



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

All Saints' Sunday

November 5, 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

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

HEBREWS 12:1-2

One: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
All: Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross.

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God Almighty!

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

FROM PSALM 25

One: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.
All: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
One: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long
All: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
One: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
All: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore, he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.
One: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

All: For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.

One: His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.

All: My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

◆ 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.
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

Matthew 18:7-9

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 19

SERMON

Temptations to Sin

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

◆ SONG OF PREPARATION NO. 507 Come to the Table of Grace

◆ DECLARING OUR FAITH

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

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. 326

For All The Saints

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

Leading the service today: Lissa Long, Pastor; Nancy Parrish, Music.

Ushers: Robinson Family

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 by
Carolyn Drose in memory of her daughter, Julie.*

*The rosebud in the sanctuary is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of
Elizabeth Jane Openlander, on November 1, 2023, daughter of Bob and Lauren Openlander.*

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

All Saints' Day has been celebrated on November 1 since the year 835. Today we celebrate the promises of God for those who believe, and we remember the saints of God from Westminster who having lived this life in faith, have entered the Church Triumphant during the past year.

THE 200TH 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. 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 worshiping 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.



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.

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.

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.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

This week we look forward to Water Missions on November 8. Our dinner menu will be a Garden Salad, Seasoned Rice, Carrots, Chicken Baked/Fried, and Cake. See you at 6:00 p.m. Adults \$7, kids \$4 and a family cap of \$20 via cash, card or check.

SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL POTLUCK

Sunday, November 12! 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. Be filled with fellowship.

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.

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

THREE WAYS YOU CAN CONNECT WITH GLOBAL MISSION IN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

1. Next Sunday, we welcome The Rev. Mark Mueller to Westminster. Mark is the Executive Director of The Outreach Foundation. TOF is committed to **Helping** the church live out its missional calling, **Building** the capacity of the global church, especially where the church is vulnerable or growing rapidly, and **Transforming** lives through mission involvement. Mark is meeting with the Mission Committee Saturday night and on Sunday will preach at both services and lead Sunday School in Covenant Hall. We're also 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.

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@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#/>

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.

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.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Soap bars, small toothpaste tubes, 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

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, November 5 Family Retreat at Bethelwoods
9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
11:20 am Worship Prep for First Graders
5:00 pm Mid High Youth
6:00 pm Senior High Youth
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, November 6

Tuesday, November 7

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

Wednesday, November 8

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

Thursday, November 9

Friday, November 10

4:00 pm Middle School CAP Retreat

Saturday, November 11

Middle School CAP Retreat

Sunday, November 12

Middle School CAP Retreat
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
12:15 pm Worship Committee meeting
4:00 pm Club 3,4,5
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 NOVEMBER 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
Lauren Smoak Student Box 50581 207 E. Maple Street Clinton, SC 29325-2993	Pat Painter NHC 2230 Ashley Crossing Dr. Charleston, SC 29414	Mary Ford Early Learning & Community Center 3180 Thomasina Mcpherson Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29405	Carlton & Selena Stoney -Ellison, Addison, & Piper

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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