



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

October 22, 2023

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING

*Please greet each other warmly as the congregation gathers for worship.
Take a moment and sign the friendship register.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ SONG OF PREPARATION NO. 626 As the Deer

As the deer pants for water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE From John 15

One: Jesus said, "Abide in me, and I will abide in you. Just as a branch cannot produce fruit unless it stays joined to the vine, you cannot produce fruit unless you stay joined to me."

All: We want to stay connected to you!

One: "I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you stay joined to me, and I stay joined to you, then you will produce lots of fruit. But you cannot do anything without me."

All: We want to stay connected to you and produce fruit for the Kingdom!

One: "Stay joined to me and let my teachings become part of you. When you become fruitful disciples of mine, my Father will be honored."

All: We want to be your disciples and bring honor to God's name!

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Lord, in the last week, we have failed as your disciples in many ways: We were too busy with our own lives to pay attention to the needs of others. We've been silent when we know we should speak up. We were too timid or afraid when we could have been bold.

Lord, forgive our sins, and give us courage for the road ahead. We know you will put us in similar situations this week, and we pray for the courage to be a witness for you. Help us to be confident in the power we have from you. Amen.

◆ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 447 We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
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◆ PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbor

THE WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

Pastor Lissa

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 17:14-27

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 19

SERMON

Dysfunctional Disciples

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE No. 250 Hymn of Promise

PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

◆ SONG NO. 80 The Trees of the Field (Isaiah 55:12)

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap! clap!*)
the trees of the field will clap their hands; (*clap! clap!*)
the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap! clap!*)
while you go out with joy.

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY

Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Lissa Long, Pastor; Nancy Parrish, Music.

11:00 am Livestream at www.wpccharleston.org, YouTube (Westminster Presbyterian Charleston)

You may also listen to the weekly sermon by utilizing *Sermon By Phone* and calling 843-252-0146.

Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from CCLI License #2778901

Acolyte: Tanner Gentry

Ushers: Nancy Dixon, Regina Keene, Jim Drennan

The rosebud in the sanctuary is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Palmer Evans Lewandowski on October 14, 2023, daughter of Justin and Jenny Lewandowski and granddaughter of Jean and Lance Lewandowski.

The rosebud in the sanctuary is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Lillian Grace Shepard on October 17, 2023, daughter of Nick and Katie Shepard and granddaughter of Bob and Beth Shepard.

THE 200TH BANNER IS FILLING UP WITH NAMES!

Every household that completes a 2024 Estimate of Giving card has their last name written on the banner in the narthex. Already, there are SO MANY names! THANK YOU to those who have already made those commitments for 2024! Our goal is 100% participation, so if you have not yet turned in your card (they are available in the pew), you may do that by placing it in the offering plate or making your commitment online at www.wpccharleston.org. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!!

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! LET US KNOW YOU'RE HERE.

Please take a moment to sign and pass the Friendship Register in the pews. There is a virtual option for those who are worshipping online. Simply scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to open or find on our website under the Quick Links, Virtual Friendship Register.



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO JOIN THE WESTMINSTER FAMILY?

Here's how you can do it.

1. Fill out a New Member Form and put it in the offering plate in the narthex. Forms are available at the Hospitality Table in the narthex, or you may fill one out online under the visitor tab at wpccharleston.org or using the QR code.
2. One of our pastors or someone from the Membership Committee will quickly be in touch, providing an opportunity individually or with a group to learn more about the church.
3. On a Sunday morning, you'll attend a meeting with the Session for reception into membership. We'll handle paperwork if you're transferring from another church or arrange baptism if you've never been baptized.
4. That same Sunday morning, you'll be introduced to the congregation during worship. Questions? Speak with an usher or one of our pastors following the service.



WAYS TO GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Church Pew Envelope: Place cash or check in the Pew Envelope and drop it in the Offering Plate in the narthex.

Online: Click the "Give Now" button in the top right of our homepage wpccharleston.org.

Text: "charlestonwpc" to 73256. Thank you for giving.

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

We're hopping back into the Gospel of Matthew.

October 22 Matthew 17:14-27

Dysfunctional Disciples: Jesus corrects his disciples' weak faith and lack of understanding.

October 29 Matthew 18:1-6

Who Is the Greatest? "Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

November 5 Matthew 18:7-9

Temptations to Sin "Cut it off! Tear it out!" How radical are we supposed to be in dealing with temptation?

NEW HERE? MAKE SOME CONNECTIONS AT WESTMINSTER

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 October 29. We meet from 10:00 - 10:40 in Pastor Daniel's office at the end of the Admin Hall. Children are welcome or can go to Sunday School/Nursery. Save your spot at the October 29 Connections class by emailing office@wpccharleston.org.

