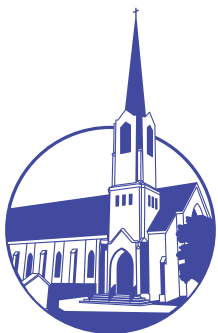


THE GOOD NEWS

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Worship Joyfully. Serve Faithfully. Give Generously. Live Worthily.



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
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GREETINGS

*From Pastor Daniel
& Pastor Lissa*

We love being Presbyterian! In addition to our service here at Westminster, we regularly have the chance to serve the larger church in ways you all don't always see. Recently, Pastor Lissa attended the PCUSA's APCE (Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators) conference in Chicago where she led a workshop on Bible games. Pastor Lissa serves on our Presbytery's Committee on Representation, and Pastor Daniel just finished a term on the Commission on Ministry. In January, both Pastor Daniel and Pastor Lissa were part of an Ordination Commission of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery where our colleague Terri Wetherell was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. She'll serve James Island Presbyterian Church as their Interim Associate Pastor.

In the same way that Westminster members serve on committees and contribute to the mission and ministry of the local church, your pastors take seriously our commitment to the church beyond 1157 Sam Rittenberg, and we want you to know what a joy it is for us to serve the Lord in that way.

With Joy,

Pastor Daniel and Pastor Lissa



WORSHIP JOYFULLY

From the Pulpit

We continue a sermon series on WORSHIP. God has created us for worship, and the more we know the more faithful we can be.

March 6

Worship: Prayers of Confession
Psalm 51
The Lord's Supper

March 13

John 4:1-26
Worship: In Spirit and in Truth

March 20

Worship: Decent and in Order
1 Corinthians 14:26-40

March 27

Worship: Reverence and Awe
Hebrews 12:28-29

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The search process for our next Director of Youth and Children's Ministries! Contact a member of the Search Team for a job description or to make a referral:

Dee Bee Wright (chair)
Chuck Towne
Abbie Mobley
Jill Patrick
Benjamin Whitener
Robert Dounian
Pastor Daniel



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WELCOMING DISCIPLES TO WESTMINSTER

New Members

Peter Jason Hydrick and Michelle Hydrick joined February 6, 2022. They both joined by Reaffirmation of Faith. Their daughter Isabella Sally Hydrick is two years old.

COVID POLICY UPDATE

The Session has approved a move to mask optional on campus beginning March 1.

LENT & EASTER WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

Ash Wednesday | March 2, 2022

**8:00 a.m. &
12:15 p.m.**

Brief, 15 minute gatherings in the sanctuary to pray and be marked with the ashes of repentance.

**6:30 to
7:15 p.m.**

Ash Wednesday worship where we hear God's word of hope and are marked with the ashes of repentance. Pastor Priscilla Holtzclaw preaching.

Easter Egg Hunt | Saturday, April 9, 2022

**10:00 to
11:30 a.m.**

Children of all ages are welcome to join us for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on the playground.

Palm Sunday | April 10, 2022

**9:00 &
11:00 a.m.**

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday | April 14, 2022

7:00 p.m.

The darkness falls as we worship - remembering the night Jesus was betrayed and arrested. Special music by the Westminster Choir and instrumentalists. We'll share the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday | April 15, 2022

12:00 p.m.

Worship that focuses on the final hours and final words of Jesus' life. Lunch follows in Covenant Hall.

Easter Sunday | April 17, 2022

**9:00 &
11:00 a.m.**

Jesus is alive, and we rejoice together in his saving love! Special music and instrumentalists at both services.

Not able to join us for in-person worship? 11:00 a.m. Worship, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be livestreamed and then available anytime on Facebook, Youtube, or wpccharleston.org.

