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Sundays at Westminster

- 9:00 a.m.** *In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary
Nursery Available*
- 10:00 a.m.** *Children, Youth and Adult Sunday School
Nursery Available*
- 11:00 a.m.** *In-Person and Livestream Worship Service
Nursery & Children's Church Available*

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GREETINGS

From Our Pastor

God has been shaping us from the very beginning. When the stories of our origin were first told, they described the way God created the first man:

Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. (Genesis 2:7)

There is some interesting wordplay here; the Hebrew word for "Man" is adam, and the Hebrew word for "dust from the ground" is adamah. So, God made adam from the adamah. I imagine God shaping up a little mud man, molding it until it was just right and then leaning over to breathe life into him.

It is a fantastic idea; from the beginning, God shapes us and then give us the breath of his Spirit to bring us to life. It is a theme carried all through Scripture:

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:13-14)

Like clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand..." (Jeremiah 18:6)

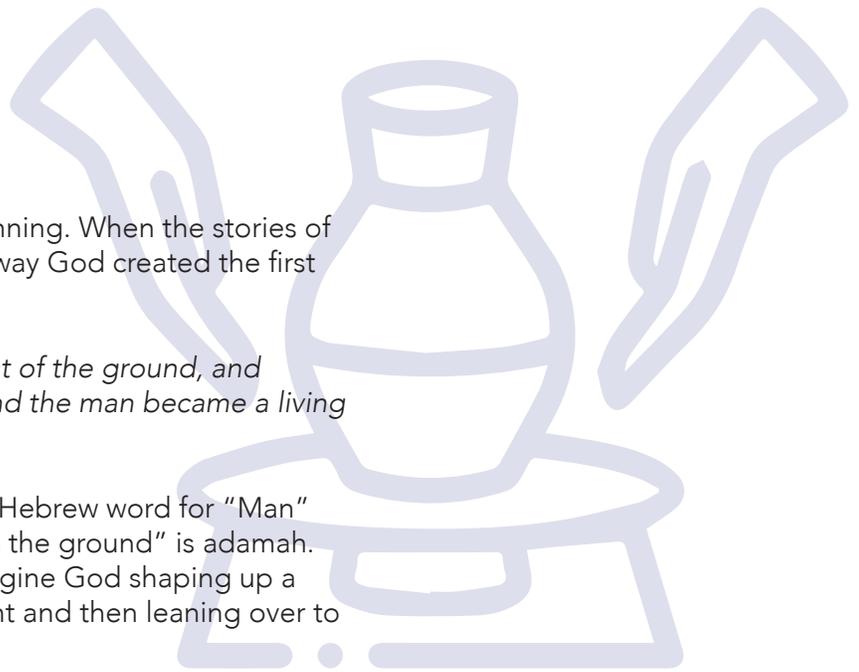
[The resurrected Jesus] showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (John 20:20-22)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be! God is shaping and ReShaping us, molding us according to his will and his purposes, breathing life into us through ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Our job is to remain ready, moldable, and willing.

For God's Glory!

Pastor Daniel



WORSHIP JOYFULLY

From the Pulpit

November 7

"Two Small Copper Coins"
Mark 12:38-44
The Lord's Supper

November 14

"Are We in the End Times?"
Mark 13:1-8

November 21

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"
John 18:33-37
Stewardship Dedication

November 28

"Time to Get Ready"
Luke 21:25-36
First Week of Advent, Hope



Livestream available at wpccharleston.org as well as Facebook and YouTube.



Dial (843) 252-0146 to listen to Sunday's Sermon with no charge to the caller.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Starting Sunday, November 28th a daily devotional will be sent via e-mail every morning to those who receive our E-Newsletter throughout the Advent Season.

If you do not currently receive our E-Newsletter, please reach out to Meg Dorsel at mdorsel@wpccharleston.org to be added to the list.

COVID PROTOCOLS

- Hand sanitizer is available and should be used upon entering.
- Following the guidance of the CDC and our concern for the most vulnerable, masks are required for all who are Kindergarten and older, vaccinated and unvaccinated, as they enter all buildings.
- A section of socially distanced seating is available. Ushers are available for assistance.
- During time for children, the children will remain with their family and not gather on the chancel steps. Following time for children at 11:00, adult leaders will lead children ages 3-5k to the Playground (weather permitting) or Covenant Hall for Children's Church. Parents may pick them up there following the service.
- Offering plates will be at the entrances/exits to receive your offering.
- If you're not ready or unable to attend today, you can still follow the livestream service on YouTube, Facebook, wpccharleston.org or now listen to the sermon by phone at (843) 252-0146 at no cost to you.



