

November 2022



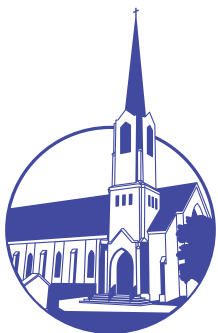
# THE GOOD NEWS

Westminster Presbyterian Church

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



Christmas at Westminster  
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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 Pastor Daniel*

In this month of Thanksgiving, how do we cultivate hearts of gratitude? Consider the source of Paul's thanksgiving for the Ephesians:

*I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, Ephesians 1*

He is not focused on their persecutions or their trials. He does not mention physical problems or grief over lost loved ones. He prays their knowledge of God's grace will grow. He prays that they will understand better what God has done for them. He does it because he knows, when you get grace, you get gratitude. When you grasp the riches of grace in Jesus Christ, everything else falls into perspective.

So what does that mean for us this month of Thanksgiving? Three things: First, it means that for a Christian, the Lord Jesus Christ is at the center of our thanksgiving. He is not one of the things for which we are thankful, he is the reason we have the ability to be thankful. His grace creates our gratitude.

Second, it means that even in the darkness, God is giving us Jesus. It is easy to get bogged down in all the things that are not right, but we are called instead to lift our eyes to the one who is with us in and through all things. We may not always be able to see it, but that does not mean it is not true. Christ is the is the Rock who is with us. Always.

And third, it means that we pray for and cultivate the desire to grow in our understanding of the grace we have received through Christ. The problem of being ungrateful is remedied by a growing understanding of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. Grow in Christ. Grow in his love. Ask God to open your eyes to see.

I hope you and your family have a blessed Thanksgiving, and I pray for you the way Paul prayed for the church. May God grant us all that knowledge of grace which results in overflowing gratitude.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Daniel*

# WORSHIP JOYFULLY

*From the Pulpit*

We conclude the *Growing in Christ* series and start a new study of Matthew's Gospel.

## November 6

*The Lord's Supper*  
John 13:34-5  
*Growing in Christ: Love*

## November 13

Ephesians 2:10  
*Growing in Christ: Service*  
11:00 a.m. *Children's Sunday*

## November 20

Mark 5:19  
*Growing in Christ: Witnessing*

## November 27

*First Sunday of Advent*  
Matthew 24:36-51  
*The Second Advent*

## December 4

*Second Sunday of Advent*  
*The Lord's Supper*  
Matthew 1:1-17  
*The Family History*

## December 11

*Third Sunday of Advent*  
Matthew 1:18-25

## December 18

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
9:00 a.m. *Blue Christmas Service*  
11:00 a.m. *Lessons and Carols*

## December 25

*Merry Christmas*  
Luke 2:1-20  
*Glory to the Newborn King!*

## January 1

*The Lord's Supper*  
Matthew 2:1-12  
*The Magi*

## January 8

Matthew 2:13-23  
*The Reality of Christmas*



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Sunday's Sermon with no charge.

# VETERAN'S DAY *Friday, 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 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  
James Hammersmith  
Wayne Hansel  
Thomas Harvey  
Thomas Higgins  
Norman Hook

Harry Hutchins  
William Jonsson  
Lance Lewandowski  
John Ligon  
Tom Livingston  
Robert Luhn  
Barbara Lundy  
Don Lundy  
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

## ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Starting Thursday, December 1, a daily devotional will be sent via e-mail every morning to those who receive our E-Newsletter throughout the Advent and Christmas Season.

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

## DID YOU KNOW?

Westminster is divided into care groups of 10-15 people, each under the care of a deacon (We currently have 33 active deacons!) Your deacon has already or will be reaching out to you to offer care and support in times of need or special occasions. If you don't know who your deacon is or want to communicate a need, please contact the church office.

# WELCOMING DISCIPLES TO WESTMINSTER

## **Birth**

Lily Carolyn Bruce to Janice and Walker Bruce, September 27, 2022.



