



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

Youth Sunday

April 14, 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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Summer Trip Fundraising

PRELUDE

Chanson

N. Faber

Played by Jillian Ramsay

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Various Scriptures

One: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

All: **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

One: When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said,

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.”

All: **The people living in darkness have seen a great light;**

on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

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The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

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◆ INVOCATION

◆ HYMN NO. 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, please forgive us. We feel bad for the things we have done, and we are sorry for doing things that make you unhappy. We have not been there for our friends, and we have been selfish. We know we have done things and tried to hide them from you, but you can always see us. Help us to live in your light, and please forgive us when we fail.

◆ SILENT CONFESSION

◆ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

One: God is merciful and good! God's love is greater than our sin and brokenness.
Hear the good news! The Lord shows us mercy, and he has forgiven us for our sins.
All: Thanks be to God!

◆ 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.

◆ SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The peace of Christ be with you!
All: And also with you!

Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbor

TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

Led by Youth

At 9:00 following Children's Time, children return to the pew.

At 11:00 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.

◆ SONG FOR ILLUMINATION NO. 458 Thy Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:14-16 PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 4

TESTIMONIES Let Your Light Shine

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 192 Shine, Jesus, Shine

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From the Confirmation Class

I believe in the Holy Trinity of God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God loves all of us no matter our race, ethnicity, or hair color, and I am grateful for his love every day. We worship him because he loves us. (pause)

I believe Jesus was born, lived, died, and was resurrected for our sins. I believe Jesus made us disciples and wants us to help make new disciples. Jesus is my Lord and Savior and is always there for me like God, but Jesus can relate to me a little more because he is human. I will follow Jesus in discipleship by studying his teachings and showing love to others. (pause)

I believe the Holy Spirit who leads us to God and is always around like a breeze on a calm day. Through the spiritual gift of wisdom, the Spirit helps us to understand the word of God and apply it to our lives. I believe the church is a family working together to build us up in our faith and relationship with God. I love the people of the church and spending time learning and sharing meals and fellowship with them. (pause)

I believe in the Trinity of God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I hope to grow and learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus in God's Church. I am very excited to see how my journey with God plays out and how he will use me to spread his love.

One: We pray for others to see God's light in the World.

All: Lord, hear our prayers.

One: We pray for others to feel God's comfort.

All: Lord, hear our prayers.

One: We pray for those who are making big decisions.

All: Lord, hear our prayers.

One: We pray for others to find quiet moments.

All: Lord, hear our prayers.

One: We pray that others feel God close to them.

All: Lord, hear our prayers.

One: We pray that everyone would praise the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayers.

One: We pray that others know that God gives us grace when we fail.

All: Lord, hear our prayers.

One: We pray to you Lord, with the prayer you taught us saying...

All: 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

My Lighthouse!
Macie Long on Guitar

All Youth Singing

Youth will lead verses 1 and 2, and the congregation will join in on verse 3 and the final chorus.

1. In my wrestling and in my doubts; In my failures You won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through; You are the peace in my troubled sea, (oh oh)
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Chorus: My Lighthouse, my lighthouse; Shining in the darkness, I will follow You.
My Lighthouse, my lighthouse (oh oh)
I will trust the promise, You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore

2. In the silence, You won't let go; In the questions, Your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through; You are the peace in my troubled sea, (oh oh)
You are the peace in my troubled sea (Chorus)

3. **I won't fear what tomorrow brings; With each morning I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through; You are the peace in my troubled sea, (oh oh)
You are the peace in my troubled sea, (oh oh) (Chorus)**

◆ BENEDICTION

◆ POSTLUDE

Shine Jesus Shine

Jordan Mae Bazzle

◆ *Please stand, if able*

20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all. *Fine*

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run-ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well. *to Refrain*

One of a series of hymns the author wrote for children on the Apostles' Creed, this text (originally in seven stanzas) expands "Maker of heaven and earth." The first stanza became the refrain when the text was later set to a popular tune from the age of King Charles II.

