



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

9:00 & 11:00 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 NO. 240 Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks!

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give praise to his name

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. (Refrain)

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)

We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever. (Refrain)

Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

One: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
Through the resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ,
we have been born anew into a living hope;
we have been given an inheritance that will never pass away!

All: Blessing and glory
and honor and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!

One: Praise God!
we have been given a brand-new life,
and a glorious future!

All: Come into his presence with praise and thanksgiving,
with laughter and song.
Give thanks to him, and praise his name!

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 248 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Lord, we confess that the meaning of the cross and resurrection has little impact on our day to day lives. We live like sin and death are still in control. We constantly lose the spiritual, physical, and emotional battles we are in. Lord, we don't want to be trapped any more. We want to live the abundant life you have promised us in Jesus. We want to share in the victory and rest in the knowledge that he has conquered all our foes. Help us to place our lives completely in his hands.

-Silent Personal Confession-

◆ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

◆ 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

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken
Mark Burckhalter

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-31

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SERMON

Really Resurrected?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ HYMN NO. 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

◆ INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

◆ 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

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

SENDING OUT

◆ SENDING SONG No. 233 The Day of Resurrection!

◆ BENEDICTION

◆ POSTLUDE Crown Him With Many Crowns ANNA LAURA PAGE

◆ *Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY

Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Lissa Long, Pastor; Nancy Parrish, Music;

Acolyte: 9:00 am Thomas Robinson

Acolytes: 11:00 am Mary Caroline Christian/Eleanor Christian

Children's Church: Jennifer Binnicker and Sonya Willemse

Wee Church: Lilya Davis and Jodie Almeida

Ushers: 9:00 am - Dee Bee Wright, John Wright, Robinson Family

Ushers: 11:00 am - Carole Russell, Sandy Pell, Ashley Snider, Janie Daniels, Jack Daniels

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

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane Williams-Smith-Mays by TJ Thompson.

Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

233 The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

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).

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.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship on April 10. Menu will be announced. 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.

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 7	John 20:19-31	Really Resurrected? <i>Thomas doubts. Jesus proves. We live.</i>
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	The King Returns <i>Jesus prophesies 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>

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY TUESDAY, APRIL 9

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!

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

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.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, April 7

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

Monday, April 8

10:00 am	Hooks and Needles
11:30 am	Village Luncheon with Pastors

Tuesday, April 9

8:00 am	Men's Bible Study
10:00 am	Staff Meeting
10:00 am	Circle 5 Meeting in Parlor
10:30 am	Circle 4 Meeting in CH

Wednesday, April 10

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 11

10:00 am	Smockers Guild
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Friday, April 12

Saturday, April 13

10:00 am	Charleston Area Multiple Myeloma meeting
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Sunday, April 14

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

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!

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	Maryalice Vann
Lydia Crosby	Brenda Jonsson	Monnie Privette	Jim Wade
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

College Student of the Week

Izzy Justice
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Rock Hill, SC 29733

Friend of the Week

Jim Seay
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Charleston, SC 29407

Mission of the Week

Food Pantry

Church Family

Ellen Bollinger

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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