



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

January 28, 2024

11:00 am

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

ROBERT HOWELL

## ◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM ISAIAH 40

One: Do you not know? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
All: **He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.**  
One: He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.  
Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;  
All: **But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.**  
**They will soar on wings like eagles;**  
**They will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.**

## ◆ INVOCATION

## ◆ HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

## ◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, in your presence we cannot hide the condition of our hearts. You know our deepest secrets- the areas of our lives we have not released to you. It is easier not to change, but you have called us to holiness. Create in us the desire to leave our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds behind. Forgive us, and transform our hearts. In the power of the Holy Spirit, we want to live for you.

## ◆ SILENT CONFESSION

## ◆ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

One: Hear the Good News!  
Anyone in Christ is a new creation.  
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come!  
All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**  
**Alleluia! Amen!**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

◆ SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ,  
Let us forgive one another.  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
All: And also with you.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Administered to Patrick Losson Head, son of Jimmy and Margaret Head.  
Graham Wade, assisting Elder.*

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen

TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

Claire Winkles

*Following Children's Time, children ages 2-3K (Wee Church) and 4-5 K (Children's Church) will gather  
in the narthex with adult leaders and then be led to the Children's Building.  
Parents may pick them up following the service.*

*They shall soar like eagles; rise up and soar like eagles. They who wait upon the Lord shall not be weary.  
They shall never stumble, but gain new strength and power, they who wait upon the Lord.  
Those who are weary and burdened with sorrow need not despair there is hope for tomorrow.  
God will be there each time you call on Him.*

## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 19:16-30

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## SERMON

The Perils of Being Rich!

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

## PASTORAL 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**

◆ HYMN NO. 765 May the God of Hope Go with Us

ARGENTINA

## ◆ BENEDICTION

◆ POSTLUDE Paean

ROY E. NOLTE

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◆ *Please stand, if able***LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:** Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Lissa Long, Pastor; Sarah Shayban, Music.

Acolyte: Eddie Klingshirn, Clarkson Wade

Children's Church: Jodie Almeida and Liliya Davis

Wee Church: Ashleigh and Mark Patrick

Ushers: Nathan Ward \*, Taffy Tamblyn, Susana Comte-Walters, Jim Frye

11:00 am Livestream at [www.wpccharleston.org](http://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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## 41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!  
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,  
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,  
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?  
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:  
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,  
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;  
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;  
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,  
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.  
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

## 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

## The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)  
 Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> Am7 B<sup>b</sup> Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

# May the God of Hope Go with Us 765

## Song of Hope / Canto de esperanza



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our  
*¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en*



lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us  
*cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -*



on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.  
*nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.*



Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;  
*O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.*



work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.  
*Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.*

This Argentine folk melody sets Spanish and English words, both created by a PC(USA) missionary with much Latin American experience. The two versions complement each other: the Spanish text offering a prayer to God, and the English one providing inspiration for the singers.

TEXT: Alvin Schutmaat, 1984  
MUSIC: Argentine folk melody

ARGENTINA  
11.11.11.11 with refrain

## **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. Want to get involved? Fill out and return a "Using Your Gifts" form in the Friendship Register.



## **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.

## **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](http://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](http://wpccharleston.org).

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

## **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.

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** has been called for Sunday, February 4 immediately following the 11:00 worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to review the financial reports from 2023, review the Session-approved budget for 2024, and in accordance with G-2.0804/G-1.0501 review and vote on changes in the terms of call for our pastors. We will also convene briefly for a **Meeting of the Corporation**. There is no business, but an annual meeting is required by SC law.

## **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 February 4. 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 February 4 Connections class by emailing [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org).

## **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY**

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship January 31, for Backpack Buddies! Our dinner menu will be Taco Night and Dessert. See you at 6:00 p.m. Adults \$7, children \$4 and a family cap of \$20 via cash, card or check.

## CHRISTIANITY 101 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

10:00 - 10:45 a.m. in Covenant Hall, January 14- April 28

Join Pastor Lissa in walking through the highlights of being a Christian Disciple in the Presbyterian Church. We will walk through PCUSA polity, worship, sacraments, discipleship and so much more all to prepare us for writing and sharing our statements of faith with one another.

## READ GOOD BOOKS IN 2024!

Join Pastor Daniel in reading any (or all!) of these books in 2024. A variety of topics, authors, and genres, the choices are designed to stimulate the heart and mind and be a catalyst for growth in discipleship. Read each in preparation for the group discussion at 5:00 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every other month. Books may be purchased online or at church (\$5 for *Carved in Ebony*)

- On February 25<sup>th</sup> we'll discuss Jasmine Holmes's *Carved in Ebony: Lessons from the Black Women Who Shape Us*. This book is about lesser-known Black women who were shining beacons of devotion in a world that did not value their lives. They worked to change laws, built schools, spoke to thousands, shared the Gospel around the world. And while history books may have forgotten them, their stories can teach us so much about what it means to be modern men and women of faith. \*A Young Reader's edition (ages 9-12) is available.
- On April 28<sup>th</sup> we'll discuss Philip Yancey's *The Jesus I Never Knew*.
- On June 23<sup>rd</sup> we'll discuss Elizabeth Speare's *The Bronze Bow*. \*This is a great book for readers as young as 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- On August 25<sup>th</sup> we'll discuss Kaitlyn Schiess's *The Ballot and the Bible: How Scripture Has Been Used and Abused in American Politics and Where We Go From Here*.
- On October 27<sup>th</sup> we'll discuss Skye Jethani's *What if Jesus Was Serious about Heaven*.
- On December 22<sup>nd</sup> we'll discuss Keith and Kristyn Getty's *Sing!*

## FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT: We're studying the Gospel of Matthew.

January 28	Matthew 19:16-30	The Perils of Being Rich
February 4	Matthew 20:1-28	Striving to Finish Last
February 11	Matthew 20:29-34	Helping Us See Clearly

## NEW TIME(S) FOR YOUTH GROUP!

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. All Youth Dinner\*

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Middle & High School meet in separate spaces

On Sundays at 5:00 p.m., all Middle and High School youth will arrive at the same time. We will all sit down together to enjoy a meal and catch up before we break off into our separate rooms.

From 5:00-5:30 p.m. we will do dinner and then from 5:30-6:30 p.m. we will break off into separate groups (mid-high and Senior High) with youth leaders to do an age appropriate and fun typical bible study and games setting. Senior High kids will meet in the senior high room and middle high kids will be in either the mid-high Sunday school room or Covenant Hall if room is limited. \*If you have signed up to provide dinner for the youth, please make note that dinner will need to be ready to serve by 4:45 p.m. Thank you!

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Sunday, February 11 will be the day millions will watch the 2024 Super Bowl. There will be parties filled with snacks and fellowship. There will also be millions of people who do not watch the game and do not have snacks to share. Their pantries are empty and a life of food insecurity will continue. Each year, around the time of the Super Bowl football game, Souper Bowl of Caring mobilizes youth to collect dollars and cans for hunger-relief organizations in their local communities. 100% of the money they collect goes directly to the charity of their choice. None of the money comes to the national headquarters. Please mark your calendars to bring a donation of canned goods or a financial donation for the Youth of WPC to collect following worship services on February 11. All of the donations will go directly to assisting people with food insecurities in our community.



## MUSIC NEWS

We give thanks for the ministry of three excellent musicians who are working together to plan and enhance our worship experiences. Nancy Parrish plays the piano for the 9:00 services on Sunday; Sarah Shayban directs the sanctuary choir and bell choir and plays the organ at the 11:00 service. Robin Zemp is involved in planning and coordinating as his health limits his ability to be physically present on campus. You can be involved: singing with the choir or providing special music at the 9:00 service. Reach out to [rzemp@wpccharleston.org](mailto:rzemp@wpccharleston.org).

## SENIOR HIGHS CHICKEN AFTER CHURCH TODAY

Sunday, January 28, 12:00 p.m. at Kickin' Chicken. High School Youth are invited to walk across the street to Kickin' Chicken for a meal after 11:00 a.m. worship. We will have "Chicken after Church" one Sunday a month. We hope to see our high school youth there!

## GLOBAL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES!

We are so glad for growing Global Partnerships at Westminster.

Ø In **Guatemala**, the Presbyterian Church is renewing their commitment to building the LaPatria School. We're discerning the part we might play in that good work.

Ø In **Mexico**, we're learning about the Cistern Ministry of Todd Luke in the Yucatan. Todd works with local families in building rainwater cisterns so families can have a year-round supply of safe water. The church identifies the needs and works alongside families and mission teams to construct needed cisterns. Pastor Daniel and Ms. Claire are leading a team of older students (who missed the opportunity for global mission because of Covid) July 1-6, 2024.

Ø In **Brazil**, we partner with Felipe and Laura Mathias in their ministry to the children in the slums of Sao Paulo. Life in the slums is hard, but the Lighthouse is a beacon of hope where children can learn about Jesus and experience the love God has for them. Pastor Priscilla Holtzclaw is leading a team of adults July 17-24, 2024.

To indicate your interest in being a team member, speak with Pastor Daniel or Pastor Priscilla. The total cost of each trip is about \$1900, and the cost will be divided between participant contribution, the church's Global Mission Fund, and group fundraising.

## GIFT OF WARMTH

Our mission partner, Mary Ford Early Childhood Center, is looking to help students keep warm on the playground. Needs include new or VERY gently used 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.neighborstogethersc.org](http://www.neighborstogethersc.org). Email Jim Frye at [fecr1@yahoo.com](mailto:fecr1@yahoo.com) to receive emails about our regular Wednesday group.

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Soap bars, toothpaste, individually packaged toothbrushes, and deodorant

## 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.

## 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

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, January 28

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Chicken After Church Senior High
5:00 pm	All Youth Discipleship
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Monday, January 29

### Tuesday, January 30

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

### Wednesday, January 31

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

### Thursday, February 1

### Friday, February 2

### Saturday, February 3

### Sunday, February 4

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
4:00 pm	Club 3,4,5
5:00 pm	All Youth Discipleship
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

## WESTMINSTER PRAYS

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

## PRAYER LIST UPDATED JANUARY 2024

If you need to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please email Suzann at [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org)

College Student of the Week	Friend of the Week	Mission of the Week	Church Family
Sadie Wood 1300 Wheat Street Columbia, SC 29201	Eleanor Grayson 201 W. 9 <sup>th</sup> North Street Unit 19 Summerville, SC 29483	Water Missions International 1150 Molly Greene Way Building 1605 North Charleston, SC 29405	Andy & Baillie Anderson - Charlotte

## 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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