LIVE WORTHILY

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP



FELLOWSHIP HIKE

Sunday, March 6, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Stono River County Park

3580 McLeod Mill Rd, Johns Island, SC 29455

Come join us for a time of hiking and fellowship at Stono River County Park. Look for friendly faces and the WPC blue banner! Contact Matt Akery, matthewakery@gmail.com with questions.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, March 8, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Trotter's Restaurant at Town & Country Inn

Men of all ages: Join us for Breakfast and Bible Study from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. on 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). We're studying OT characters: Hannah in 1 Samuel 1. Pastor Daniel will be leading; join us for the Fellowship and Encouragement!



SPRINGING INTO SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Cary Grayson Class

Room 4, Covenant Hall

Moving through the Bible examining God's Word book by book. They are finishing up Exodus and can't wait for the next study!

Full Circle Class (Library) and Anchor Class (Room 1, Covenant Hall)

Both studying Jesus with "The Cross", a study by John Stott. Books provided to all participants.

Hymns and Church Music

Special Two-Sunday Series

March 20 and 27 in Covenant Hall

Robin Zemp and Pastor Daniel are leading a special two-Sunday Series on hymns and church music. Have you ever wondered how we choose hymns, songs, and anthems for worship? What role does the choir play in worship? What is the purpose of the Prelude? What is the difference between a "good" hymn and a "bad" hymn? You're invited to join us; the better informed we are, the more equipped we are for worship. We'll meet in Covenant Hall during the Sunday School hour on March 20 and 27.

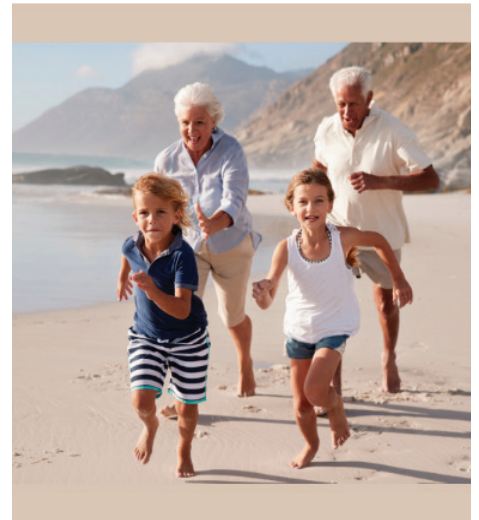
Special Guest Lauren Thompson from Thornwell Visiting WPC Campus, Sunday, March 27

DEAR WPC,

A balm for the broken, a relief for the restless, a harbor of hope for the healing - you mend hearts and change lives at Thornwell! From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for the many ways you show love to children and families in need. Happy Valentine's Day!



THE SOUTHEASTERN
Intentional Grandparenting
CONFERENCE



April 1-2, 2022

SOUTHEASTERN INTENTIONAL GRANDPARENTING CONFERENCE

April 1-2, 2022

St. Paul's

Summerville, SC

Southeastern Intentional Grandparenting Conference, which is being held April 1-2 by Family Builders Ministries. The site of the conference is St. Paul's Anglican Church, Summerville, SC. It's an ecumenical event designed to encourage and equip grandparents to pass their faith in Jesus to their children, grandchildren and the generations to follow. For more information, a schedule of events and to register - visit grandparenting.co

LIVE WORTHILY CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL

The Preschool was busy in February with Registration for the 2022-2023 school year. The two-year-old classes are full for next year but there are still spots available in the threes and fours classes. Please spread the word.

During February the school introduced a new unit to the three and four-year-old classes called Racial Diversity and Inclusivity. The children learned about famous people in history like Dr. Mae Demison, who was the first African American women in Space and many others. In Chapel the children were read the book "A Church For All" by Gayle Pitman, which shares that the Church has room for everyone from all walks of life, with disabilities and rich or poor. Everyone is welcome!

Heading into March, we look forward to our first field trip in two years to James Island County Park for Pond Poking; and special events like the father's breakfast for the threes and the Rootin Tootin Rodeo for the 4's. Praying that our Covid numbers in Charleston County continue to drop to make these events a reality.