VETERAN'S DAY *Thursday, November 11*

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.
- John 15:13

Westminster Family Currently Serving in the Armed Forces

Joe Campbell
Robert Georgen
Jay Gilbert
Mark Gore
Kevin Griggs
Arthur Holtzclaw
Dan Klingshirn
Sullivan McMahan
Damir Morrison
Baxter Smoak

Westminster's Veterans

Robert Beaty
Gus Bradsher
Charles M. Bruce
Tom Cothran
Randy Davis
Ralph Earhardt
Doug Earnst
Chadwick Eisenhower
Gary Flowers
Howard Fulwiler
Bob Georgen
James Gill
John Gilbert
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Thomas Harvey
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Norman Hook

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Tom Livingston
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Henry Maiers
Peter McInnes
Kevin Mikles
John Niblock
Roy Nickles
Dale Norman
Frank Painter
William Pennekamp
Charles Powell
David Purcell
James Seay
Jerry Smoak
Matthew Teitsort
Robert Walker

LIVE WORTHILY

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP



2nd Annual Blue Bike the Greenway

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, November 9

Trotter's Restaurant at Town & Country Inn

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Join us for Breakfast & Bible Study from 8:00-9:00 a.m. the Second Tuesday of every month. We are meeting IN PERSON for breakfast at Trotters Restaurant at Town and Country Inn and Suites (2008 Savannah Highway). All men are welcome to join in encouragement and fellowship.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE 4

Meeting Tuesday, November 9 and December 14

10:30 a.m. in Covenant Hall, Room 1

Not sure what Women's Circle you're in? Reach out to Nita in the Church Office at office@wpccharleston.org for details.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

ReShape Small Groups

Covenant Hall

Cary Grayson Class

in the Library

Covenant Class

in the Parlor

Discipleship Series

"Serving Christ as Disciples"

Room 1, Covenant Hall

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN PRAYER

Presbyterian Women invite all the women of Westminster to join together to pray 5 minutes a day from November 14 - December 12. As we pray for one another, we ask God to invite us into conversions of encouragement, rejuvenation and peace.

HIGGS PIGS THANKSGIVING EVE TURKEY SMOKE

Wednesday, November 24

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Drop Off to 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Pick Up

Bring a fresh turkey, if frozen, it needs to be completely thawed with giblets and neck removed. Turkey should be in a Throw Away Aluminum Pan to match the size of your turkey. Put your name on the pan with a Sharpie on all sides. Regular turkeys cook better than the Butterball variety. (10 to 14 lbs. cook best).

You are welcome to hang out with the crew and lend any assistance with the rotation and basting process. Crew-chiefs are Tom Higgins, Jim Frye, AJ Bednarczyk and the Dounian brothers. We will also need a supply of hardwood for the cooker. No pine. If you can help with this contact Tom Higgins at 843-637-9167 or Jim Frye at 843-729-2183.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP & OYSTER ROAST

Wednesday, November 24

Worship at 6:00 p.m. and Oyster Roast at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased in the Church Office. \$5 Hot dog/Smores/Chilli \$15 Oysters plus Hot dog/Smores/Chilli

TIME TO DECORATE THE CHRISMON TREE

Tuesday, November 30th at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The Worship Committee invites you to help put up and decorate the Chrismon Tree. Please join us on Tuesday, November 30th at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please call Dee Bee Wright at 843.729.7005.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS DROP-IN

Sunday, December 12 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Pastor Lissa Long's House

Mothers, daughters, friends, neighbors, nieces, aunts and grandmothers are all invited to join us.



ReShape

"Like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand..."
Jeremiah 18:6

STEWARDSHIP 2022

*Stewardship Commitment
Sunday is November 21st*

God shapes and ReShapes our lives and the ministry of the church. Our job is to remain in his hands and be moldable- ready to be used according to his will. As the old hymn says, "Have Thine own way Lord; Have Thine own way. Thou art the potter I am the clay. Mold me and make me after Thy will. While I am waiting yielded and still."

We give God thanks in worship and offer our 2022 stewardship commitments to him.

Commitment forms are available at wpccharleston.org, will be mailed to each member, and will be available in the pews on the 21st.



Open your photo app and scan the QR Code to fill out this form online.

Your commitment to the ministry of the church will be used in planning for ministry; your commitment of tithes and offerings is seen only by the Office Bookkeeper and can be revised at any time by calling the church office. To give online or set up automatic giving, click "Give Now" at wpccharleston.org.

LIVE WORTHILY CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL

Blessings from the Preschool!

We are so Thankful to have such a wonderful Preschool with wonderful families. November is off to a great start with the children still enjoying the new pieces of playground equipment and the wonderful weather. Outside time with friends is one of the best parts of Preschool. Special thanks to the Endowment Committee for making our Playground so safe and special.

It has been nice this fall to be able to let a few parents come and help at our special events. They have been very enthusiastic and patient with our mask guidelines. It almost feels like we are back to old times. We will not have our traditional Thanksgiving program and feasts like we have had in the past. The children will be taped so that the parents can see them sing in their native American dress. Each class will then have a feast in their individual rooms.

