



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

January 21, 2024

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

A Prayer Ascending

LANI SMITH

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 111

One: Praise the LORD!

**All: I will thank the LORD with all my heart
as I meet with his godly people.**

One: How amazing are the deeds of the LORD!
All who delight in him should ponder them.

**All: Everything he does reveals his glory and majesty.
His righteousness never fails.
He causes us to remember his wonderful works.
How gracious and merciful is our LORD!**

◆ INVOCATION

◆ HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Lord, we have sinned against you, in thought (*silence*);
in word (*silence*); and in deed. (*silence*)

**All: Hear our prayer and forgive our sin.
Renew within us a right spirit, O God.
Through Christ we pray, Amen.**

◆ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

One: Hear the Good News!
Anyone in Christ is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come!

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Alleluia! Amen!**

◆ 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.

Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbor

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.*

Parents may pick them up following the service.

ANTHEM

God is My Strong Salvation
Sanctuary Choir

GORDON YOUNG

*God is my strong salvation; what foe have I to fear? In peril and temptation my light, my help, is near. Though
hosts encamp around me, firm to the fight I stand; what terror can confound me with God at my right hand?*

*Place on the Lord reliance; my soul, with courage wait; God's truth be thine affiance, when faint and desolate.
God's might thy heart shall strengthen, God's love thy joy increase; mercy thy days shall lengthen; the Lord will
give thee peace.*

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 19:1-15

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 21

SERMON

On Divorce

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM 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

◆ HYMN NO. 366

Love Divine, All Love Excelling

HYFRYDOL

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. 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

◆ BENEDICTION

◆ POSTLUDE

Postlude in B-flat

CALEB SIMPER

◆ *Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY

Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Lissa Long, Pastor; 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.

Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from CCLI License #2778901

Acolytes: Aurora Davis /Cora Parrish

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

Wee Church: Ruth Marie Emblar, Paige Dadin

Children's Church: Meredith & David Boyd

667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



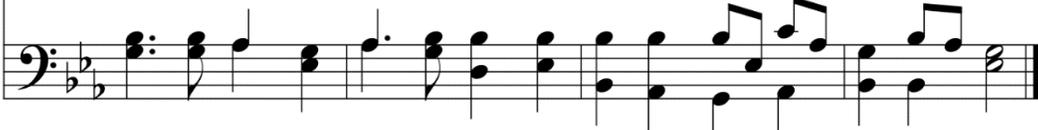

God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.




On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?




With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
 Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.



The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20–21 with allusions to several other passages.

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. Want to get involved? Fill out and return a "Using Your Gifts" form in the Friendship Register.



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.

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.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING: AFTER THE 11:00 SERVICE TODAY

As a caring Christian community, we at Westminster are committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for all children and for all those working with children involved in the congregational life of Westminster Presbyterian Church and its affiliated organizations. Please stay in the sanctuary following the 11:00 service to participate in a brief 10-minute training on the guidelines we have in place to protect Westminster's children. Diaconate and Session will also be participating in this training at their meeting tonight. Please reach out to Ms. Claire if you have any questions or concerns about our Child Protection Policy!

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.

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 February 4. 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 February 4 Connections class by emailing office@wpccharleston.org.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship January 24! Our dinner menu will be Shrimp and Grits. See you at 6:00 p.m. Adults \$7, children \$4, and a family cap of \$20 via cash, card or check.

CHRISTIANITY 101 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

10:00 - 10:45 a.m. in Covenant Hall, January 14- April 28

Join Pastor Lissa in walking through the highlights of being a Christian Disciple in the Presbyterian Church. We will walk through PCUSA polity, worship, sacraments, discipleship and so much more all to prepare us for writing and sharing our statements of faith with one another.

READ GOOD BOOKS IN 2024!

