



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

## The First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 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 #468

In My Life

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.

#### ◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

FROM PSALM 118

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness  
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**All: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

One: This is the day that the LORD has made;

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

One: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

**All: We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

One: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will praise you.

**All: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

#### ◆ PRAYER

#### ◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 25

O Lord, Our God, How Excellent

## CONFESSION

### ◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Dear Lord, we confess our fleeting allegiance to you. When things are going well or we need a special favor, we are glad to declare your goodness and grace. Yet, when you are calling us out of our comfort zones and into deeper discipleship, our commitment wavers. Forgive us when we try to use you for the construction of our little kingdoms instead of following you in the way of your Kingdom.

### ◆ SONG OF CONFESSION You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!

You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!

You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

### ◆ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

### ◆ SONG OF RESPONSE The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

### ◆ 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

All Hail the King of Heaven  
*Chris Dorsel*

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:1-11

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 23

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

◆ 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. 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

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

Ushers: Dee Bee Wright, John Wright, Graham Wade

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.

Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from CCLI License #2778901

## 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. The next Connections Class is scheduled for April 14.

## A WORD ABOUT LENT

Today is the First Sunday in LENT. The word *lent* is from the Anglo-Saxon *lencten* which means *spring* or the *springtime*. Literally, it means the time of the year when the days *lengthen*. In the church, Lent is the 40 day period during which Christians rededicate themselves to follow Jesus Christ as His faithful disciples, and prepare to celebrate the Lord's resurrection at Easter. Many Christians vow to give up things (like desserts or TV) during Lent so that when they desire those things, they are reminded of their relationship with the Lord. Other Christians choose to take up something (like daily prayer or acts of kindness) during Lent to strengthen their faith. We're reading the bible together during LENT. The reading schedule, also with readings from *The Jesus Storybook Bible* for children is available in the Narthex. This week:

### (Adults and Youth)

February 18 *Catch-up on your reading*  
February 19 Genesis 11  
February 20 Genesis 12-21  
February 21 Genesis 22  
February 22 Genesis 29-30  
February 23 Genesis 37-46  
February 24 Exodus 3-13  
February 25 *Catch-up on your reading*

### (The Jesus Storybook Bible)

February 18 *Catch-up on your reading*  
February 19 A giant staircase to heaven  
February 20 Son of Laughter  
February 21 The present  
February 22 The girl no one wanted  
February 23 The forgiving prince  
February 24 God to the rescue  
February 25 *Catchup on your reading*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The Westminster Family is expanding! Welcome to Collin and Grace Clair who will be recognized during the 11:00 service today. 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](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.

## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship February 21, with Mary Ford Faculty and Staff! Our dinner menu will be Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Pork Loin, 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 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.

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

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|-------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 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, fill out the online application by Sunday, February 25.** (See the ENEWS) 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.

### **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.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

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 18

|          |                           |
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| 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 |

### Monday, February 19

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| 6:00 pm | Congregational Nominating Committee Meeting |
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### Tuesday, February 20

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| 10:00 am | Staff Meeting |
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### Wednesday, February 21

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| 1:00 pm | Women's Biblical Book Club CH Room 4 |
| 6:00 pm | Wonderful Wednesday                  |
| 6:30 pm | WINK!                                |
| 7:00 pm | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal            |
| 7:00 pm | AA Meeting, Covenant Hall            |

### Thursday, February 22

### Friday, February 23

### Saturday, February 24

### Sunday, February 25

|          |                            |
|----------|----------------------------|
| 9:00 am  | Worship Service            |
| 10:00 am | Sunday School              |
| 11:00 am | Worship Service            |
| 5:00 pm  | All Youth Discipleship     |
| 5:00 pm  | Carved in Ebony Book Group |
| 7:00 pm  | AA Meeting, Covenant Hall  |

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## 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!**

- 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](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org)

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| <b>College Student of the Week</b> | <b>Friend of the Week</b> | <b>Mission of the Week</b> | <b>Church Family</b> |
| Molly Kerr                         | Heather MacInnes          | Metanoia                   | Krissie Axon         |
| 15 Kelsey Lane                     | 504 Shem Butler Court     | 2005 Reynolds Avenue       | - David and Will     |
| Bluffton, SC 29910-4556            | Charleston, SC 29414      | North Charleston, SC 29406 |                      |

### 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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