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet 458

Refrain

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my
 path. Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a
 light un-to my path. *Fine* When I feel a-fraid, and I
 think I've lost my way, still you're there right be - side me.
 Noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.
 Please be near me to the end.

The refrain of this 20th-century song is a quotation of Psalm 119:105 in the King James Version. That longest of all psalms celebrates the gift of God's law by accumulating many synonyms for it. In Christian practice, this verse has been used to give thanks for all Scripture.

192 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining Shine, Jesus, Shine

Capo 2: (G) (C) (G) (D) (G)
A D A E A

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the
2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the
3 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our

(C) (G) (D) (C) (D)
D A E D E

midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the
shad - ows in - to your ra - diance; by the blood I may
fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from

(Bm7) (Em7) (C) (D) (Bm7)
C#m7 F#m7 D E C#m7

World, shine up - on us; set us free by the truth you now
en - ter your bright-ness. Search me; try me; con - sume all my
glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell your

(Em7) (F) (Dsus)(D) (F) (Dsus)(D)
F#m7 G Esus E G Esus E

bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.
dark - ness. Shine on me; shine on me.
sto - ry. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain (G) (D) (Em) (C) (G) (Am7) (C) (D7) (C) (D)
A E F#m D A Bm7 D E7 D E

Shine, Je - sus, shine; fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

While the reference to Jesus as the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) can be understood generally, this hymn is perhaps best understood as a response to the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8/Mark 9:2-8/Luke 9:28-36). This is the most popular of the author/composer's many songs.

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

Acolyte: 9:00 am – Catherine Patrick, Riley Gentry

Acolytes: 11:00 am – Gibbs Cowart, McCrae Cowart

Children’s Church: Kate and Bill Ludwig

Wee Church: Amy Kuenzel, Alissa Ferguson

Ushers: 9:00 am – Matt Akery, Joe Jeter, Laura Nunn

Ushers: 11:00 am –Greg Ramsay, Henry Shepard, Ruth Marie Emblar, Ben Whitener

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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ELEMENTARY CHOIR SPRING DATES AND SPECIAL MUSIC

Do you have a child in 1st-5th grade who loves to sing and worship the Lord? Then mark your calendars for the following Children’s Choir practices! Children are invited to come practice and sing with Ms. Nancy, Ms. Claire, and helpers on a variety of Wednesday and Sunday nights in the month of May. *Wednesday practices will be from 5:30-6:00 and Sunday practices will be from 4:30-5:00 in the sanctuary.* Finally, on Sunday June 2nd the children will lead special music and sing, “I Love To Tell the Story” at the 11:00 service. We encourage your children to participate in these fun practices as much as they can before singing for the congregation! If you have any questions please reach out to Ms. Claire at cwinkles@wpccharleston.org. We hope to sing with your children soon!

Practice Schedule:

Wednesday May 1st

Sunday May 5th

Wednesday May 8th

Wednesday May 15th

Sunday May 19th

Wednesday May 22nd

Sunday May 26th-immediately following 11:00 worship.

Sunday June 2nd- children will sing at 11:00 worship.

WOULD YOU LIKE A CROSS CREATED FROM THE OLD WESTMINSTER DOORS?

This summer, Westminster is sending mission teams to Brazil and Mexico. The teams look forward to learning from and working alongside our mission partners.

In Brazil, the team will work with Felipe and Laura Matias in their ministry to children living in the slums of Sao Paulo. In Mexico, the team will work with Todd Luke, who has been coordinating water ministry programs in the Yucatan for years. That group will be working with new friends and concrete to build rainwater cisterns.

These teams are able to go through a combination of their own financial commitment, Westminster mission funds, and team fundraising.

You can help with the fundraising. If you’d like to contribute, please make your check payable to Westminster and mark it 2024 Mission Trips. If you support with cash, please be sure to put your name on the envelope. You can also give online at wpccharleston.org. Choose 2024 Mission Trips on the dropdown menu.

