



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

April 21, 2024

9:00 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 What Does the Lord Require of You?

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◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

FROM MICAH 6:6-8

One: With what shall we come before the Lord?
What shall we bring into the presence of our God,
as an expression of our worship and praise?

All: Shall we bring him all that we own—
our finest possessions, our life-savings,
our investments and property?
Would God be satisfied if we brought everything we possess?

One: No, that's not what God is looking for.
God has told you what is good,
and what he expects of you:

All: To do justice.
To love mercy.
To walk humbly before him.

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Gracious God, you give us an abundance of good things to enjoy and use for your glory. Yet, we have been anxious to hoard your gifts, and to acquire more for ourselves. We have not trusted in your promises, and we have not sought your Kingdom first. Forgive our ingratitude for all you have given, our fear that your provision will not be enough, and our failure to be generous with others. Bring to fullness in us the fruit of your Spirit, that we would live in joyous faith, hope, and love; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

◆ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE

We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
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◆ 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

Jesus Paid It All

Nancy Parrish and Dee Bee Wright

*I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in me thine all in all."
Jesus paid it all, All to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.
Lord, now indeed I find; Thy pow'r and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.
For nothing good have I; Where-by Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calw'ry's Lamb.
And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," My lips shall still repeat.*

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 23:1-39

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 25

SERMON

False Religion Exposed!

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 175

Seek Ye First

◆ 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. 157

I Danced in the Morning

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

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

Acolyte: Eleanor Akery

Ushers: George McAbee, Mary McAbee, Dan Klingshirn Graham Wade

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

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 May 19. 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 May 19 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 24 for Backpack Buddies. Menu will be chicken and waffles, mashed potatoes, fruit, vegetables, 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.

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.

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

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

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>

READ GOOD BOOKS IN 2024!

Join Pastor Daniel in reading any (or all!) of these 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.

- 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*.
- On **October 27th** we'll discuss Skye Jethani's *What if Jesus Was Serious about Heaven*.
- On **December 22nd** we'll discuss Keith and Kristyn Getty's *Sing!*

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 Mrs. Mellany 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. 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

TROOP 79 IS SELLING CAMP CARDS TODAY

For \$10 you can support Westminster's Troop 79 and get a card with one-time and reusable discounts at area retailers (like \$5 off at Harris Teeter or a free haircut at Sportsclips). Scouts are out on the lawn selling cards for West Ashley, North Charleston, James Island, Mount Pleasant, and Summerville. Thank you for your support

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, 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

Monday, April 22

Tuesday, April 23

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
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Wednesday, April 24

6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday
6:30 pm	Back Pack Buddies
6:45 pm	Endowment Committee Meeting in Parlor
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, April 25

Friday, April 26

Saturday, April 27

Sunday, April 28

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
4:00 pm	Club 3,4,5
5:00 pm	Book Group Meeting in Education Building
5:00 pm	All Youth Discipleship
5:30 pm	Security/Hospitality Committee Meeting in Parlor
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

WESTMINSTER PRAYS

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

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

Mattie Housley
11214 Campus Box
Elon, NC 27244

Friend of the Week

Rosalee Smith
1587 Greenmore Drive
Charleston, SC 29407

Mission of the Week

Back Pack Buddies

Church Family

David and Meredith Boyd
-Hadley and Piper

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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