



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

January 7, 2024

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

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Blessed Jesus, at your word
we have come again to hear you;
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
and in glowing faith be near you.
By your gospel true and holy,
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

FROM PSALM 63

One: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

All: **So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.**

One: Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

All: **So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.**

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Dear Lord, we acknowledge the depth of our sin and brokenness. Our default setting is selfishness, and we have grown accustomed to and are most comfortable when we consider our interests before all else. Even when we realize our shortcomings, we lack the capacity for true and meaningful change.

Lord, please do not leave us as we are! Through your Spirit, open us to the power of the resurrection, that we might be born again into a new life of service to you and to our neighbors.

We start with these moments of silence, confessing before you anything that keeps us from walking in the light of your grace.

◆ SILENT PRAYER

◆ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

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!

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE

We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

◆ PASSING THE 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.**

Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbor

THE WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

Janie Bruce

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:15-20

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 20

SERMON

When Someone Sins Against You

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

◆ DECLARATION OF FAITH

FROM THE NICENE CREED (381)

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

◆ COMMUNION SONG NO. 306 Blest Be the Tie that Binds

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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. 612 We Praise You, O God

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

Please stand, if able

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY

Daniel Smoak, 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: Thomas Robinson
Ushers: Dee Bee Wright*, John Wright, Robinson Family

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to share in the bread and the cup. Elders will serve the congregation in the pew with bread and juice. WPC is a safe place for those in recovery- we serve grape juice only. Gluten free is available. Children are invited to the table provided they've had instruction at home or in Westminster's worship prep class (1st grade).

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.

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

We're hopping back into the Gospel of Matthew.

- January 7 Matthew 18:15-20 When Someone Sins Against You
- January 14 Matthew 18:21-35 Mercy!

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 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.

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.

2024 GIVING

If you would like 2024 Giving Envelope sets, they are on the shelf in the administrative hall.

2023 Giving Statements can be accessed through your online Realm account. If you need to have it printed for pick up or mailed, please contact the church office. If you have any questions or need any information, please don't hesitate to call Tommye Owen at 843-766-8311, ext 105 or finance@wpccharleston.org. Thank you for your faithful and generous support of the missions and ministry of Westminster.

For online givers, please make sure to update your "giving fund" to 2024 pledge starting in January. This is particularly important if you have set up for automatic weekly or monthly giving.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship January 10! Our dinner menu will be Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, and Dessert. See you at 6:00 p.m. Adults \$7, Children \$4 and a family cap of \$20 via cash, card or check.

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 4th Sunday of every other month. Books may be purchased online or at church (\$5 for *Carved in Ebony*.)

- **On February 25th** 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 28th** we'll discuss Philip Yancey's *The Jesus I Never Knew*.
- **On June 23rd** we'll discuss Elizabeth Speare's *The Bronze Bow*. *This is a great book for readers as young as 6th grade.
- **On August 25th** 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 27th** we'll discuss Skye Jethani's *What if Jesus Was Serious about Heaven*.
- **On December 22nd** we'll discuss Keith and Kristyn Getty's *Sing!*

WE ARE SCHEDULING SPECIAL MUSIC FOR THE 9:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Do you sing or play an instrument? Young people and old, beginners and those with experience, we know you are out there with gifts to share. God is praised when you use your gifts and when the church intentionally develops worship leaders. If you'd like to be on the schedule for the coming months, please reach out to Pastor Daniel at dsmoak@wpccharleston.org.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK

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!

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!

COLLECTING CANDLES FOR MIDDLETON PLACE

Have used candles that you would like to donate to repurpose? There is a box in the Narthex for them! These will go to Middleton Place for their candle making workshops. Contact Carole Russell for questions 843-442-5376.

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. Email Jim Frye at fecr1@yahoo.com to receive emails about our regular Wednesday group.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Soap bars, small toothpaste tubes, 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

Narcotics Anonymous (843) 852-3001

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

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, January 7

9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
Pause & Refresh in Covenant Hall
11:00 am Worship Service
12:45 pm Worship Committee Meeting
4:30 pm Confirmation Youth Return
5:00 pm All Youth Discipleship
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, January 8

10:00 am Hooks and Needles
11:30 am Ministers Presbyterian Village Luncheon

Tuesday, January 9

8:00 am Men's Bible Study Breakfast Meeting
10:00 am Staff Meeting
10:00 am Circle 4 Meeting
10:00 am Circle 5 Meeting
7:00 pm Handbell rehearsal

Wednesday, January 10

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

Thursday, January 11

1:00 pm SAMS Steering Committee Meeting

Friday, January 12

Saturday, January 13

10:00 am Charleston Area Multiple Myeloma Group

Sunday, January 14

9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:00 pm Second Sunday Lunch
5:00 pm Mid-High and Senior Youth
6:00 pm Stated Session Meeting
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

WESTMINSTER PRAYS

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

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	Harriet DaSilva 201 W. 9 th North Street Unit 149 Summerville, SC 29483	Neighbors Together 2105 Cosgrove Avenue North Charleston, SC 29405	Jerry & Sue Acker

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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