## **Baptisms**

Mary Stone Dorsel, daughter of Chris and Meg Dorsel.

Sonya Willemse, by profession of Faith.

## **New Members**

Chris and Ann Wood, daughters Stella and Sadie, son Henry.

Bob and Lauren Openlander, sons John and James.

Vincent & Loretta Anokye, as affiliate members

Sonya Willemse, daughters Reese and Cora.

## **With Resurrection Hope**

Sara McCoy,  
March 1, 1936 - September 1, 2022

LIVE WORTHILY

# CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP



Trunk & Treat 2022

## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

*Every Wednesday Night  
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.

## THANKSGIVING SHRIMP & OYSTER ROAST

*Wednesday, November 23*

*Worship at 6:00 p.m., Shrimp & Oyster Roast at 6:30 p.m.*

Join us for a worship service of thanksgiving followed by fellowship outside under the awning. Tickets must be purchased in advance in the Church Office. We are also asking volunteers to bring their favorite chili for the event.

\$15 Oysters & Shrimp plus Hot dog/Smores/Chilli  
\$5 Hot dog/Smores/Chilli

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

*10:00 - 10:45 a.m.*

### **Anchor Class**

*Room 15, CE Building*

### **Cary Grayson Class**

*Room 4, Covenant Hall*

### **Parenting Class**

*Library, Covenant Hall*

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*Second Tuesday of every Month*

*Tuesday, November 8*

*8:00 - 9:00 a.m. at Trotter's Restaurant*

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 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!

## SECOND SUNDAY SOCIALS

*Second Sunday of every Month*

*Sunday, November 13*

*Following 11:00 a.m. Worship*

After more than two years, Second Sunday Socials are coming back this fall and we are so thankful. All are welcome to a fried chicken luncheon following 11:00 a.m. worship the 2nd Sunday of the month. Bring a Pot Luck Side or Dessert! Cash donations welcome for the fried chicken!

## HOOKS AND NEEDLES

*Second Monday of every Month*

*Monday, November 14*

*10:00 a.m. in Classroom 4 of Covenant Hall*

Hooks and Needles are finally meeting again in person after over two years of working on our knitting/crocheting projects at home. All are welcome to come (even just for the fellowship). Contact Deborah-Anne Ferguson at 914-263-3742 or daferguson11@gmail.com.

## THANKSGIVING EVE TURKEY SMOKE

*Wednesday, November 23*

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

Bring a fresh turkey (or chicken, salmon, pork), if frozen, it needs to be completely thawed with giblets and neck removed. Protein of choice should be in a Throw Away Aluminum Pan with your name on all side in Sharpie. 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. 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.

## 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 13 from 5:00 – 7:00pm
- Wednesday, November 16 from 10:00 – 12:00pm

Please RSVP by contacting Pastor Daniel by email at [dsmoak@wpccharleston.org](mailto:dsmoak@wpccharleston.org).

LIVE WORTHILY

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



## NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL

The school year is off to an awesome start! The classes are filled with boys and girls ready to learn. We have been able to welcome back our parent volunteers, which has been so helpful to our teachers. Things are back to normal.

We welcomed two new teachers to our family. Mrs. Sarah Atkinson in our two-year-old class and Mrs. Kaitlin Bauer in our three-year-old class. They have been a wonderful addition to our school.

We kicked off the month of October with our four's Fairy Tale Ball, and the threes went on a Field Trip to the new City of Charleston Fire House on Savannah Highway. Both were a huge success. Since October is one of the longest months of the year there are so many amazing units offered to the students. Spiders, bats, harvest time, and of course Halloween. We will end the month with our Fall Festival complete with a hayride.

