

April 2022



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
Nursery & Children's Church Available*



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GREETINGS

From Pastor Daniel

In my preparations, I've been praying for you.

Holy Week is this month, and that means extra preparation for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and of course Easter morning- the most attended worship service of the year. As I've made my preparations, I've spent time in prayer, and I want you to know what I'm praying for you. Taking my cue from Paul's prayer for the Ephesians, here's my prayer:

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.
(Ephesians 1:16-19 NIV)

More than praying for a big crowd or that "things will go well," I'm praying the hearts of those who gather will hear a clear testimony of the hope we have in Christ, and that through worship, we will know him better. There are people who are ready to have their hearts enlightened; people who don't yet know about our glorious inheritance; people who do not understand the victory we have today through the resurrection of Jesus. So I'm praying for all who gather: that God will make us ready to hear and respond to the greatest news ever proclaimed.

With great hope!

Pastor Daniel



Resurrection Scene created by WPC member Gary Flowers

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.

April 3

Worship: Singing
Psalm 100
Ephesians 5:18-21
The Lord's Supper

April 10

Worship: Worship in the Dark
Psalm 22

April 17

Born Again to a Living Hope
1 Peter 1:3-7

April 25

Worship: Eternal Worship
Revelation 21



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



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



HOLY WEEK, EASTER WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

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 at 12:30 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, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday services will be livestreamed and then available anytime on Facebook, Youtube, or wpccharleston.org.

WELCOMING DISCIPLES TO WESTMINSTER

Births

Dempsey Jason Hydrick born February 23, 2022, parents Peter and Michelle Hydrick.

Evans Lee Pennekamp born on March 2, 2022, parents Lindy and Alex Pennekamp, grandparents, Tim and Sandy Pennekamp and great grandparents, Tom Harvey, Bill and Kate Pennekamp.

Theodore Owens Schumann born on March 6, 2022, parents Sarah and Jairus Schumann.

Baptisms

Sammy Almeida, son of Jodie and Santiago Almeida, was baptized March 13, 2022.

Easton Clyde Morgan, son of Catherine and Marvin Morgan, was baptised on March 20, 2022.

TESTIMONIES ON THURSDAYS

On Thursdays in Lent, we shared personal testimonies of faith from several disciples at Westminster. You can access them on the Westminster Facebook page. Check them out, and be encouraged!

LIVE WORTHILY

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The search process for our next Director of Youth and Children's Ministries! The Job Listing can be found on our website at wpccharleston.org/about-wpc/staff/job-opportunities. Contact a member of the Search Team to make a referral:

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Full Circle Class

in the Library

Cary Grayson Class

Room 4, Covenant Hall

Anchor Class

Room 1, Covenant Hall

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS ARE BACK!

Starting March 30th

6:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall

Join us every Wednesday for a delicious supper for adults and children at 6:00pm in Covenant Hall. Nursery is available.

Families eat for a maximum of \$20.00 and individuals for \$7.00

Children (6-11): \$4.00

Children (under 6): \$2.00

CHURCH WORK DAY

Saturday, April 2, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Building and Grounds will hold a Church Work Day Saturday, April 2 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. We have a lengthy list of spring cleaning/repair projects suitable for ages 12 and up, with donuts in the morning and lunch provided after.

If you are available to help us that day, please contact Carole Russell (clsRussell@comcast.net or 843-442-5276) to get on the list of volunteers so we can accurately prepare supplies and lunch.

HOOKS AND NEEDLES

Monday, April 11

10:00 a.m. in Classroom 4, Covenant Hall

Hooks and Needles are finally meeting again in person after over two years of working on our knitting/crocheting projects at home. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 11 at 10AM in Classroom 4. We will probably sort and organize the closet. All are welcome to come (even just for the fellowship). Contact Deborah-Anne Ferguson at 914-263-3742 or daferguson11@gmail.com.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

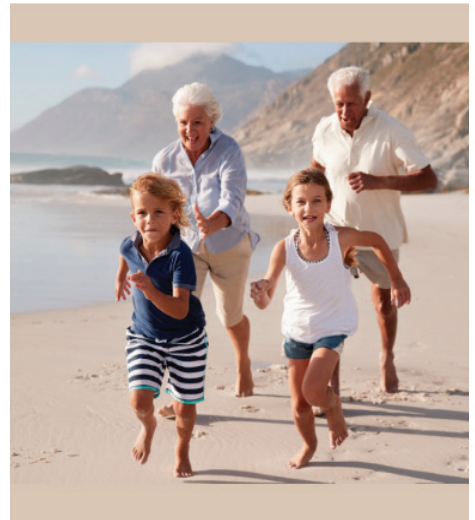
Tuesday, April 12, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

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). Pastor Daniel will be leading; join us for the Fellowship and Encouragement!