Join Pastor Daniel in reading any (or all!) of these books in 2024. A variety of topics, authors, and genres, the choices are designed to stimulate the heart and mind and be a catalyst for growth in discipleship. Read each in preparation for the group discussion at 5:00 p.m. on the 4th Sunday of every other month. Books may be purchased online or at church (\$5 for *Carved in Ebony*)

- On **February 25th** we'll discuss **Jasmine Holmes's *Carved in Ebony: Lessons from the Black Women Who Shape Us***. This book is about lesser-known Black women who were shining beacons of devotion in a world that did not value their lives. They worked to change laws, built schools, spoke to thousands, shared the Gospel around the world. And while history books may have forgotten them, their stories can teach us so much about what it means to be modern men and women of faith. *A Young Reader's edition (ages 9-12) is available.
- On **April 28th** we'll discuss Philip Yancey's *The Jesus I Never Knew*.
- On **June 23rd** we'll discuss Elizabeth Speare's *The Bronze Bow*. *This is a great book for readers as young as 6th grade.
- On **August 25th** we'll discuss Kaitlyn Schiess's *The Ballot and the Bible: How Scripture Has Been Used and Abused in American Politics and Where We Go From Here*.
- On **October 27th** we'll discuss Skye Jethani's *What if Jesus Was Serious about Heaven*.
- On **December 22nd** we'll discuss Keith and Kristyn Getty's *Sing!*

WORSHIP WITH OUR PRESBYTERY!

The Churches of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery gather for worship regularly. The next opportunity is Sunday, January 21 at 5:00pm. We'll meet in the sanctuary at the Presbytery Office (4701 Park Place W. in Park Circle). The service will be led by the Dr. Brian Henderson and the choir from St. James Presbyterian Church, remembering and giving thanks to God for the life and witness of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT: We're studying the Gospel of Matthew.

January 21	Matthew 19:1-15	On Divorce
January 28	Matthew 19:16-30	The Perils of Being Rich
February 4	Matthew 20:1-28	Striving to Finish Last
February 11	Matthew 20:29-34	Helping Us See Clearly

NEW TIME(S) FOR YOUTH GROUP!

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. All Youth Dinner*

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Middle & High School meet in separate spaces

On Sundays at 5:00 p.m., all Middle and High School youth will arrive at the same time. We will all sit down together to enjoy a meal and catch up before we break off into our separate rooms.

From 5:00-5:30 p.m. we will do dinner and then from 5:30-6:30 p.m. we will break off into separate groups (mid-high and Senior High) with youth leaders to do an age appropriate and fun typical bible study and games setting. Senior High kids will meet in the senior high room and middle high kids will be in either the mid-high Sunday school room or Covenant Hall if room is limited. *If you have signed up to provide dinner for the youth, please make note that dinner will need to be ready to serve by 4:45 p.m. Thank you!

SENIOR HIGHS CHICKEN AFTER CHURCH

Sunday, January 28, 12:00 p.m. at Kickin' Chicken. High School Youth are invited to walk across the street to Kickin' Chicken for a meal after 11:00 a.m. worship. We will have "Chicken after Church" one Sunday a month. We hope to see our high school youth there!

GIFT OF WARMTH

Our mission partner, Mary Ford Early Childhood Center, is looking to help students keep warm on the playground. Needs include new or VERY gently used 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!

COLLECTING CANDLES FOR MIDDLETON PLACE

Have used candles that you would like to donate to repurpose? There is a box in the Narthex for them! These will go to Middleton Place for their candle making workshops. Contact Carole Russell for questions 843-442-5376.

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.neighborstogethersc.org. Email Jim Frye at fecr1@yahoo.com to receive emails about our regular Wednesday group.

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, January 21

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Child Protection Training in Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Club 3,4,5
5:00 pm	All Youth Discipleship
5:00 pm	Deacons Meeting
5:45 pm	Officer Child Protection Training
6:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, January 22

3:00 pm	Membership Committee
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Tuesday, January 23

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
7:00 pm	Handbell rehearsal

Wednesday, January 24

6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday
6:45 pm	Endowment Committee, Parlor
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, January 25

Friday, January 26

Saturday, January 27

Sunday, January 28

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Chicken After Church Senior High
5:00 pm	All Youth Discipleship
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

WESTMINSTER PRAYS

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

PRAYER LIST UPDATED JANUARY 2024

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
Noelle Whitener 203 Kelly Road Unit#434 Clemson, SC 29631	Keith Gordon 1759 River Front Road Charleston, SC 29407	Neighbors Together 2105 Cosgrove Avenue North Charleston, SC 29405	Jodie Almeida -Sammy

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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