

May 2024



THE GOOD NEWS

Westminster Presbyterian Church

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



Youth Sunday Crew



Sundays at Westminster

- 9:00 a.m.** *In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary*
Nursery Available
- 10:00 a.m.** *Children, Youth and Adult Sunday School*
Nursery Available
- 11:00 a.m.** *In-Person and Livestream Worship Service*
Nursery & Children's Church Available



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GREETINGS

From Pastor Daniel

⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. Deuteronomy 6

³⁷ And Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 22

Different traditions in the Christian faith emphasize different parts of the Greatest Commandment, don't we? Presbyterians, for instance, historically do well with loving God with all our mind, but we are not as easy about the heart and soul part. (Maybe that's part of why we're called the frozen chosen!) I even heard a joke recently about how the sanctuary lights at a Presbyterian Church kept turning off during worship because everyone was so still the motion sensors couldn't tell anyone was there. It's a good-natured poke in our direction, maybe with some truth to it.

What would it mean to open our hearts to God? To express a bit more of our soul? Is it possible for us to increase might when it comes to enthusiasm for praising God? The way I'm reading Deuteronomy and Matthew, it's not optional. I'll keep praying over it all; you should too!!

All for Jesus,

Pastor Daniel

WORSHIP JOYFULLY

From the Pulpit

May 5

Matthew 24:1- 25:13

"The King Returns"

Jesus prophecies about his return to earth and encourages his disciples to keep watch and be ready.

May 12

Matthew 25:14-30

"Waiting on His Return"

The parable of the talents give us specific guidance about how we can wait for his return: by bearing fruit.

May 19

Matthew 25:31-46

"Sheep and Goats"

True faith, the kind that flows from the heart, shows a concern for 'the least of these'.

May 26

Matthew 26:1-16

Deception, love, and betrayal

Leaders plan to kill Jesus, Mary anoints him for burial, and Judas betrays him

June 2

Matthew 26:17-30

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

Jesus celebrates the Passover with his disciples- transforming it into the meal we still share in remembrance of him.

June 9

Matthew 26:31-46

Not my will, but yours

Jesus wrestles with the disciples' abandonment and what lies before him- yet prays for the fulfillment of God's will.



Livestream available at wpccharleston.org & YouTube by searching for Westminster.



Dial (843) 252-0146 anytime to listen to Sunday's Sermon with no charge.

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

WELCOMING DISCIPLES TO WESTMINSTER

NEW HERE? MAKE CONNECTIONS AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, May 19

10:00 - 10:40 a.m.

Pastor Daniel's Office

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, 2024. 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.

LIVE WORTHILY

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Every Wednesday Night at 6:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall

Join us every Wednesday for a delicious supper for adults and children. Nursery is available. Families eat for a maximum of \$20.00 and individuals for \$7.00. Follow the Enews and Bulletin for menus and special programs.

- May 1** Sonya Williemse to share about her attending the 68th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68) held March 11-22, 2024 as a delegate with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
- May 8** Knowing our Neighbors
- May 15** Celebrating our High School Seniors! All are welcome!
- May 22** Summer Missions

Want to help in the kitchen? Please email Betsy McLaughlin betsymclaughlin@hotmail.com.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Anchor Class

Room 15, CE Building

Cary Grayson Class

Room 4, Covenant Hall

READ GOOD BOOKS IN 2024! NEXT UP...

June 23rd: "The Bronze Bow"

Elizabeth Speare

5:00 p.m. in the Admin Building

In this Newbery Medal-winning historical fiction novel set during the time of Jesus, young Daniel bar Jamin wants nothing more than to rid his land of Israel of Roman control once and for all. Yet when David meets Jesus of Nazareth, a traveling carpenter with a gentle message of love and forgiveness, David starts to realize that the hate festering in his heart might be his true enemy after all. *This is a great book for readers as young as 6th grade.

ADULT SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Clothed in Christ: How the resurrection shapes our relationships in a divided world.

Beginning June 2 in Covenant Hall

Summary: Paul uses the image of "putting on" the new self, which is affected by the resurrection and growing in the likeness of our creator. The characteristics he names are the natural outpouring of our resurrection-shaped lives and have implications for our relationships.

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony." Colossians 3:12-14

Each week, we'll explore one of the named characteristics and an applicable real-life situation.

- June 2** Put on Compassionate Hearts when engaging with others about the most divisive topics.
- June 9** Put on Kindness directed toward people you know and people you don't know.
- June 16** Put on Humility in the political arena.
- June 23** Put on Meekness in sharing your faith with others.
- June 30** Put on Patience in our relationships with children and people who act like them.
- July 7** Put on Forbearance, carrying the weaknesses of our aging friends.
- July 14** Put on Forgiveness in impossible situations.
- July 21** Put on Love in all things.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Second Tuesday of every Month

Tuesday, May 14

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. at

Trotter's Restaurant

Men of all ages: Join us for Breakfast and Bible Study. We meet 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!

SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK SOCIALS

No Second Sunday

Potluck in May, it will resume June 9th

LIVE WORTHILY

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



YOUTH SUNDAY RECAP

The Youth Let Their Light Shine on Sunday, April 14

Our youth continue to inspire me in my own walk of faith, and after Youth Sunday I hope that they were able to inspire our congregation to shine their light! They worked hard to pick this scripture in Matthew, write prayers and faith statements, and even share words of testimony. Their personalities and love for God was evident in this service, and it was an amazing morning of worship. We celebrated together by enjoying some sunshine, bible study, and a meal at youth group that evening. I continue to see God's light shining in each of them, and feel blessed to grow alongside them in discipleship!