PRAYER REQUEST?

Leave your written requests in the basket next to the main sanctuary doors. WPC staff will pray for your request at our weekly meeting and throughout the week.

LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER!

Name tags are available on the name tag cart in the Narthex. Please find yours and wear it on Sunday mornings, returning it before you leave. If yours is missing, please use a sticky badge and put your name on the 'I need a name tag' form.

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

- Children 0-2 Nursery.
- Children 3K-K, 1-2nd, and 3rd-5th classes meet in the Christian Education building.
- Youth 6th-8th and 9th-12th grades meet in Covenant Hall.
Adult Class Offerings
- Anchor Class (Christian Education Building)-Bible Study through 6-8 week studies. Currently the group is using the book called Following Jesus.
- Carey Grayson Class (Covenant Hall-Room 4)-This class works through the scriptures by chapter and verse! Currently the class is studying Deuteronomy.
- Jesus in the Gospel (Parlor/Admin. building) Book study utilizing the book Having Nothing, Possessing Everything by Michael Mather.
- WoW Women's Study (Covenant Hall-Library)-Book study utilizing the book Daughters of Grace.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

This week we look forward to hosting some Mary Ford friends on October 25! Our dinner menu will be a garden salad, mac and cheese, green beans, baked/fried chicken and cookies. See you at 6:00 p.m. Adults \$7, kids \$4 and a family cap of \$20 via cash, card or check.

CHILDREN SINGING AT VIVIAN

During the Sunday School Hour, Sunday, October 29, our Elementary Sunday School classes will visit Viviant Healthcare during their Sunday school hour to share songs and a snack with residents. Teachers will escort them next door along the walking path.

YOUTH GROUP TRICK-CAN-TREATING

Sunday, October 29, Your Front Doorstep! This is an ALL YOUTH event you do not want to miss! We will be driving around some neighborhoods in the Charleston area doing a little bit of "Trick Can Treating"! Kids will be driven by youth leaders to different WPC households, where they will leave a bag (with information) to collect canned goods for the Lowcountry Food Bank! This is Trick or Treating with a twist, and a Westminster Presbyterian Youth Tradition that you do not want to miss! Please let Ms. Claire know if your child will be joining us. Permission slips will be sent accordingly! If you receive a bag, review the canned good list, fill up the bag with items and return to the front office. Thank you!

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 12 from 5:00 - 7:00pm and Wednesday, November 15 from 10:00 - 12:00pm.

Please RSVP by contacting Pastor Lissa mlong@wpccharleston.org.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Westminster Presbyterian Church sponsors an AA group Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in Covenant Hall room 3. If you or someone you know is seeking support, please feel free to share this information.

REGISTER NOW!

Please follow the Enews link to complete your family registration for the Bethelwoods Churchwide Retreat Friday, November 3 - Sunday, November 5! All ages are welcome! <https://forms.gle/4GEbpQGGvFJAQtaJA>

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SERVICE NOVEMBER 26

We are excited to announce that we will be having our Children's Sunday Service on November 26th at the 11:00 am service. Children in Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to help lead worship, sing songs of praise, and much more on this Sunday. There will be two opportunities to practice before the service: from 9:00 to 10:00 on November 12 in the Sunday School building, and at WINK on November 15 from 6:30-7:00 pm. Please click the link below to sign your child up to be in the Children's Sunday service. There are a variety of roles (speaking and non-speaking) so please take a look at the sign up for more information on ways that your child can be involved in Children's Sunday. If you have any questions, please send me an email at cwinkles@wpcharleston.org or give me a call at the church. I am looking forward to watching the children of Westminster be leaders in worship!

Link for signing up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44A4AB2AAAF5C52-44946746-childrens#/>

WORSHIP PREP

1st Graders, Sundays, October 1 - November 23, following Time for Children at 11:00 am worship service. One of the ways we keep the vows we make when our children are baptized is to give thought, effort and prayer to their participation in worship. Good worship experiences don't "just happen." If children feel loved, included and accepted in worship, it is because both the church and you have been faithful to their tasks. To that end, we will talk about where we worship, why we worship, how we worship and about prayer. We will also learn about both sacraments celebrated in the Presbyterian Church, Baptism and Communion. At least one parent or grandparent attends class with their child. If you have any questions, please call Dee Bee Wright at 843-729-7005.

ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST

We can't wait to see everyone at the Annual Oyster Roast on Wednesday, November 22! Worship begins at 6:00 to be followed by food and fellowship. Sides: Red Rice, Cole Slaw and Chips with S'Mores for dessert!

