



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

*Please greet each other warmly as the congregation gathers for worship.
Take a moment and sign the friendship register.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

This Joyful Eastertide

CHARLES EVANS

◆ SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:1-9

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◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
One: Sin and death shall reign no more.
All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
One: You have turned our mourning into dancing.
All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
One: Let this place resound with joy.
All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
One: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God!

◆ INVOCATION

◆ HYMN NO. 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave you have shown your power to deliver us from sin and death and to renew all creation. We confess that we still fall into doubt and fear. We continue to cling to selfish ways and doubt your power to make all things new. Forgive our lack of faith. Have mercy on our weakness. Raise us from the death of sin that we may live with Christ in the joy of his resurrection, now and forever.

◆ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

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

◆ SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

One: Christ is risen!
 All: He is risen indeed!

Please greet your neighbors

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.*

ANTHEM

Alleluia! My Redeemer Lives
 Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

BENJAMIN HARLAN

The congregation is invited to join in singing verses 1 and 3.

**I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this assurance gives;
 He lives, He lives, who once was dead. He lives, my ever-living head.**

He lives, triumphant from the grave. He lives eternally to save.
 He lives exalted, throned above. He lives to rule His church in love.

**He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same.
 What comfort this assurance gives; I know that my Redeemer lives.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 3:1-17

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SERMON

Is it True? Is it Good?

Pastor Daniel

◆ HYMN

In Christ Alone

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◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: O Death, where is your victory?
O Death, where is your sting?

All: Christ has risen! Death is swallowed up in victory!

One: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

All: Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ!

One: The Lord has risen.

All: He has risen indeed! Alleluia!

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

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. 238

Thine is the Glory!

JUDAS MACCABEUS

◆ BENEDICTION

◆ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hallelujah! (Messiah)
Sanctuary Choir

G.F. HANDEL

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever. King of kings and Lord of lords.

◆ POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso

G.F. HANDEL

◆ *Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY

Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Lissa Long, Pastor; Sarah Shayban, Music;

Susan Messersmith, *trumpet*

Jonathan Kammer, *saxophone*

Vincent Kirsten, *horn*

Chris Lindgren, *trombone*

Angie Loizides, *violin*

Ava Whitener, *violin*

Cyle Tang, *viola*

Norbert Lewandowski, *cello*

Acolytes: Emma Camburn and Aurora Davis

Children's Church: Dee Bee and John Wright

Wee Church: Kendall and Greg Ramsay

Ushers: 9:00 am -George McAbee, Mary McAbee, Dan Klingshirn, Graham Wade

Ushers: 11:00 am -John Dounian + son, Lou Bowers, Alissa & Jack Ferguson or Debby & Bob Ferguson

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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FLOWERS ON EASTER SUNDAY!

Christ's resurrection brings new life to the whole world—it is the beginning of the restoration of all things! Even the terrible, rugged cross, the instrument of Jesus' death, can become an emblem of new life in Christ. A cross is located at the front of the sanctuary, and you are invited to bring a flower or use the flowers provided to decorate it. You're welcome to take pictures; the cross will be relocated outside after the 11:00 service.

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. The next Connections Class is April 14. 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 April 14 Connections class by emailing office@wpccharleston.org.

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.

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 *The Jesus I Never Knew*)

- On April 28th we'll discuss Philip Yancey's *The Jesus I Never Knew*. From the manger in Bethlehem to the cross in Jerusalem, Yancey presents a complex character who generates questions as well as answers—a disturbing and exhilarating Jesus who wants to radically transform your life and stretch your faith. We'll cut through some preconceptions and cultural appropriations of the most important person who ever lived.
- 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*.

SAMS TRIP TO CYPRESS GARDENS APRIL 18, 2024

Save the date! SAMs will visit Cypress Gardens in Moncks Corner on April 18. We will meet at the church to carpool 9:30 am, travel to Moncks Corner and spend 2 hours touring the many attractions: Butterfly House, Bird Exhibits, Heirloom Garden, Swamp Tour, and more! Tours are self-guided so you can spend your time where your interests lead you. We will finish our morning with lunch at a Moncks Corner restaurant. A sign-up sheet is posted on the administrative hallway bulletin board. Cost is \$6.50 (senior rate) for the gardens plus your lunch. Garden tickets are purchased onsite. Contact Carole Russell for questions: 843-442-5276

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!

