

April 2023



# THE GOOD NEWS

## Westminster Presbyterian Church

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



*Anchor Class Fellowship Oyster-Roast*



### *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*

When I was training for ministry, one examination question was: "When we share the Lord's Supper, is it a joyful moment or a sorrowful moment? Should we be happy or sad?" I've thought about that question through the years, especially when looking around the room when sharing the Lord's Supper. My observation is that most people look sad. Occasionally there will be a few people whose inner joy overflows through their smiles, but for the most part, we are a solemn group of people. Is that right?

On the one hand, our seriousness is appropriate. We understand that Jesus was crucified for our sin, his body broken and his blood poured out as a solution to a problem- the problem of our sin. The second stanza of "Ah, Holy Jesus" says it well.

*Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon you?  
It is my treason, Lord that has undone you.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied you;  
I crucified you.*

On the other hand, when we come to the table, we do so with a deep sense of abiding joy. We know that the meal we share is not just a memorial meal, but Jesus himself meets us at the table and we are connected to him, to each other, and to the saints who have gone on before us when we gather together. The table is a small taste of the great heavenly banquet table. We often sing about it:

*I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
Forgiven, loved, and free,  
In awe and wonder to recall  
His life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.*

Joy or sorrow? I hold the two in tension; my sorrow always gives way to joy, and my joy is always aware of the price that was paid. It's a tension that comes into focus during Holy Week, when we walk the way of the cross and then gather on Easter to celebrate the resurrection. It's hard for me to imagine having Easter without first having Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and it is hard for me to imagine having Maundy Thursday and Good Friday without them giving way to Easter joy.

As Holy Week and Easter draw near, open your eyes to both the price that Jesus paid for you and to the joy we have because we are set free.

Peace of Christ,

*Pastor Daniel*

# WORSHIP JOYFULLY

## *From the Pulpit*

*We're Studying Matthew!  
All through 2023, we'll be engaged  
in a verse-by-verse study of the  
Gospel.*

### **April 2**

*Palm Sunday  
The Lord's Supper*

### **April 9**

*Easter Sunday*

### **April 16**

*Matthew 9:35 – 10:42  
Workers for the Harvest*

### **April 23**

*Matthew 11:1-24  
Jesus and John the Baptist*

### **April 30**

*Matthew 11:25-30  
Rest for Your Soul*

### **May 7**

*Matthew 12:1-21  
Conflict with the Pharisees 1: On  
Keeping the Sabbath*

### **May 14**

*Matthew 12:22-37  
Conflict with the Pharisees 2: On  
Demons and the Holy Spirit*

### **May 21**

*Matthew 12:38-50  
Conflict with the Pharisees 3: On  
Signs and Doing the Will of God*



Livestream available at [wpccharleston.org](http://wpccharleston.org)  
& YouTube by searching for Westminster.



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



# HOLY WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP

## *Palm Sunday Worship*

*Sunday, April 2*

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

## *Maundy Thursday Worship*

*Thursday, April 6, 7:00 p.m.*

## *Good Friday Worship and Lunch*

*Friday, April 7, 12:00 p.m.*

## *Easter Sunday*

*Sunday, April 9*

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

# JOB OPPORTUNITY

## *Full Time Office Administrator to begin in May*

Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charleston S.C. is seeking FT Office Administrator to begin in May. We are a busy and growing 500+ member church, where every day we are focused on enriching the lives of God's children; young and old, strangers and friends. The right person is committed to the mission of the church, is a team player, and has just the right mix of people skills and task-oriented productivity. Primary responsibilities require proficiency with Microsoft Office, excellent hospitality in person, on the phone, and via email, ability to manage calendars, volunteers, vendors, and custodial staff.

- Monday – Thursday 9:00 – 5:00; Friday 9:00 – 1:00
- Salary range: \$36,000 - \$42,000
- Benefits: Medical, dental, death and disability, retirement
- Paid time off

Interested applicants are encouraged to submit a cover letter and resume to [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org)

# “GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS”

## *Westminster's Bicentennial, 1823 - 2023*

### *Opportunity to Share Your Personal Testimony!*

In September 2023, Westminster will celebrate 200 years as a congregation of people loving God and sharing his word! Each day in September, a personal testimony from a member of our flock will be shared based on phrases from the beloved hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness."

