



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

Stewardship Dedication Sunday

October 15, 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 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

One: O Lord, satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
All: so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
One: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
All: and prosper for us the work of our hands.

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 33 Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Lord, you call us to follow you on a journey of discipleship, but we are not good followers. We prefer to be out front, plotting the course for ourselves and expecting you to bless everything we do. We praise you when you help us achieve our goals, but we don't readily seek out your will for our lives. Forgive us when we expect you to follow us.

◆ 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

Claire Winkles

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:1-17

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 165

SERMON

Great is God's Faithfulness: God Is Faithful to Call Us to Fellowship

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE No. 468

In My Life

[You are invited to place your card on the Communion Table as we sing]

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In our song, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In our song, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Today we commit our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

All: **We trust in you! Great is thy faithfulness!**

One: Today we renew our commitment to your Kingdom

All: **We trust in you! Great is thy faithfulness!**

One: Today we renew our commitment to be your disciples.

All: **We trust in you! Great is thy faithfulness!**

One: Use our commitments to glorify your name!

All: **We trust in you! Great is thy faithfulness!**

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. 826

Lift High The Cross

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: Eleanor Akery

Ushers: George McAbee, Mary McAbee, Graham Wade

The rosebud in the sanctuary is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Patrick Losson Head on September 26, 2023, son of Jimmy and Margaret Head.

THE 200TH BANNER IS FILLING UP WITH NAMES!

Every household that completes a 2024 Estimate of Giving card will have their last name written on the banner in the narthex. Already, every Elder, Deacon, and member of the Finance Committee is up there! 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 pledge 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 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 concluding our series about the Faithfulness of God and hopping back into the Gospel of Matthew.

October 15	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	God is faithful to call us to fellowship. <i>Stewardship Dedication Sunday</i>
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. Kids 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.

TRUNK OR TREAT THIS AFTERNOON!

Children, Youth, Family and Friends are invited at 4:00 pm, for a fun afternoon of Trunk & Treating in your Halloween costumes at Westminster. We are inviting you to park in the front parking lot and walk the carpool loop along the back of the Church Campus to visit all the trunks along the way. We are recruiting volunteers who are willing to decorate their trunk and pass out treats. Contact Claire Winkles for more information.

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.

DINNER AND A SPEAKER FOR WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY!

We can't wait to eat another meal from Mrs. Pamela! This week the menu is a garden salad, lima beans, pork loin, meatballs and gravy! Ice cream for dessert. Also, Bryan Adams from Metanoia will be sharing the good news about all that is happening with our mission partners. Adults \$7, kids \$4, family cap is \$20 and we take cash, check or card. See you Wednesday!

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@wpccharleston.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.

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/4GEbpQGGvFJAQraJA>

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.

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.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT NUMBERS

Mental Health Crisis Hotline 988

Community Resource and Support Hotline 211

My Sister's House (domestic abuse) 843-744-3242

AlAnon 843-762-6999

Narcotics Anonymous 843- 852-3001

Wake-Up Carolina (support for families and individuals battling substance abuse) 843- 972-8154

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.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Soap bars, toothpaste, individually packaged toothbrushes, deodorant

This Week at Westminster

Sunday, October 15

Stewardship Dedication Sunday

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
11:20 am	Worship Prep for First Graders
3:30 pm	All Youth Groups assisting in Trunk or Treat
4:00 pm	Trunk or Treat
6:00 pm	Session Meeting
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, October 16

6:30 pm	Circle 1 Meeting in Library
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Tuesday, October 17

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
7:00 pm	Handbell Choir

Wednesday, October 18

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

Thursday, October 19

Friday, October 20

Saturday, October 21

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

WESTMINSTER PRAYS

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

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
Andrew Smoak Charleston Southern University 9200 University Blvd. N. Charleston, SC 29406-9121	Fran Morat 1623 Dickens St. Charleston, SC 29407	Metanoia 2005 Reynolds Ave. N. Charleston, SC 29405	Thomas & Christie Spangenberg

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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