



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

November 19, 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. 408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

FROM PSALM 100

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

**All: Know that the Lord is God! He made us and we are his.
We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise!

All: Give thanks to the Lord and bless his name!

One: For the Lord is good. His steadfast love endures forever,
his faithfulness to all generations!

All: Let us worship God.

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 645 Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Merciful God, we are disciples who are not disciplined, children who have forgotten their Father, sheep who have strayed from the shepherd. Forgive us when we refuse to be who you call us to be or do what you call us to do. Give us a new understanding of who we are, and help us to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ who loves us and laid down his life for us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

◆ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE

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

Matthew 18:10-14

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 20

SERMON

The Lost Sheep

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 187

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

◆ DECLARATION OF FAITH

FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

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. 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING AND RESPONSE

All Singing:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY

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

Ushers: George McAbee*, Mary McAbee, Graham Wade

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.

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CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Next Sunday, November 26, we are so glad to have the children of Westminster sharing the leadership for different parts of the 11:00 worship service. They will greet, usher, sing, and lead portions of the prayers and liturgy. At both services, Pastor Daniel, Pastor Lissa, and Ms. Claire will share a special three-part message titled "What We Tell the New People." It is an explanation of and compelling invitation to join in the mission of the church: "We are called to be and to make disciples who love God and who love our neighbors."

PRACTICE FOR CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

This Tuesday Nov. 21st from 4:00-5:00 p.m. there will be a practice opportunity in the sanctuary for children with speaking roles, as well as a final mandatory practice on Sunday Nov. 26th in the sanctuary from 10:00-10:30 a.m. If your child has not been able to attend any practices, please reach out to Ms. Claire.

CONNECT WITH GLOBAL MISSIONS

Pray for the Smoak Family! Daniel, Amy, and Matthew are traveling to Brazil in December to visit with WPC mission partners Felipe and Laura Matias. They will learn more about The Lighthouse ministry to kids in the slums of Sao Paulo and explore options for future teams from Westminster to share in that ministry.

THE 200TH BANNER IS FILLING UP WITH NAMES!

Every household that completes a 2024 Estimate of Giving card is 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 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 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.



ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST

We can't wait to see everyone at the Annual Oyster Roast this Wednesday, November 22! Worship begins at 6:00 to be followed by food. Today is the last day to purchase tickets.

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

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.

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.

GIFT MAKING WORKSHOP!

We invite children in first-fifth grade to join us on December 2nd from 10:00-11:30 in Covenant Hall to create and wrap gifts for their loved ones. If you would like to sign up your child for this event or if you are interested in hosting a gift making table, please find the sign ups for this event on our church website! You can also reach out to Ms. Claire at cwinkles@wpccharleston.org with any questions about this event. We hope to see!

ANGEL TREE

Westminster's goal this year is to provide gifts to 125 students at Mary Ford Early Childhood Center. All of the children are between the ages of 4-5. Please select an angel in the narthex, and place your name on the sign-up sheet indicating your selection. (i.e. boy or girl along with the age of the child selected.) This information is provided on the angel. Put your unwrapped gifts in a gift bag and bring them to the church by December 10th. Please affix your angel on the gift bag as that becomes the gift tag for your child's gift.

SAMS MEPKIN ABBEY CRÈCHE FESTIVAL TRIP

Choose Your Date: Nov. 29th or Dec. 1st Each year Mepkin Abbey hosts an extensive collection of crèches from around the globe focused on a specific theme. This year's theme is: *We Are Nativity: Celebrating the Many Faces of the Nativity, accented with fabric*. We have made reservations for 20 for each date, and plans are to take the church bus both days to ensure we all arrive at our reserved time. We will meet at the church at 9:15 to ensure we make our 10:30 reservations. Lunch reservations will be at a restaurant in Moncks Corner. Signup sheets are on the bulletin board in the administration hall. Last date to sign up is Sunday, November 26th. Call or text (843-442-5276) Carole Russell with any questions.

SAMS CHRISTMAS DROP-IN

Save the Date! Sunday, December 3 from 4 pm - 6 pm. 43 South Hampton Dr. Bring your favorite holiday savory or sweet treat to share...if coming later than 4:00, drop off in Covenant Hall kitchen Sunday morning, and we will take it over for you, so it will be there at the beginning of the drop-in. Call or text (843-442-5276) Carole Russell with any questions.

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.

GIFT OF WARMTH

Our mission partner, Mary Ford Early Childhood Center, is looking to help students keep warm on the playground. Needs include new outer clothing (coats, sweaters, gloves, caps, and socks) sizes 2T-Children 8. Clothing can be dropped off in baskets located in the narthex. Thank you!

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.

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.

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FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Soap bars, toothpaste, individually packaged toothbrushes, and deodorant

COMMUNITY SUPPORT NUMBERS

Mental Health Crisis Hotline 988

Community Resource and Support Hotline 211

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

Al-Anon (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.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, November 19

9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
11:20 am Worship Prep for First Graders
12:00 pm Chicken After Church
2:15 pm Youth Top Golf
5:00 pm Mid-High Youth
5:00 pm Diaconate Meeting
6:00 pm Session Meeting
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, November 20

Tuesday, November 22

10:00 am Staff Meeting
4:00 pm Children's Sunday Practice

Wednesday, November 24

6:00 pm Thanksgiving Service
6:30 pm Oyster Roast
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day
Church Office Closed

Friday, November 24

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 25

Sunday, November 26

9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am No Pre-K to 5th grade Sunday School
Final practice for Children's Sunday in the Sanctuary
11:00 am Children's Sunday Worship Service
5:00-7:00 pm All Youth Led Parent's Night Out
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

WESTMINSTER PRAYS

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

PRAYER LIST UPDATED NOVEMBER 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
Robert M. Dounian USC Mail #84320 1300 Wheat St. Columbia, SC 29225	Nancy Wells Wichmann 119 Riverland Dr. Charleston, SC 29412	Journey & EmpowHer Campus Ministries	Tim and Sandy Pennekamp Mark and Stephani Peterson - Hailey and Kayten

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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