Anyone who supports the teams with \$250 or more will receive a “Thank You” gift of a beautiful wooden cross, created from the old church doors by Gary Flowers. Anyone who supports the teams with a gift of \$25 or more will be entered in a drawing for the chance to win one of the remaining crosses. The crosses are really nice; you can see one in the narthex after the service. Thank you in advance for your support!

Mexico July 1-6: Daniel Smoak, Claire Winkles, Joshua Robinson, Macie Long, Lauren Smoak, Mattie Housley.

Brazil July 17-24: Priscilla Holtzclaw, Dee Bee Wright, John Wright, Jane Warner, Ashley Snider, Debbie Redmon, Andrew Smoak

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 today. 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.

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.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship on April 17. Menu will be Chicken or Shrimp Alfredo, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Salad, and Dessert. See you at 6:00 p.m. Adults \$7, children \$4 and a family cap of \$20 via cash, card or check.

SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL POTLUCK TODAY, APRIL 14!

All are welcome to a fried chicken luncheon in Covenant Hall following 11:00 a.m. worship the 2nd Sunday of each month. Cash donations for fried chicken welcome; bring a pot luck side or dessert to the kitchen during the Sunday School hour to share. Be filled with fellowship.

BETHELWOODS CAMP FOR A DAY

Camp Day will be happening Saturday, April 27 from 10:00-4:00pm at the presbytery office! Staff from Bethelwoods will engage K5-5th graders in a day full of camp activities. If you or your camper are unsure about registering for Bethelwoods this summer, this would be a great way to get comfortable and see what amazing things are happening at Bethelwoods! The day will end with parents/guardians joining their campers for supper. You can register online through the CHAT Line or by visiting this link: www.capresbytery.org. The registration deadline for day camp is April 19th, so please be sure to register your kids soon! If you have any questions about Bethelwoods camp this summer or about this event please email Miss Claire at cwinkles@wpccharleston.org for more information. We hope you will take advantage of this fun-filled day!

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*.

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

April 14	Matthew 5:14-16	Youth Sunday! <i>My Lighthouse: Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.</i>
April 21	Matthew 23:1-39	False Religion Exposed <i>Jesus exposes the hypocrisy of the religious leaders, calling his followers to true faith.</i>
April 28	Rev. Bill Stanfield from Metanoia, Guest Preacher	
May 5		Matthew 24:1- 25:13 <i>The King Returns Jesus prophecies about his return to earth and encourages his disciples to keep watch and be ready.</i>
May 12	Matthew 25:14-30	Waiting on His Return <i>The parable of the talents gives us specific guidance about how we can wait for his return: by bearing fruit.</i>
May 19	Matthew 25:31-46	Sheep and Goats <i>True faith, the kind that flows from the heart, shows a concern for 'the least of these.'</i>
May 26	Matthew 26:1-16	Deception, Love, and Betrayal <i>Leaders plan to kill Jesus, Mary anoints him for burial, and Judas betrays him.</i>

SAMS TRIP TO CYPRESS GARDENS THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024

SAMs will visit Cypress Gardens in Moncks Corner on Thursday. 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.

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

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Soap bars, toothpaste, sealed individually packaged toothbrushes, and deodorant

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, April 14

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Second Sunday Lunch
12:45 pm	Mission Committee meeting CH Room 4
5:00 pm	Security/Hospitality Team, Parlor
5:00 pm	All Youth Discipleship
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, April 15

Tuesday, April 16

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
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Wednesday, April 17

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

Thursday, April 18

9:30 am	SAMS trip to Cypress Gardens
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Friday, April 19

Saturday, April 20

Sunday, April 21

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:15 p.m.	Youth Chicken after Church picnic at Hampton Park
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!

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 Bethelwood

WESTMINSTER PRAYS

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

PRAYER LIST UPDATED APRIL 2024

If you need to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please email Suzann at office@wpccharleston.org

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Mission of the Week

Journey
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Church Family

Louis and Sue Bowers

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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