Blessings,
The Preschool

2022 ^{Lowcountry} parent
Mom's Choice
Who is your choice?
Vote for your favorite local business
or services in more than 100 categories!

Vote through March 31!

VOTE WESTMINSTER PRESCHOOL BEST IN TOWN

You can vote daily through March 31st!

Visit https://pnccontests.secondstreetapp.com/Moms_Choice_2022/
Go to School & Education, then Pre-School, then select "Vote" beside Westminster Preschool.

SPRINGING INTO SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Children Ages 3-5

Room 16, CE Building

Growing In Grace and Gratitude

Children Grades 1st-2nd

Room 17, CE Building

Growing in Grace and Gratitude

Children Grades 3rd-5th

Room 15, CE

Feasting on the Word

Youth (6th-12th)

Room 3, Covenant Hall

Beginning Friends: Getting the Most out of Friendship (what real friendship means from a biblical perspective).

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, March 19

**6:30 p.m. on the
Playground**

Weather permitting, we'll have an outdoor showing with snacks and the big screen! Bring your lawn chairs and comfy arrangements to enjoy a night under the stars.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 9

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Children of all ages are welcome to join us for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on the playground.

SUMMER 2022

Montreat Youth Conference

June 12-18

High School Mission Week

July 10-15

Middle School Montreat

Maryville, TN

July 20-24

Bethelwoods Camp

All Summer, but Pastor Lissa attending as Camp Pastor July 24-29

*Links to registration for all summer conferences and camps are located in the Enews.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday, June 26 thru

Thursday, June 30

Registration to begin for WPC Members April 5 (look for link in the Enews) Registration for WPC Preschool April 19. Registration for community friends April 26.

*All registration will be online this year.

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

March:

3/6 5:00 p.m. MS
6:00 p.m. HS

3/13 5:00 p.m. MS
6:00 p.m. HS

3/20 All Youth
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Bowling Fellowship

3/27 All Youth
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
*Oscar Party at the
Wright's House*

CONFIRMATION CLASS

March:

3/6 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

3/13 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Friday, March 18

Not-so-Lock-In-Lock-In
6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

*Mentors

3/20 No Confirmation

3/27 No Confirmation

SERVE FAITHFULLY

Doing God's Work in our Community



BACKPACK BUDDIES

*Wednesday, March 30
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 our last Backpack Buddies of the school year April 27.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

The Mission Committee would like to thank ALL of the many volunteers for your donations, support and hard work in serving our neighbors following the Palms Apartment Fire. Westminster was able to serve 22 families with "immediate need" items following the devastating fire. The excess clothing, toiletries, bedding, and food items collected will continue to be distributed by West Ashley Connects at the Citadel Mall. It was amazing to witness "God at Work" through each of you!

CHILDREN'S COAT DRIVE

Due to Westminster's generosity, the schools now have a large inventory of coats for their students in need so this year's drive has ended. Thank you!

WALK FOR WATER

*Benefitting Water
Missions
March 26, 2022*

Our team is joining together to make a difference. Will you join us? Everyday millions of people have to walk miles and miles just for water. Most of the time, the water they can find is contaminated and makes them sick. We are excited because Water Mission is changing lives, one community at a time, through their sustainable safe water solutions.

Each dollar raised by this event is going to make an impact through a safe water community development project! We hope you'll consider supporting our team by making a donation or registering to walk with us.

Look for the Link to Register in the E-News.



PRAYER BOARD

Westminster placed a prayer board in the nurse's office at the West Ashley High School Center for Advanced Studies. Students and teachers can place their requests and know others are holding them up in prayer.

Special thanks to Nurse Charlene Barbot and her #1 volunteer WPC's Lisa Couch.

