



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

February 11, 2024

9:00 am

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. 157 I Danced in the Morning

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

FROM PSALM 146

One: Praise the LORD! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

All: **I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

One: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is not salvation.

All: **When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.**

One: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

All: **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.**

One: The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

All: **The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

One: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

All: **Praise the LORD!**

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

One: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

All: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin!

One: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**All: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**

One: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

All: Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

One: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

All: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

One: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my inequities.

All: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

◆ 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 NO. 447

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

Claire Winkles

SPECIAL MUSIC

Here I Am, Lord
Claire Winkles

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 20: 29-34

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SERMON

What Do You Want Me to Do For You?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 806

I'll Praise My Maker

◆ DECLARATION 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

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. 307

God of Grace and Glory

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY: Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Lissa Long, Pastor; Nancy Parrish, Music.

Acolytes: Catherine Patrick/Riley Gentry

Ushers: Matt Akery, Joe Jeter, Laura Nunn

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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The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nancy McCoy Waller by her family.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 14

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. It's called Ash Wednesday because as a sign of repentance, believers through the centuries have received the mark of an ashen cross on their forehead. The ashes remind us of God's words to Adam when he sinned- "remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," and it reminds us of the Old Testament practice of wearing sackcloth and having ashes placed on the head as a sign of spiritual poverty. On February 14, there are several opportunities to gather.

8:00- 8:15 a.m. & 12:15-12:30 p.m.

Brief gatherings in the sanctuary to pray and be marked with the ashes of repentance.

6:30 -7:15 p.m.

Ash Wednesday worship where we hear God's word of hope and are marked with the ashes of repentance. In Covenant Hall following 6:00 supper.

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.

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. 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. We just hosted a Connections Class last week, and the next one will be announced soon.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The Westminster Family is expanding! Welcome to these friends who will be recognized during the 11:00 service today.

-Alex and Joyce Nelson (sons, Parker and Patrick)

-Jason and Amy McCabe

-Suzanne Elliot

-Holly Martin

We are so glad to welcome you and serve together.

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.

TODAY IS SCOUT SUNDAY IN RECOGNITION OF THE SCOUTS OF PACK AND TROOP 79

The Scouting program at Westminster is more than just an activity for youth to learn about the outdoors. Scouting provides fun, fellowship, and training to our youth as well as youth in our community. It emphasizes honesty, self-reliance, and respect. Through a year-round program, it affects character, citizenship, and personal fitness. But the success of our Scouting depends on our volunteers, who serve in a variety of leadership roles so that our young people may benefit from our Scouting ministry. Today at 2:00 pm the Scouts will have a Court of Honor Ceremony in the Sanctuary. Westminster is invited to attend to watch the Scouts receive their honors.

SOUPER BOWL & SECOND SUNDAY TODAY

As we gear up for the biggest football night of the year, Souper Bowl of Caring mobilizes youth to collect dollars and cans for hunger-relief organizations in their local communities. The money that Westminster raises will be utilized to feed the community members who receive bags from the Westminster Food Pantry and Backpack Buddies here at church! Please bring a donation of canned goods or a financial donation for the Youth of WPC to collect following worship services on February 11th, and bring a side for our Second Sunday Luncheon. All proceeds collected at Second Sunday will go towards the Souper Bowl of Caring at Westminster as well!

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship February 14! Our dinner menu will be Salad, Chicken Bog, Vegetable 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 good 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.

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

February 11	Matthew 20:29-34	Helping Us See Clearly
February 18	Matthew 21:1-11	The King Has Come
February 25	Matthew 21:12-17	Clearing the Temple
March 3	Matthew 21:18-32	Bearing Fruit
March 10	Matthew 21:33-46	From Praise to Rejection

GLOBAL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES!

We are so glad for growing Global Partnerships at Westminster.

☉ 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.

☉ 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 1-7, 2024.

☉ 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, come to informational meetings or 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.

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!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY GROUP:

This Thursday, February 15, 1 pm in Covenant Hall. We will have lunch (provided, \$7 each). Our speakers are from the Wild Bird Store, and will tell us how to prepare for bluebirds and other backyard guests this spring! All are welcome!

WOMEN'S BIBLICAL BOOK CLUB

Join our Women's Biblical Book Club beginning Wednesday, February 21 in the Church Parlor from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm for a 6 week study as we begin reading *Having a MaryHeart in a Martha World* by Joanna Weaver. This is an invitation for every woman who has ever felt she isn't godly enough, isn't loving enough, or isn't doing enough. The book stems from Luke 10:38-42. Please join us as we deepen our devotion, strengthen our service and do both with less stress and greater joy. You may begin reading the first two chapters before the class begins. Call Brenda Clarey (843) 364-3429 if you plan to attend. We have ordered 8 copies if you wish to reserve one or you may order yourself. The cost is approximately \$10.50.

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.neighborstogether.org. Email Jim Frye at 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

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

Community Resource and Support Hotline 211

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, February 11

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Second Sunday Lunch
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

SouperBowl of Caring

Monday, February 12

10:00 am	Hooks and Needles
11:30 am	Ministers Presbyterian Village Luncheon
6:00 pm	Congregational Nominating Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 13

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

Wednesday, February 14

8:00 a.m.	Ash Wednesday Prayer Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Prayer Sanctuary
6:00 pm.	Wonderful Wednesday
6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship Covenant Hall
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Ash Wednesday

Thursday, February 15

1:00 pm	SAMS Group Luncheon Covenant Hall
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Friday, February 16

Saturday, February 17

Sunday, February 18

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	All Youth Discipleship
5:00 pm	Diaconate Meeting
6:00 pm	Session Meeting
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

SAVE THE DATES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH!

Westminster's children and youth have a lot of great opportunities for growing in discipleship and having fun! Please be sure to mark your calendars for the following events!

Children's Ministries Dates to look forward to!

- 2-21-24 WINK! Children of ages 3 and up are invited to participate in WiNK from 6:30-7:00
- 3-23-24 Easter Egg Hunt at Westminster from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Youth Dates to look forward to!

- 2-11-24 No Youth Group due to Super Bowl
- 3-10-24 Youth Oscars Party at Ms. Dee Bee's House!
- 3-23-24 All Youth Help with Easter Egg Hunt! More details to follow!
- 3-24-24 Confirmation Sunday for 7th and 8th grade youth!

Youth and Children's Ministry Summer Dates to note:

- 6-23-24 through 6-27-24 Vacation Bible School at WPC!
- 6-9-24 through 6-15-24 Sr. High Montreat Retreat
- July 14-19 Middle School CROSS Mission Trip in Charlotte N.C.
- 7-21-24 through 7-27-24 Westminster's Week at Bethelwoods!

WESTMINSTER PRAYS

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

PRAYER LIST UPDATED FEBRUARY 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

Skyler Frasier
Winthrop University
Post Office Box 8185
2020 Alumni Drive
Rock Hill, SC 29733

Friend of the Week

Lynn Koger
129 Chadwick Drive
Charleston, SC 29407

Mission of the Week

Food Pantry
Westminster

Church Family

Brittany Austin
Byron & Halley Autry
-“Gigi” & Anne

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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