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> Each year Mepkin Abbey hosts an extensive collection of crèches from around the globe focused on a specific theme. This year's theme is: *We Are Nativity: Celebrating the Many Faces of the Nativity, accented with fabric*. We have made reservations for 20 for each date, and plans are to take the church bus both days to ensure we all arrive at our reserved time. We will meet at the church at 9:15 to ensure we make our 10:30 reservations. Lunch reservations will be at a restaurant in Moncks Corner. Signup sheets are on the bulletin board in the administration hall. Last date to sign up is Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Call or text (843-442-5276) Carole Russell with any questions.



### **SAMS CHRISTMAS DROP-IN**

Save the Date! Sunday, December 3 from 4 pm – 6 pm. 43 South Hampton Dr. Bring your favorite holiday savory or sweet treat to share...if coming later than 4:00, drop off in Covenant Hall kitchen Sunday morning, and we will take it over for you, so it will be there at the beginning of the drop-in. Call or text (843-442-5276) Carole Russell with any questions.

### **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.

### **GIFT OF WARMTH**

Our mission partner, Mary Ford Early Childhood Center, is looking to help students keep warm on the playground. Needs include new outer clothing (coats, sweaters, gloves, caps, and socks) sizes 2T-Children 8. Clothing can be dropped off in baskets located in the narthex. Thank you!

### **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).

### **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.

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### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Soap bars, toothpaste, individually packaged toothbrushes, and deodorant

### **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.

### **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

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, November 19

|          |                                |
|----------|--------------------------------|
| 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 | Chicken After Church           |
| 2:15 pm  | Youth Top Golf                 |
| 5:00 pm  | Mid-High Youth                 |
| 5:00 pm  | Diaconate Meeting              |
| 6:00 pm  | Session Meeting                |
| 7:00 pm  | AA Meeting, Covenant Hall      |

### Monday, November 20

### Tuesday, November 22

|          |                            |
|----------|----------------------------|
| 10:00 am | Staff Meeting              |
| 4:00 pm  | Children's Sunday Practice |

### Wednesday, November 24

|         |                           |
|---------|---------------------------|
| 6:00 pm | Thanksgiving Service      |
| 6:30 pm | Oyster Roast              |
| 7:00 pm | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal |
| 7:00 pm | AA Meeting, Covenant Hall |

### Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day  
Church Office Closed

### Friday, November 24

Church Office Closed

### Saturday, November 25

### Sunday, November 26

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 9:00 am      | Worship Service                                       |
| 10:00 am     | No Pre-K to 5 <sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School       |
|              | Final practice for Children's Sunday in the Sanctuary |
| 11:00 am     | Children's Sunday Worship Service                     |
| 5:00-7:00 pm | All Youth Led Parent's Night Out                      |
| 7:00 pm      | AA Meeting, Covenant Hall                             |

## WESTMINSTER PRAYS

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

### PRAYER LIST UPDATED NOVEMBER 2023

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

| <b>College Student of the Week</b>   | <b>Friend of the Week</b>   | <b>Mission of the Week</b>                 | <b>Church Family</b>   |
|--|---|--|--|
| Robert M. Dounian<br>USC Mail #84320<br>1300 Wheat St.<br>Columbia, SC 29225 | Nancy Wells Wichmann<br>119 Riverland Dr.<br>Charleston, SC 29412 | Journey<br>&<br>EmpowHer Campus Ministries | Tim and Sandy Pennekamp<br>Mark and Stephani Peterson<br>- Hailey and Kayten |

### 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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