



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

May 19, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Pentecost

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

Kum Ba Yah

Emma Klingshirn and Lori Jacques

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

From Acts 2

One: When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place,
and suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind.

All: Pour out your Spirit upon us, Lord!

One: It filled the entire house where they were sitting,
and tongues of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

All: Pour out your Spirit upon us, Lord!

One: And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them.

All: Pour out your Spirit upon us, Lord!

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Lord, your Holy Spirit is the source of our strength. Your Holy Spirit comforts us, guides us, and gives us the gifts we need for life and ministry. So forgive us, Lord, when we neglect your Spirit and try to operate on our own strength. Forgive us when we neglect to cultivate and use the gifts your Spirit has given us. Forgive us when we seek our own path instead of submitting to the guidance of your Spirit. Forgive us, and teach us to rely wholly on you and walk in the power of your Spirit.

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

◆ 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

◆ SONG OF ILLUMINATION

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:31-46

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SERMON

Sheep and Goats

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 852 When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

◆ 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

SENDING OUT

◆ SONG NO. 748

Go with Us, Lord

◆ BLESSING

◆ Please stand, if able

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY

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

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

Acolyte: Eleanor Akery

Ushers: George McAbee*, Mary McAbee, Graham Wade

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory

of Bob and Nella Peele's 71st wedding anniversary by their family, DeeDee and Billy Ray Beasley, Raleigh and Emily

TODAY IS PENTECOST

According to Acts 2:1-13, God gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower witnesses to the resurrection. Sounds from heaven, cosmic language, the rush of a mighty *ruach* (wind, spirit, breath) invaded the house in which the apostles gathered, and appeared to them as a burning fire. Tongues of fire touched their nerve centers. A power – the unseen power of God – moved among them and gripped them. The Holy Spirit is unseen, like the wind, which is why the Old Testament calls it *ruach* YHWH, “the wind, or breath, of God” (cf. John 3:8). The Spirit is the “unseenness of God” working among us.

According to Joel (2:28-29) the *ruach* is to open everybody to God's future. People young and old will dream and will have visions of hope; they will be able to loose themselves from the way things are now because God is establishing a whole new economy of creation. The Holy Spirit breaks us out of our preoccupation with ourselves and frees us to serve neighbors, loosens our grasp on possessions, and sets us to loving people. New creation is what Joel is talking about. Pentecost is new creation.

The book of Acts tells the story of the outcome of Pentecost's new creation: people witness in word and in deed to the risen Christ. At the outset, the newborn church immediately tumbled out into the streets to witness to God's mighty works in the languages of people all over the world. By the end of the story, a tiny, Spirit-filled community of faith that broke from its present order has spread across the continents with incredible power to bring new things into being. With the gift of the Spirit, all things are possible. ...

Therefore, on the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate God's gift of Holy Spirit which draws us together as one people, helps us to comprehend what God is doing in the world, and empowers us to proclaim, in word and in deed, God's plan of reconciling all people in the name of Christ (Ephesians 1:10).

Without the gift of the Spirit, Christ's church dries up and withers away, and we are left with only our broken selves. With the gift of the Spirit, all things are possible. A spirit-filled community of faith opens eyes to needs in the world and sees its mission as God's new people. The Day of Pentecost is the climax of the Great Fifty Days of Easter, celebrating as it does the gift of the Spirit to the body of Christ – the church.

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.

JOIN US FOR WPC MISSION BINGO THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT!

At Wonderful Wednesday this week, the summer mission teams will lead a fun time of Mission Bingo (prizes!) and prayer for the summer trips. Join us for a fun and informative time of fellowship. Menu will be meat loaf, mushroom rice, salad, and dessert. Adults \$7, children \$4 and a family cap of \$20 via cash, card or check.

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

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>
June 2	Matthew 26:17-30	The Institution of The Lord's Supper <i>Jesus celebrates the Passover with his disciples- transforming it into the meal we still share in remembrance of him.</i>
June 9	Matthew 26:31-46	Not My Will but Yours <i>Jesus wrestles with the disciples' abandonment and what lies before him- yet prays for the fulfillment of God's will.</i>

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRIES SHEPHERDING MEETING TODAY

Please join us today in Covenant Hall from 10:00-10:45 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.