We are asking you or your family to select a phrase from this list included in the E-news and create a testimonial based upon it; each submission may be written, a piece of art or a video...we encourage you to be creative and to make your testimony personal! Please sign up to participate by April 30. Your completed submission is due by May 31 and should be submitted electronically to [deebewright@comcast.net](mailto:deebewright@comcast.net). Questions, call Dee Bee Wright 843.729.7005

# WELCOMING DISCIPLES TO WESTMINSTER



## ***Births***

Miles Richardson Baskin, born February 24, 2023, parents Scott and Jane Baskin, Grandparents Barry and Debbie Baskin.

## ***Baptisms***

Lily Carolyn Bruce baptized on March 5, 2023. Parents Walker and Janice Bruce, Assisting Elder Allyn Bruce.

## ***New Members***

Robert (Rob) and Ronda Seay

Daniel and Debra Ponton

Matthew and Marianne Seel  
Children: Johnny Seel, Wyatt Seel, Lillian Seel.

David Stanton

Corey and Lexi Frazier  
Children: Jack Frazier, Hazel Frazier.

Andrew and Susanna Hopkins

# CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP



*Anchor Class Fellowship Oyster Roast*

## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

*Every Wednesday Night at 6:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall*

Join us every Wednesday for a delicious supper for adults and children. Nursery is available. Families eat for a maximum of \$20.00 and individuals for \$7.00.

- April 5 No Wonderful Wednesday during Holy Week
- April 12 Wonderful Wednesday resumes
- April 19 WiNK for kids; and Special Guest: Katie Zimmerman, Executive Director, Charleston Moves
- April 26 Backpack Buddies

*\*No Second Sunday Social Potlucks in April (Easter) or May (Mother's Day).*

## SAVE THE DATE

*Churchwide Retreat at Bethelwoods!*

*Friday, September 22-Sunday, September 24, 2023*

ALL ages are invited to come hike, sing, pray, play, canoe, gaga, fish, and more!

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

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

### **Anchor Class**

*Room 15, CE Building*

### **Cary Grayson Class**

*Room 4, Covenant Hall*

### **Jesus in the Gospel**

*Parlor, Admin Building*

# HOOKS AND NEEDLES

*Second Monday of every Month*

*Monday, April 10*

*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. 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

*Second Tuesday of every Month*

*Tuesday, April 11*

*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!

# LOWCOUNTRY SMOCKERS GUILD

*Second Thursday of every Month*

*Thursday, April 13*

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

Our mission is to make baby burial gowns to distribute locally for the national "Wee Care" project, and to promote the art of hand sewing.

# NEW HERE? MAKE SOME CONNECTIONS AT WESTMINSTER

*Sunday, April 30, 2023*

*10:00 - 10:40 a.m.*

*Pastor Daniel's Office*

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 April 30, 2023. 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 April 30 Connections class by emailing [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org).



# 2023 SOUTHEASTERN INTENTIONAL GRANDPARENTING CONFERENCE

*April 28-29, 2023*

Grandparenting uses the rest of your life to give the best of your life! The Christian Grandparenting Network exists for grandparents who want to intentionally pray for and promote the faith development of their grandchildren. For more information about the ministry and register for the upcoming conference, check out [christiangrandparenting.com](http://christiangrandparenting.com)



# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



## NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL

Spring is in the air and has been off and on since February. So no surprise that we have had flowers up on the walls and on our bushes. This month the children look forward to so many fun activities in preparation of Easter. The Preschool tries to take this very holy time and help the children understand that God is alive and lives in us. The children also have fun celebrating the Easter Bunny and hunting for eggs.

Throughout the month, the fours will visit the county park for a Pond Poking program, where they'll learn about the microorganisms that live in our lowcountry ponds. Simultaneously, they'll be learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. In their classrooms, they'll watch them come to life. The best part will be setting them free!

