



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

November 12, 2023

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ SONG OF PREPARATION NO. 408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 67

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us
 and make his face to shine upon us,

**All: That his way may be known on earth,
 his saving power among all nations.**

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
 let all the peoples praise you!

**All: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
 for you judge the peoples with equity
 and guide the nations upon earth.**

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
 let all the peoples praise you!

**All: The earth has yielded its increase;
 God, our God, shall bless us.**

**God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth worship him!**

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE No. 299 Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

God of mercy, you sent Jesus to seek and to save the lost. We confess that we have often strayed from you. We have turned to our own way. Misled by pride, we have put ourselves at the center of life. We see ourselves as good when we are sinners, and great when we are small. Wrapped up in our own concerns, we have failed to love you and others. We have neglected to do justice, ignored your truth, and kept quiet when we could have witnessed about your love. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sins and send your Spirit to lead us in paths of righteousness for your name's sake.

◆ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE

We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God

◆ 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

Acts 1:1-8

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 118

SERMON

My Witnesses

Dr. Mueller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 721 Lord, You have Come to the Lakeshore

◆ DECLARATION 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.

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!

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

◆ SONG NO. 462

I Love to Tell The Story

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

Leading the service today: Mark Mueller, Preacher; Daniel Smoak, Pastor, Lissa Long, Pastor; Nancy Parrish, Music.

Acolyte: Catherine Patrick
Ushers: Matt Akery*, Joe Jeter, Laura Nunn

11:0 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

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Kali Westall
and in honor of all of our Veterans, past and present.*

WELCOME!

Today we welcome Reverend Dr. Mark Mueller to Westminster. Mark is the Executive Director of The Outreach Foundation. Outreach engages congregations and global partners in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ, building mission relationships and encouraging mission support. Mark's ministry takes him across the country and around the world.

After working for ten years as a teacher and school administrator, Mark heard God's call to pastoral ministry, and he served congregations for twenty-three years. Mark earned a M.Ed. at BYU, M.Div. at Louisville Theological Seminary and a D. Min. at Columbia Theological Seminary with an emphasis on Evangelism and New Church Development. Mark and his wife, the Rev. Dr. Toby Mueller, have two married daughters and five grandchildren.

For more about The Outreach Foundation please visit www.theoutreachfoundation.org

THREE WAYS YOU CAN CONNECT WITH GLOBAL MISSION IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS

1. Today, we welcome The Rev. Mark Mueller to Westminster. Mark is the Executive Director of The Outreach Foundation. We're setting aside ROOM 4 for mission-minded people who would like to visit with him at Second Sunday Social to think and pray about future global partnerships at WPC.
2. Join the Men's Breakfast and Bible Study Tuesday morning, November 14. We're welcoming a special guest, Rev. Jed Koball, who is a PCUSA mission worker serving in Lima, Peru. We meet at 8:00 at Trotter's Restaurant on Savannah Highway.
3. 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.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP WITH OUR PRESBYTERY

Everyone is invited to a special Thanksgiving worship service on Sunday, November 12 at 5:00 p.m. It is organized by our presbytery as an opportunity for our churches and friends to gather for worship. Come as you are; the Presbytery office is in Park Circle: 4701 Park Place West, North Charleston.

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 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.



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 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.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship November 15. Our dinner menu will be Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Lima Beans, Meat Loaf and Cookies. 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!

Last day for tickets is November 19th.

- 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 wpccharleston.org.

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

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: This evening from 5:00 – 7:00pm and Wednesday, November 15 from 10:00 – 12:00pm. Please RSVP by contacting Pastor Lissa mlong@wpccharleston.org.

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. 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.

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. 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#/>

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.

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.

SAMS MEPKIN ABBEY CRÈCHE FESTIVAL TRIP

Choose Your Date: Nov. 29th or Dec. 1st 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 26th. 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.

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.

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.

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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

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.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, November 12

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
4:00 pm	Club 3,4,5
5:00 pm	Surviving the Holidays Seminar
6:00 pm	Senior High Youth
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, November 13

10:00 am	Hooks and Needles
11:30 am	Pastor Lunch at the Village

Tuesday, November 14

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
10:00 am	Circle 4 meeting
10:00 am	Circle 5 meeting

Wednesday, November 15

10:00 am	Surviving the Holidays Seminar
6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday
6:30 pm	WiNK
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, November 16

Friday, November 17

Saturday, November 18

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
1:00 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

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@wpcccharleston.org

College Student of the Week	Friend of the Week	Mission of the Week	Church Family
Molly Kerr 15 Kelsey Ln Bluffton, SC 29910-4556	Kate Pennekamp 1451 Tobias Gadsden Blvd #118 Charleston, SC 29407	Thornwell Home for Children 302 South Broad St Clinton, SC 29325	Judy Tag 201 W 9 th North St Summerville, SC 29483

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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