Looking to November we will spend time learning about how thankful we are for our families, friends and of course our heavenly Father. We are so blessed to live in our amazing country. The students will fill blessing bags with groceries to help support our church food pantry and bring in gently used outer wear for all ages to support those less fortunate in our community. We are so blessed with wonderful families who support all our missions.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

*10:00 - 10:45 a.m.*

**Children's Ministry  
in the CE Building**

**0-2's:** Nursery  
**3-5K:** Room 14  
**1st-2nd Grade:** Room 13  
**3rd-5th Grade:** Room 17

**Youth Discipleship  
in Covenant Hall**

**Mid Highs:** Room 1  
**Senior Highs:** Room 3

# W!NK...WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS!

*Wednesday, November 9*

*6:30 p.m. following Wonderful Wednesday Dinner*

All Elementary students join us for a "wink" of fellowship and learn a little bit about Jesus and the Bible through various activities.

# CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

*Sunday, November 13*

*11:00 a.m. Worship*

Children have been preparing to help lead this service during Sunday School, on Wonderful Wednesdays, and during Club 3, 4, 5.

# CLUB 3,4,5

*Sunday, November 13*

*4:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall*

All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are invited for fellowship and fun. Club 3,4,5 will meet once a month from 4:00 to 5:00 in Covenant Hall. Our last get together for 2022 will be December 11th.

# GIFT MAKING WORKSHOP

*Saturday, December 3*

First through Fifth graders are invited to sign up and join us to create and wrap Christmas gifts for their loved ones. Spaces are limited, so be on the lookout for the sign up in the Tuesday e-news.

## *Volunteer Opportunity*

If you would like to host a gift making workshop station please email Laura Patrick at [lpattick@wpccharleston.org](mailto:lpattick@wpccharleston.org).

# ADVENT DEVOTIONALS FOR KIDS

Beginning Sunday, November 20, kid friendly Advent Sticker Devotionals will be available in the Narthex. The devotionals run from December 1 through December 25. It is a family friendly way that prepares our youngest members for Christmas. Please pick up 1 per family.

# WPC youth discipleship

## **October 30**

Trick-Can-Treating  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

## **November 4-6**

Youth will be having a retreat at James Island County Park! No Youth Discipleship on the evening of November 6th.

## **November 13**

5:00 p.m. Middle School  
6:00 p.m. High School

## **November 20**

Thanksgiving Break!

## **November 27**

"Parent's Night Out!"  
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Youth will help your kiddos with dinner and play lots of fun games! Mark your calendars folks! There will be a registration opening in November so we can know how many little ones to expect.

## **December 4**

All Youth Christmas Night!  
5:00-7:00 p.m.

## **December 11**

Angel Tree Shopping!  
5:00-7:00 p.m.

## **December 18 and 25**

Christmas Break!

# SERVE FAITHFULLY

DOING GOD'S WORK IN THE COMMUNITY



## BACKPACK BUDDIES

*Wednesday, November 2 & 30  
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 following Wonderful Wednesday supper. The work takes about 45 minutes, and all ages are welcome.

Future Dates: Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 1, Mar 29, Apr 26



## #CHS4UKRAINE

We are so glad to support CHS4Ukraine in their grassroot efforts to bring relief to Ukrainian refugees. Through personal contacts in Poland and Ukraine, they are able to buy supplies there or buy them here and have runners deliver them to where they are needed most. More information at [chs4ukraine.org](http://chs4ukraine.org).

*Here Pastor Daniel presents a \$2500 check to CHS4Ukraine leaders Alexandr, Maka, and Anna (WPC member).*



# WAYS TO GIVE A SPECIAL GIFT THIS SEASON...

## THE ANGEL TREE

*Set up on Children's Sunday, November 13th*

The Angel Tree complete with 125 angels will be in the Narthex on November 13th! Each angel represents a child in need at Mary Ford Early Childhood Center.

Grab an angel from the tree or donate money in the church office or online at [wpccharleston.org](http://wpccharleston.org) and the youth of the church make an evening of shopping for these children at Target. All gifts should be returned in a gift bag by December 11th.

## ALTERNATIVE GIFT GUIDE

Please look for the Alternative Gift Guides near the Angel Tree in the Narthex and consider "gifting" a donation for a special person on your list! Each gift will go directly to one of Westminster's Mission Partners such as Thornwell, Neighbors Together, Back Pack Buddies, Westminster's Food Pantry, Mary Ford, Water Missions and more.