Please continue to pray for the students and their families while they continue to navigate trying to keep their children safe,

Happy Fall Y'all
The Preschool

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 a.m.

0 - 2's Nursery

3 - 5K

Christian Ed Building
Room 16

1st - 2nd Grade

Christian Ed Building
Room 17

3rd - 5th Grade

Christian Ed Building
Room 15

Middle & High School

Covenant Hall
Room 3

GIFT MAKING WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 4

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in Covenant Hall

We invite children aged 1st - 5th grade to create gifts for friends and family! There will be a sign-up sheet on the sign-up board in the Admin hallway at church. There will be a 25 maximum for children with a waitlist to follow and a suggested \$10 donation on the day of the event.

ANGEL TREE SHOPPING

Sunday, December 12

5:00 - 7:30 p.m. All Youth

The Youth will take all of the church's amazing donations and go shopping at Target for all the wonderful kiddos on the Angel Tree. It's one of the most fun nights of the year!



YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP SUNDAY NIGHTS

November:

11/7 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
All Youth

11/14 5:00 p.m. MS
6:00 p.m. HS
The Way

11/21 *Thanksgiving Holiday*
No Youth Group

11/28 5:00 p.m. MS
6:00 p.m. HS
The True Vine

December:

12/5 5:00 p.m. MS
6:00 p.m. HS
The Alpha & Omega

12/12 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
All Youth
Angel Tree Shopping

12/19 *All Youth Christmas Party, Details TBD*

12/26 *Christmas Holiday*
No Youth Group

January:

1/2 *New Year Holiday*
No Youth Group



BACKPACK BUDDIES

**Wednesday,
December 1
6:00 pm. in
Covenant Hall**

Join us as we pack weekend food kits for local elementary school students. We will pack in Covenant Hall, wearing masks and social distancing. The work takes about 45 minutes, and all ages are welcome. Hand sanitizer will be provided, and masks are required.

Save the Date for upcoming Backpack Buddies Packing Dates:

January 5
February 2
March 2 (Ash Wednesday)
March 30
April 27

SERVE FAITHFULLY

Doing God's Work in our Community

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SERVING CHRISTMAS MEALS

*Friday, December 17 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Neighbors Together (formerly TriCounty Ministries)*

What could be better than volunteering at Christmas time to serve those less fortunate. Neighbors Together (formerly Tri County Ministries) is asking for volunteers to serve on Friday, December 17, between the hours of 9:30-2:30. A group of Westminster volunteers currently serve meals once per month at the facility on the corner of Rivers and Cosgrove and have gotten well known among Tri County staff and clients. If you are interested please notify Jim Frye or Nita Rushton and you will be contacted for details. Our goal would be to supply between 6-10 volunteers.

Dear Friends,

I wanted to take an opportunity to introduce myself, Erin Norton, as the new interim campus ministry director for Journey at the College of Charleston and The Citadel. As you know, Journey, a validated ministry of the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, has been a great success from the time it was founded ten years ago. I am honored to have been called to this opportunity.

My passion for Presbyterian campus ministry stems from my own experience as a College of Charleston student. During my time on campus, I was very blessed to have strong, Christian women mentors who spoke truth in love over my life as well as a flourishing community of believers. Had it not been for that campus ministry, I probably would not have thrived in my faith or continued my walk with Christ into adulthood. As a former public school teacher, business owner, mother of a vibrant daughter, and current seminarian studying at Dubuque Theological Seminary, I am passionate about training up the next generation of strong Christians who, as our Savior encouraged, "love the Lord with all their hearts" and "their neighbor as themselves."

As such, I am extraordinarily grateful for your participation in God's mission on the College of Charleston and Citadel campuses. Our College of Charleston group, which we now call EmpowHer, brought in over 30 young women in the first 3 weeks and we are still growing! Those women are actively involved in weekly small groups on campus as well as receiving one-on-one discipleship training and mentoring. The Citadel campus, which still bears the name Journey, is going strong as our weekly worship and

teaching night. Between 20-30 cadets are attending each Monday night for fellowship, food, and solid Biblical teaching. We are so excited to be able to offer these students a spiritually and emotionally safe place to connect with one another and Christ.

On behalf of the students and the Journey Campus Ministry Board, we want to say thank you so much for your continued partnership and most importantly, your prayers, as we continue to ally with Christ in His incredible mission to share the Gospel with college students in Charleston.

Feel free to reach out anytime, I'd love to hear from you!