During April, the school will be on Spring Break beginning on Good Friday, April 7 and returning on Monday April 17. The last week of April, our Room mothers and parents will celebrate the teachers and all the little extras they do for the students and their families. We are blessed with the best families.

God is Alive!

Blessings,  
The Preschool

## CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

**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

# EASTER EGG HUNT

*Saturday, April 1*

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

Children from birth - 5th Grade 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.

# WINK, WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS

*Wednesday, April 19*

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

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

# CLUB 3,4,5

*Sunday, April 23*

*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.

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JOY TO THE WORLD

*June 25 - June 29 (Sunday - Thursday)*

*Sunday: 12:00pm - 1:30pm*

*Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 12:00pm*

Registration for Campers as well as Youth and Adult Volunteers are now open! Check your e-news for the appropriate links.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." - Isaiah 9:6

It's Christmas in June! Children ages 3K - 5th Grade are invited to join us at Westminster for a week of worship, fellowship and fun celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ!

# WPC youth discipleship

*April 2*

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

All Youth Discipleship

*April 9*

Happy Easter!

No Youth Group.

Spend the day with friends and family celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

*April 16*

5:00 p.m. Middle School

6:00 p.m. High School

*April 23*

5:00 p.m. Middle School

6:00 p.m. High School

*April 30*

5:00 p.m. Middle School

6:00 p.m. High School

*May 7*

5:00 p.m. Middle School

6:00 p.m. High School



# SERVING FAITHFULLY



## RECAP: YOUTH VISIT TO THORNWELL & PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE

At the end of March, several members of our High School Youth Group took a trip up to Clinton, South Carolina. They visited and served with our Mission Partner Thornwell Home for Children. While in Clinton, they toured Presbyterian College and joined an on-campus bible study. This was the first trip of its kind and hope to make it an annual occurrence.

*Thornwell serves to prevent child abuse and neglect, to build up and reunite families, and to support healthy communities in the name of Jesus Christ.*

## "MEET A MISSION PARTNER" OPPORTUNITIES

Check your E-News for future opportunities to visit and learn more about our Mission Partners.

## MEET AT MISSION PARTNER: METANOIA

Towards the end of March, members of our congregation toured Metanoia, headquartered in North Charleston.

*Metanoia is a movement of people rooted in faith. They invest in neighborhood assets to build leaders, establish quality housing, and generate economic development. They are pushing forward into new relationships with God and one another to create strong communities.*



# SERVE NOW

## VOLUNTEER

*for Backpack Buddies  
Wednesday, April 26  
6:30 p.m. in Covenant Hall*



We need your hands! Backpack Buddies provides bags of food to school aged children facing food insecurity. Please join us following the Wonderful Wednesday dinner on April 26th for the final packing date of the school year. The food unloading and set up will begin at 5:00 pm and packing begins at 6:30!

## VOLUNTEER

*at Neighbors Together  
Wednesday, April 19  
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*



Serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need the third Wednesday of every month at Neighbors Together; 2105 Cosgrove Ave, North Charleston, SC 29405. Please contact Jim Frye (843-729-2183) or Brenda Gibson (843-478-0026) if you can join the Westminster team!

## 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.
- Assit with the School's Outdoor Garden

Please contact Jim Frye (843-729-2183) or Brenda Gibson (843-478-0026) to learn more!

## DONATE

*Children's Rain Gear  
in various sizes in the month of April*

Based upon a continued need, Westminster will collect children's rain gear through the month of April. Donations are taken to our partners at Mary Ford and Neighbors Together. Collection boxes are located in the Narthex.



## WESTMINSTER FOOD PANTRY

*Always in Need*

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

Thanks to your generosity, we have doubled the Food Pantry outreach, now offering 45 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](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org) or stop by the front office.



# GIVE GENEROUSLY

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

*Giving Thanks for our Growing Church*



**GIVE NOW**



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***Youth Group Oscar's Party***



***Handbell Choir at Lowcountry Handbell Workshop***



***S.A.M.'s Potluck Lecture***



***Youth Group Advisors at Bowling Night***



***Youth at Bowling Night***



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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**  
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