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

Well, the masks are off, and our staff smiles are huge. Everyone has been excited to see our staff in the carpool line. The Preschool was pleased to invite one guest per child to attend the four-year-old Rodeo, and everyone had a Rootin Tootin time! Our three-year-old class went to the library last month. It was the first field trip for the new Bees Landing Library and the first one for the Preschool in two years. It was fun!

This month we will celebrate all things Easter from Easter Egg Hunts and the Easter Bunny to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is such a special time for the children. In April the parents will have conferences with their child's teacher to check out their progress for next year.

Please remember to tell you friends that there are a few spots in the three- and four-year-old classes for the 2022-2023 school year. Anyone interested should contact the Preschool office.

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

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 9

10:00-11:30 on the Playground

Children and families are welcome to join in the annual Easter Egg Hunt on the playground. Storytime, crafts, prizes and photos with the Easter Bunny will take place by age/grade level throughout the event.

SUMMER 2022

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

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

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.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are so many opportunities for volunteers from Group Leaders and Decorating Team to Music, Arts & Crafts, Photographer, Youth Helpers and more!

If you feel led to volunteer this year, reach out to Laura Patrick at lbpk.patrick@gmail.com and she can send you a link to an online sign up form.

WPC youth discipleship

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

April:

4/3 5:00 p.m. MS
6:00 p.m. HS

4/10 **Palm Sunday**
No Youth Group

4/17 **Easter**
No Youth Group

4/24 5:00 p.m. MS
6:00 p.m. HS

CONFIRMATION CLASS

April:

4/3 6:00 p.m.
Meet with Session
*Mentors

4/10 11:00 a.m.
Palm Sunday &
Confirmation Day

SERVE FAITHFULLY

Doing God's Work in our Community



BACKPACK BUDDIES

Wednesday, April 27

6:30 pm. in Covenant Hall

We need your hands! Join us as we pack weekend food kits for local elementary school students. We will pack in Covenant Hall. The work takes about 45 minutes, and all ages are welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEST ASHLEY CENTER FOR ADVANCED STUDIES HEALTH FAIR

Thursday, April 21

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Please join us at the West Ashley Center for Advanced Studies Health Fair on April 21 from 9 am to 2 pm. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Brenda Gibson at (843) 478-0026.

BOY SCOUT BBQ

Saturday, April 23

A favorite annual event is back! Keep your eye out for ticket sales.

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

Westminster partners with #CHS4Ukraine in a local effort to provide much needed humanitarian relief to refugees displaced by Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The first shipment of supplies included some of the overflow items from the Palms Apartment relief, and now through their connections in that part of the world, #CHS4Ukraine is working to put medical supplies, technology aids, and humanitarian relief directly into the hands of those who need it. Westminster contributed \$2,000 to the effort last month, and there are ways you can help as well. Special thanks to WPC member Anna Spann, an immigrant from Russia, for keeping us close to the need.



WALK FOR WATER

Benefitting Water Missions

On March 26, our Westminster Team joined together to Walk for Water.

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 from this event is going to make an impact through a safe water community development project!



WESTMINSTER FOOD PANTRY

Always in Need

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

Thanks to your generosity, we have doubled the Food Pantry outreach, now offering 72 food bags per week to people in the community.

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



GIVE GENEROUSLY

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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER WPC MISSION PARTNERS NEAR AND FAR:

A.A.

Backpack Buddies

Charleston Atlantic Presbytery

Church of the Transfiguration in Perm, Russia

CHS4Ukraine

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.

WPC Food Pantry

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

***In Memory of
Mike Bruce***

Given By

Jim & Shirley Seay

Sandy Pell

Joan Leon

Peter & Karen McInnes

David & Donna Purcell

Amanda Castellone

Debby Pell

Carol Gravetter

Cliff & Liz Shelor

Chuck & Patricia McArver

Jean Behling

Brenda Haile

John & Fran Ligon

Laura Nunn

Mark & Tracy Friedrichs

Doug & Franki Earnst

Howard & Jenny Fulwiler

Dick & Carol Patrick

Gary & Joyce Flowers

Lance & Jean

Lewandowski

Tom & Lynda Higgins

Brenda Jonsson

Harriett Bruce

Joe & Cindy Kroll

Debbie Redmon

Mike & Patty Stokes

Jay & Denise Floyd

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING RAISED \$2,288 IN DONATIONS FOR BACKPACK BUDDIES!

THANK YOU!

DEAR WPC,

Thank you to my church family for your prayers, cards, and food after my surgery. Your support guided me through my recovery.

Jean Lewandowski



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Westminster Session

Class of 2022

Nancy Dixon
Sandra Pell
Kendall Ramsay
Carole Russell
Nathan Snider
Graham Wade

Class of 2023

Matthew Akery
David Boyd
Earl Frasier
Brenda Gibson
George McAbee
Nathan Ward

Class of 2024

Norman Hook
Abbie Mobley
Karen Norman
Laura Patrick
Chuck Towne
Dee Bee Wright

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