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

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 sealed 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.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, March 31

9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Easter Fellowship in lieu of Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, April 1

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 2

Wednesday, April 3

1:00 pm Women's Biblical Book Club CH Room 4
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, April 4

Friday, April 5

Saturday, April 6

Sunday, April 7

9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Youth Sunday rehearsal in Sanctuary
11:00 am Worship Service
12:15 pm Worship Committee Meeting
5:00 pm All Youth Discipleship
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

- ≈ The church office will be closed on Monday, April 2.
- ≈ Wonderful Wednesday will not meet this week. We will be back together on Wednesday, April 10.

EASTER 2024 THORNWELL DONATIONS

For Easter Sunday, our tradition at Westminster is to honor and remember loved ones by making donations to the Thornwell Home for Children in lieu of placing lilies in the sanctuary.



GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF:

Uncle Robert Luhn by Jodie and Sammy Almeida
Leonard Allen by Leslie Allen, Dan Krajewski, Missy and Matt Rutter
Anne Wilkinson by Leslie Allen, Dan Krajewski, Missy and Matt Rutter
My husband, Charles Michael Bruce by Allyn Bruce
My son, John William Bruce by Allyn Bruce
Merrily McCord Burnette by Mark and Tracy Friedrichs
Fritz M. Friedrichs by Mark and Tracy Friedrichs
All souls who passed before by Mary and Randy Davis
Haldor T. Jonsson, Jr. by Brenda Jonsson
Dr. Haldor Jonsson by Bill, Leslie, Erik, and Kyle Jonsson
Hudson and Nancy Waller by Leslie and Bill Jonsson
My parents, Ed & Mary Overcash by Lynda Higgins
Bill McCabe by Jason and Amy McCabe
Dave Dillion by Jason and Amy McCabe
W.J. and Mildred DeWitt by Jason and Amy McCabe
Norma O'Brien by Carolyn Drose
Julie D. Leonard by Carolyn Drose
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pell by Sandy and Debbie Pell
Sonja Penland by Greg and Melanie Mixon
Our fathers, Gerald Moody and Sammy Plowden by Nancy and Eddie Plowden
Mother (Nancy) Julia Moody by Nancy and Eddie Plowden
Al and Carolyn Powell by Charlie and Meg Powell
Keimei and Ko Handa by Charlie and Meg Powell
Sister Tsune Yamaki by Charlie and Meg Powell
Pastor Lissa's Mom, Georgiana Sumner by Charlie and Meg Powell
Walter N. Russell, Jr. by Carole Russell
Ed and Jane Small by Carole Russell
Christopher Thrasher by Patricia (Trisha) Stennett, Stennett and Smith Families
Pamela Smith by Patricia (Trisha) Stennett, Stennett and Smith Families

GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR OF:

My granddaughters, Spencer Allyn Bruce and Lily Carolyn Bruce by Allyn Bruce
Robin Zemp by Wayne and Debbie Hansel
Sarah Shayban by Wayne and Debbie Hansel
Pastor Lissa and Family by Daniel and Amy Smoak
Faith Towne by Betsy McLaughlin
Cole and Abby Grace by Derek and Betsy McLaughlin
Mother (Eddie) Ann Plowden by Nancy and Eddie Plowden
Our grandchildren, Oliver and Eleanor by Nancy and Eddie Plowden

WESTMINSTER PRAYS

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

PRAYER LIST UPDATED MARCH 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

Sadie Wood
1300 Wheat Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Friend of the Week

Kate Pennekamp
The Village
201 W. 9th North Street
Summerville, SC

Mission of the Week

Thornwell Home for Children
302 South Broad Street
Clinton, SC 29325

Church Family

Robert and Sara Bobo
-Abigail, Kathryn, & Elayna

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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