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.

On June 23rd we'll discuss Elizabeth Speare's *The Bronze Bow*. 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. Books are available online or in the narthex (\$3)

- 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:

Sunday May 19th; (immediately after 11:00 service) Wednesday May 22nd; Sunday May 26th-immediately following 11:00 worship.; Sunday June 2nd- children will sing at 11:00 worship.

CALLING MEN WHO SING OR MEN WHO TRY TO SING!

We are looking for all Men's voices to sing together on June 2! This is a "make a joyful noise" group that has been a real blessing in the past. We plan to practice for 20 minutes after the 11:00 service on May 19 and May 26. Meet at the piano as soon as service is over. We'll sing with the Elementary Choir on Sunday, June 2. Contact Nancy Parrish with any questions at steelesowell@gmail.com

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP: SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

We're taking an extended look at Colossians 3:12-14 where 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. Join us from 10:00 - 10:45 in Covenant Hall. Pastor Daniel, Pastor Lissa, and other teachers will lead the class.

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| June 2 | Put on Compassionate Hearts when engaging with others about the most divisive topics. (Pastor Daniel) |
| June 9 | Put on Kindness directed toward people you know and people you don't know. (Rev. Becky Albright, CAP General Presbyter/Pastor to Pastors) |
| June 16 | Put on Humility in the political arena. (Pastor Daniel) |
| June 23 | Put on Meekness in sharing your faith with others. (Natasha Akery) |
| June 30 | Put on Patience in our relationships with children and people who act like them. (Paul and Laura Patrick) |
| July 7 | Put on Forbearance , carrying the weaknesses of our aging friends. (Pastor Lissa) |
| July 14 | Put on Forgiveness in impossible situations. (Natasha Akery) |
| July 21 | Put on Love in all things. (Lindy Coleman) |

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING FOR THE PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITIES OF SC.

We collected more than \$3200.00. For over 60 years, this offering has been an important act of support for this unique ministry of SC Presbyterians to older adults. The proceeds are used solely to support residents at Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina who have outlived their life savings through no fault of their own and now depend on the kindness of others. The average cost of Charitable Care in from 2013 to 2023 was \$1,212,000, cover 19 residents whose average age is 90. Thank you!

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN BLOOD DRIVE

When: Sunday, June 9, 9:30 AM-1:30 PM. Location: Bloodmobile in church parking lot. Schedule your donation today by scanning the QR code or visit www.redcrossblood.org and type in sponsor code: Westminster.



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

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 office@wpccharleston.org to receive emails about our regular Wednesday group.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Soap bars, toothpaste, individually packaged toothbrushes, and deodorant

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

Postpartumsupportchas.org

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, May 19

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Connections Class in Pastor Daniel's office
10:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Children's and Youth Ministries Shepherding Meeting
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Elementary and Men's Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Mission Team Meeting in Parlor
4:00 pm	APNC Meeting Pastor Daniel's office
4:00 pm	Club 345
5:00 pm	All Youth Discipleship
5:00 pm	Deacons Meeting, Room 4
6:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting, Room 4
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, May 20

6:00 pm	Officer Training Session 2 in CH Room 4
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Tuesday, May 21

Wednesday, May 22

5:30 pm	Elementary Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday Mission Bingo
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, May 23

Friday, May 24

Saturday, May 25

Sunday, May 26

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:15 pm	Men's Chorus
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

WESTMINSTER PRAYS

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

PRAYER LIST UPDATED MAY 2024

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

Friend of the Week	Mission of the Week	Church Family
Ginnie Yarborough	Neighbors Together	Chaut and Janie Bruce
1600 Dickens Street	2105 Cosgrove Avenue	-Spencer
Charleston, SC 29407	North Charleston, SC 29405	Walker and Janice Bruce
		-Lily

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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