# WAYS TO SERVE

## *Mission Opportunities*

### **DONATE COATS**

The Mission Committee is collecting winter coats and jackets for children and adults during the month of October and beyond. The coats will be donated to Mary Ford, Chicora Elementary and Neighbors Together just in time for cooler weather. The collection box is located outside of the church office.

### **VOLUNTEER**

**at Neighbors Together  
Wednesday, November 16  
from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Serve a hot meal or provide groceries to our neighbors in need at Neighbors Together; 2105 Cosgrove Ave, North Charleston, SC 29405.

**VOLUNTEER REGULARLY  
with Mary Ford Early  
Childhood and Family Center**

- **Adopt a Classroom:** Individuals or groups can sponsor a classroom, helping provide encouragement and support to teachers and students.
- **Reading Partners/Flash Cards:** Volunteers assist the Kindergarten Team with "sight word" flashcards twice a week for 1-2 hours.
- **Lunch Buddies:** Come have lunch with a student once a week. Contact Brenda Gibson for details and to sign up.

**SIGN UP/HAVE QUESTIONS  
CONTACT BRENDA GIBSON  
[brenmalia1@gmail.com](mailto:brenmalia1@gmail.com)**

# GIVE GENEROUSLY

OF YOUR TIME, YOUR MONEY, YOUR RESOURCES AND GIVE THANKS



**THANK YOU** to those who have already made your financial commitments for 2023! Our goal is 100% participation, so if you have not yet turned in your 2023 Estimate of Giving card (they are available in the narthex), you may do that by placing it in the offering plate or making your pledge online at [www.wpccharleston.org](http://www.wpccharleston.org) Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness in 2022– even as we look forward to Growing in Christ together 2023.



# WESTMINSTER FAMILY,

We would like to thank you for the support of the Hammer Out Pediatric Cancer campaign this year! Despite hurricane Ian delaying the 5k and fun run for a week, this year's campaign was a huge success! The weather turned out perfect. Community, Family, Shrimp and Grits, Laughter, and Fun are just a few of the words that described this year's Hammer It Out Hustle.

For those of you that participated in Olivia's Skittles challenge, there were 10,470 Skittles in the jar. 10,470 represents the number of children under the age of 15 that will be diagnosed with cancer this year in the United States. The winning number was 10,500.

Congratulations to Team Westminster! They won the largest team contest at this year's race! Thank you to all that participated. With your support we are able to give over \$20,000 dollars to the Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital this year. Every cent donated will go directly to help children battling cancer. This year's donation marks a mile stone for the Hammer Out Pediatric Cancer Campaign! Together with your help, the Campaign has donated over \$100,000 to support Pediatric Cancer research!

Your support of this cause will help children not just here in Charleston, but children all over as this research is shared. We are humbled and grateful for every prayer, volunteer and contribution made to help make this successful!

*Much love and appreciation,  
Chuck, Christine, Olivia, Chase and Faith*



# GIFTS & MEMORIALS

*In Memory of*  
Ruth McSweeney

*Given By*  
Sandy Pell  
Mr. & Mrs. Belton Tisdale  
Edwin & Bobbie Blackwell  
Scott Keir  
Brenda Jonsson  
Michelle Evans  
Paul & Libby Tinkler  
Tom & Lynda Higgins  
Debbie Pell  
Greg & Lisa Couch



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#### Sundays at Westminster

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**9:00 a.m. In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary**  
*Nursery Available*

**10:00 a.m. In-Person Sunday School**  
*Children, Youth and Adult Classes Available*

**11:00 a.m. In-Person and Livestream Worship Service**  
*Nursery & Children's Church Available*

#### Westminster Session

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**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

**Class of 2025**  
Lindy Coleman  
Betsy McLaughlin  
Mike Niblock  
Matthew Patrick  
Matthew Teitsort  
Tom Whetstone

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