FIRE AT THE PALMS: TELLING THE STORY

On the morning of Monday, February 7, there was a terrible fire at the Palms Apartment Complex right up the road from the church. Folks from Westminster were moved to action immediately, calling the Red Cross to see what support we could offer to the ones who were displaced. In a matter of hours, Westminster became an overnight emergency shelter for anyone in



need, and we started collecting clothes and supplies for the ones who needed it most. On Tuesday morning, our first resources were offered to a fire victim- an individual who had spent the night at the church before catching a flight for a graduate course out of town.

Over the course of the next few days, resources started pouring in- aided by how quickly the word was spreading. We called for volunteers to come sort and organize the resources, and what a response we had! Getting organized quickly enabled us to start distribution on Tuesday and continue it through Saturday. You can see in the picture what Covenant Hall looked like during the week- the response was so great, we even had to call for a temporary pause in donations.

Through the week, we were able to meet families, hear their stories, and offer what support we could. We were also able to make many connections with other non-profits and relief organizations who were assisting. One group, West Ashley Connects, found space at Citadel Mall where families could go as needed, and on Saturday, we merged our inventory with theirs. It appears we were able to provide important assistance right away, and now the long-term relief will be coordinated at the mall.

Looking back at it, I am a proud pastor for several reasons:

- The compassion of our members to get and keep the ball rolling.
- The willingness of WPC volunteers to work hard to get a good system in place for assistance. Among the large group of people who helped in various ways, Brenda Gibson (Mission Elder), Jim Frye (with Hands of Christ wisdom), and especially Molly Griggs, as the Westminster coordinator, did a tremendous job.
- Dale Norman, WPC Elder and chaplain with Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy (another ministry we support) for his compassionate work all week at the Palms with families and emergency response workers.
- The reputation Westminster has in the community. On Monday evening, the Red Cross contact said to me: "I was thinking about a local place we might offer for emergency assistance, and I thought of the Presbyterian Church because I can tell through the North Bridge project you all really care about the community."
- I'm mostly proud for the sensitivity to the leading of the Spirit last week. It was at times fast-moving and chaotic, but even when we were not sure what to do next, we were certain of God's leading, and the Spirit illumined the path forward.
- I'm proud of the conversations about healthy mission work this event sparked. We talked about things like being aware of our motivations in serving others. And when the response to the fire clearly outdistanced the need, we talked about lifting our eyes to the needs in our community that are always present and how we don't have to wait for tragedy to act. That resource outpost at the mall will serve this community well beyond the families affected.

Looking ahead, I invite you to continue in prayer and action for the ones recovering from the fire. The stories they shared last week were both heart breaking and encouraging, because in their grief, many of them were feeling the love of the church and community in the immediate aftermath of being displaced. I also feel compelled to invite you into that kind of discipleship: serving others as God puts them in your path.

Pastor Daniel

GIVE GENEROUSLY

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



WESTMINSTER FOOD PANTRY

Did you know that our Food Pantry not only provides non-perishable food items, but also diapers, formula, detergent, toothpaste and so much more.

For more information and a full list of items we provide, email Nita Rushton at office@wpccharleston.org or stop by the front office.

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Will be updated and added in the April Newsletter.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER WPC MISSION PARTNERS NEAR AND FAR:

A.A.

Backpack Buddies

Charleston Atlantic Presbytery

Church of the Transfiguration in Perm, Russia

Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy

Ellen Smith: PCUSA Mission in Russia

Hands of Christ

Healing Farms

Journey Campus Ministry

La Patria School in Coban, Guatemala

Mary Ford Early Childhood Development Center

Matias Family (Brazil)

Metanoia

Neighbors Together (formerly TriCounty Ministries)

Parkside New Church Development

Scouting Pack and Troop 79 at WPC

Thornwell

Water Missions

West Ashley Center for Advanced Studies

West Ashley F.C.A.

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 **DEAR WPC,**

Eddie and I would like the church to know how much we appreciate the prayers, cards, calls and food (yum!) we have received from this caring and wonderful congregation of friends. We are so thankful each day of the blessing of Westminster.

**LOVE,
NANCY & EDDIE PLOWDEN**



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