- Adult Oyster/Shrimp and Sides \$20
- Adult Hotdog/Chili and Sides \$10
- Children (4-11 years old) Hotdog/Chili and Sides \$5

WAYS TO SERVE & MISSION PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES

- Healing Farms is hosting their fall 'Believe in Possibility' banquet with Chris Norton as the speaker on **Tuesday, October 24** and we have a few seats left at the Westminster Table! If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office, office@wpcharleston.org.

If you are starting to think about holiday shopping for teachers, co-workers or clients, please look at the incredible products the Healing Farms participants help to create. HealingFarms.com/shop. There are salsas, honey bee products like lip balm, honey and candles and more!

- Water Missions - Walk for Water 2024 will be **Saturday, March 23, 2024**. If you are interested in helping WPC coordinate a team, please contact Dee Bee Wright, deebewright@comcast.net.

NEIGHBORS TOGETHER

Volunteer to help serve one of the hot meals during the week! We have a team who serves on the third Wednesday of the month, or you can register at www.neighborstogether.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women are continuing with our women's undergarment ministry for the Leeds Avenue Detention Center. Circles are asked to participate by donating a packet of white, regular briefs, in their own size so we get a variety of sizes for the Christmas collection. They can be dropped off at the church office until December 15. Should you have any questions, please contact Barbara Lundy at 843-607-2102.

This Week at Westminster

Sunday, October 22

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
11:20 am	Worship Prep for First Graders
4:00 pm	Club 3,4,5
5:00 pm	Mid High Youth
5:00 pm	Deacons Meeting
6:00 pm	Senior High Youth
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, October 23

Tuesday, October 24

7:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
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Wednesday, October 25

6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, October 26

Friday, October 27

Saturday, October 28

Sunday, October 29

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
11:20 am	Worship Prep for First Graders
5:00 pm	Youth Trick-Can-Treat
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

WESTMINSTER PRAYS

Cary Alexandre	Edward Fitzgibbon	Frances McLean	Jim Seay
Joyce Aydlette	Nikolai Fruth	John Martschink	Liz Shelor
Daryn Barker	Harold Fountain	Mary Martschink	Mark Stender
Mary Ashley Barbot	Terry Garrett	Christina Miller	Ginger Stoke
Gary Brooks	Charlotte Griggs	Love Moody	Pat Skees
Maryann Brown	Molly Griggs	Joe Nuchols	Rachel Singletary
Merrily Burnette	Bruce Hamilton	Libba Palmer	Judy Tag
Brian Carolow	Judy Hatch	Gary Payne	Bryan Thomas
Susie Cashion	Megan Hatfield	Nancy Plowden	Towne Family
Lydia Crosby	Jennifer Holladay	Suzy Pitsey	Gloria Underhill
Harper Croft	Rev. Chris Huff	Brayden Preus	Dick Unger
Sandi Daniels	Maurice Jackman	Monnie Privette	Maryalice Vann
Martin Davis	Brenda Jonsson	Reed Family	Nancy Waller
Rose Derrick	Mildred Kennerly	Charles Reeves	Lisa Wilcox
Cynthia Ebigwei	David Kerr	Nita Rodemann	Laura Wilson
Will Edwards	Fran Ligon	Gloria Ricoma	Robbie Yarnall
Bob Ferguson	Evan McMillian	Kevin Ritzel	Robin Zemp

PRAYER LIST UPDATED OCTOBER 2023

If you need to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please email Suzann at office@wpccharleston.org

College Student of the Week	Friend of the Week	Mission of the Week	Church Family
Lauren Smoak Student Box 50581 207 E. Maple Street Clinton, SC 29325-2993	Roy Nickles Benton House 1445 BlueWater Way Charleston, SC 29414	Hooks & Needles	Anna Spann -Lucia and Roman

WESTMINSTER SESSION MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES

Administration: Tom Whetstone and Matthew Patrick; **Buildings and Grounds:** Matt Teitsort and Randy Davis; **Christian Education:** Lindy Coleman and Laura Patrick; **Fellowship:** Jonathan Bazzle, Betsy McLaughlin, and Mike Niblock; **Finance:** Norman Hook and Chuck Towne; **Membership:** Beth Georgen and John Dounian; **Missions:** Dee Bee Wright and Mary McAbee; **Preschool:** Abbie Mobley; **Worship:** Allyn Bruce and Ashley Snider; **Clerk:** Carole Russell; **Assistant Clerk:** Lindy Coleman; **Treasurer:** Nancy Dixon; **Assistant Treasurer:** Patty Stokes

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