With Joy,

Ms. Claire

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

**Children's Ministry
in the CE Building**

0-2's: Nursery

3-5K: Room 14

1st-2nd Grade: Room 13

3rd-5th Grade: Room 17

**Youth Discipleship
in Covenant Hall**

Mid Highs: Room 1

Senior Highs: Room 3

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATES:

If you are registered for VBS, be on the lookout for a registration email from your VBS Directors! If your plans have changed, and you are unable to attend please let Ms. Claire know at cwinkles@wpccharleston.org. We look forward to learning, playing, and growing in discipleship with your children this June!

ELEMENTARY CHOIR PRACTICES IN MAY

Wednesdays and Sundays for Children 1st - 5th Grade

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. If you have any questions please reach out to Ms. Claire at cwinkles@wpccharleston.org.

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.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES SHEPHERDING MEETING

Sunday, May 19th

10:00 - 10:45 a.m. in Covenant Hall

Do you feel like you have spiritual gifts leading you to work with the children and youth at Westminster? Do you feel you're being called to serve in this area of ministry? Join Ms. Claire and other shepherds for a light breakfast and informational meeting about being a shepherd in Sunday School and Youth Group. We hope to share with you our vision for children and youth ministries, and encourage you to find ways of getting involved. Please email Claire at cwinkles@wpccharleston.org if you have any questions or if you plan to attend! We hope to see you there!

CLUB 3,4,5

Sunday, May 19

4:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall

All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are invited for fellowship, bible study, games and a snack. Club 3,4, 5 will meet once a month from 4:00 to 5:00 in Covenant Hall.

WPC youth discipleship

May 5

5:00 p.m. Dinner
5:30 p.m. Middle & High
School Youth Group

May 12

Mother's Day
No Youth Group

May 19

5:00 p.m. Dinner
5:30 p.m. Middle & High
School Youth Group

May 26

Memorial Day Weekend
No Youth Group

June 6

5:00 p.m. Dinner
5:30 p.m. Middle & High
School Youth Group

SERVE FAITHFULLY

MISSIONS & OUTREACH



METANOIA MAKES A DIFFERENCE

On April 16th, Pastor Daniel and Pastor Lissa were glad to represent Westminster at a ribbon cutting for affordable homes in the Chicora Neighborhood. It takes a community to address the problems many of our neighbors face, and Westminster is so glad to be a small part of the advocacy for better lives for those who need it most. More info at metanoiasc.com

MISSION PARTNER DISBURSEMENTS

April

- Hands of Christ
- Backpack Buddies
- Lowcountry Food Pantry
- Scholarships
- Thornwell Easter Lily Offering: \$899

WAYS TO SERVE

Volunteer Opportunities with our Mission Partners

VOLUNTEER

at Neighbors Together

Wednesday, May 15

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

6-8 WPC Volunteers needed the third Wednesday of every month. Serve a hot meal or provide groceries to our neighbors in need at Neighbors Together; 2105 Cosgrove Ave, North Charleston, SC 29405. For details or sign up, email our Suzann in the church office, office@wpccharleston.org.

VOLUNTEER

at Mary Ford Early Learning and Childhood Center

Varying Time & Opportunities. Contact Pastor Lissa for more information and to volunteer at mllong@wpccharleston.org.

- Reading Partner
- Teacher Support
- After school volunteer

DONATE ITEMS

for Westminster Food Pantry & Blessing Box

Our Food Pantry and Blessing Box are always in need. Please reach out to Suzann Lilienthal at office@wpccharleston.org for a list of items to donate.

MISSION PARTNER UPDATES

Backpack Buddies

Thank you to everyone who has packed a bag of food, prayed over a bag of food, donated money to help pay for food, helped to set up tables, helped take down tables and encouraged someone to attend a Backpack Buddy night.

Since August we have packed 3,618 bags of food and funded 5,040 bags of food for children so they would have something to eat over the weekend. Bags held items like fruit cups, cereal, crackers, ravioli, and treats. We will pack again come this fall so keep a lookout for the 2024-2025 packing schedule. night with a theme of Candy Land encouraged math fun. Thank you for your continued prayers.

GIVE GENEROUSLY

TITHES, OFFERINGS & BLESSINGS



Mary Ford's Garden is Growing Thanks to Your Gifts

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

In Memory of

Norma O'Brien
Pat Painter
Georgina Sumner (Pastor Lissa's mother)

In Honor of

Cameron Patrick's confirmation

Given By

Doris Niblett
Joan Leon
Tom & Lynda Higgins
Doug & Frankie Earnst
Lance & Jean Lewandowski
William & Leslie Jonsson
George & Mary McAbee
David & Donna Purcell
Mary Basden

In gratitude for Norma O'Brien's estate gift to Backpack Buddies, 2024 Summer Mission trips, and Pastor's Discretionary Fund

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Mental Health Crisis Hotline
988

Community Resource and Support Hotline
211

My Sister's House (domestic abuse)
(843) 744-3242

AI-ANON
(843) 762-6999

Narcotics Anonymous
(843) 852-3001

Wake-Up Carolina
(for families and individuals battling substance abuse)
(843) 972-8154

AA Meets at WPC Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall

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Nursery Available

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
Children, Youth and Adult Classes Available

11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Livestream Available
Nursery & Children's Church Available

Westminster Session _____

Class of 2024
Norman Hook
Abbie Mobley
Beth Georgen
Laura Patrick
Chuck Towne
Dee Bee Wright

Class of 2025
Lindy Coleman
Betsy McLaughlin
Mike Niblock
Matthew Patrick
Matthew Teitsort
Tom Whetstone

Class of 2026
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Allyn Bruce
John Dounian
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Ashley Snider
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