Erin Norton

EmpowHer at the College of Charleston

EmpowHer is a Christian, women's empowerment ministry that disciples and teaches women to be strong leaders in their communities. We currently host 4 weekly small groups located on the College of Charleston campus. Our fall curriculum includes smalls groups on Women in the Gospel of Luke as well as a support group for learning healthy boundaries in dating and relationships. We also offer one-on-one mentoring, rides to church, and fun, off campus (and covid safe) outings like beach days and picnics in the park.

Journey at The Citadel

Journey at The Citadel is a weekly, Monday night worship gathering that provides food and Biblical teaching to cadets. This evangelism opportunity allows the ministry to reach and care for cadets who are struggling in their faith. Our fall curriculum is based off of the renowned Story-Formed Way, which introduces the Gospel message in an accessible and personal manner. Journey also partners with EmpowHer for church avonts and covid-safe outings.



WESTMINSTER FOOD PANTRY

Thanksgiving Coupons

During the four weeks of December, 150 recipients of food from our Food Pantry will also receive a \$15 coupon to be utilized to purchase a ham or turkey for a holiday meal. This will be a blessing for many families over the stressful holiday season. We thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Westminster Food Pantry.

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

In Memory of

Clif Green

Myrtle Myrick

Charles Howell

(Debbie Baskin's
father)

Doris Fox

(Donna Purcell's
mother)

Given By

Jay & Denise Floyd

Howard & Jenny Fulwiler

David & Ann Morris

Joan Leon

Dick & Carol Patrick

Jim & Shirley Seay

Bob & Beth Georgen

Lance & Jean

Lewandowski

Jerry & Jane Acker

Deborah Redmon

GIVE GENEROUSLY

*of Your Time, Your Money, Your Resources
and Give Thanks for Your Blessings*

HIGGS TURKEY SMOKER NEEDS COOKING WOOD

As we prepare for the Thanksgiving season and the fun festivities of smoking turkeys on Thanksgiving Eve, the gentlemen cooks are in great need of hard wood for cooking. If you are able to help or have questions contact Tom Higgins at 843-637-9167 or Jim Frye at 843-729-2183. No pine wood please.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ALREADY?

Think About Giving a Gift that Blesses Two Ways

Alternative Gift Giving will begin in November. Instead of "things", you can give towards our WPC Mission Partners! If someone on your shopping list is impossible to buy for, please consider making a donation "gift" in their honor. Keep a lookout for a booklet of all the options for our Mission Partners coming out this month. You can also visit wpccharleston.org to make a gift online.

ANGEL TREE

*Starts the week of Thanksgiving
Available in the Narthex*

The Angel Tree will be located in the Narthex beginning with the Thanksgiving service. Westminster's goal is to provide gifts to 125 students from the Mary Ford Early Childhood Center this year. Each angel on the tree will represent a child from our local community in need of life's basic necessities. If you'd rather Westminster's Youth do the shopping for you, donations may be provided to the WPC Youth Group - designated for the Angel Tree. Gift suggestions and sign ups for the students, between the ages of 2 and 5 years old, will be provided at tables located near the Angel Tree, in the Church Office, or via the link provided in E News.

Unwrapped gifts must be delivered to the church by Sunday, December 12.

MESSAGE FROM THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Managing the infrastructure of our church plant facility can be a daunting task. Earlier this year when it became apparent that the preschool and playground equipment had aged to the point that there were safety concerns, our Finance and Preschool Committee had to act. The Endowment Committee was engaged to help facilitate a solution for this unexpected capital expense. We quickly began a fund raising effort to help raise the capital needed to replace the equipment. The Endowment Committee agreed to match any raised funds with a 3-1 match from our Endowment. Over \$9,000.00 was raised by the quick campaign in a matter of weeks, and the Endowment added the 3-1 match or \$27,000.00 to create a total of over \$36,000.00. The project is now substantially complete and all our young people are enjoying the updated equipment.

The corpus of the Endowment of Westminster has grown substantially thanks to prudent investing and the generous contributions of gifts to the church designated from estate planning, memorials, wills and trusts. When the Endowment of Westminster was established in the late 90's we dreamed of having at least a million dollars in the Fund. By May 2016, the Endowment had grown to around \$500,000.00, but at the end of October 2021 our balance is now over \$1,000,000.00. With this type of corpus balance, the Endowment Committee can now plan to give perhaps a 3 or 4% annual gift to the church in perpetuity to support some new mission, ministry, or capital need that may arise outside of the church budget.

If you have not included Westminster Presbyterian Church in your estate planning, we strongly encourage you to do so. Gifts of appreciated stock, IRA gifts and other tax efficient means enable you to Give Forward as you Give Back for all of the blessings God has provided!

GIVE NOW 



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Westminster Session

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Sandra Pell
Kendall Ramsay
Carole Russell
Nathan Snider
Graham Wade

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Assistant Treasurer

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David Boyd
Earl Frasier
Brenda Gibson
Tim Platts
Nathan Ward

Carole Russell
Doug Earnst
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