



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

May 5, 2024

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING

*Please greet each other warmly as the congregation gathers for worship.
Take a moment and sign the virtual friendship register.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ SONG OF PREPARATION NO. 729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart.

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

FROM PSALM 57

One: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;
We will sing praises to you among the nations.
All: For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
One: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
All: Let your glory be over all the earth!

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 353

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

FROM PSALM 25

One: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**All: Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.**

One: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

**All: Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.**

One: The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses.

All: Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

◆ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

◆ 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Thank God I Do
Claire Winkles, Nancy Parrish

Lauren Daigle

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 24:1-25:13

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 26

SERMON

The King Return

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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.

◆ COMMUNION HYMN NO. 507 Come To The Table Of Grace

TABLE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PASTORAL 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. 840

When Peace Like a River

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY

Lissa Long, Pastor; Laura Nunn, Liturgist; 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: Thomas Robinson

Ushers: Dee Bee Wright*, John Wright, Robinson Family

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 May 8. Menu will be pork loin, cornish beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, 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.

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

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRIES SHEPHERDING MEETING:

Please join us May 19th 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. Please email Claire at cwinkles@wpccharleston.org if you have any questions or if you plan to attend! We hope to see you there!

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

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 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 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.

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 12, 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.

HONOR MOM ON MOTHER'S DAY WITH A GIFT TO THE MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

We are collecting for the Mother's Day Offering for the benefit of Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina. 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 from 2013 to 2023 was \$1,212,000, covering 19 residents whose average age is 90. You may drop your offering in the plate, mail it in to the church, or give online at wpccharleston.org. Checks payable to Westminster, or choose "Presbyterian Home" on the online menu. Envelopes and more information are available in the narthex. Thank you!

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

SENIOR NIGHT AT WPC

On Wednesday, May 15 following Wonderful Wednesday Supper (6:00 p.m.), we're celebrating our High School Seniors. Join us for supper and a short program to acknowledge the accomplishments of and pray for Olivia Niblock, Macie Long, Ella Patrick, and Cole McLaughlin.

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 5

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Congregational Meeting
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:15 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
4:30 pm	Elementary Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary
5:00 pm	All Youth Discipleship
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, May 6

1:00 pm	Hands of Christ Steering Committee Meeting
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Tuesday, May 7

Wednesday, May 8

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

Thursday, May 9

Friday, May 10

11:00 am	Hands of Christ Operations Committee Meeting
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Saturday, May 11

Sunday, May 12

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	Nikolai 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	Elizabeth Shelor
Gary Brooks	Judy Hatch	Christina Miller	Jerry Smoak
Leslie Brown	Megan Hatfield	Love Moody	Mark Stender
Maryann Brown	Jennifer Holladay	Maria Morrow	Ginger Stoke
Brian Carolow	Rev. Chris Huff	Roy Nickles	Rachel Singletary
Susie Cashion	Maurice Jackman	Joe Nuchols	Judy Tag
Lydia Crosby	Brenda Jonsson	Sylvia Peek	Towne Family
Martin Davis	Mildred Kennerly	Nancy Plowden	Gloria Underhill
Rose Derrick	David Kerr	Pratt Family	Bonum Wilson
Cynthia Ebigwei	Debbie Kieffer	Monnie Privette	Robbie Yarnall
Pat Finn	Sheryl Klinger	Donna Purcell	Robin Zemp
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

College Student of the Week	Friend of the Week	Mission of the Week	Church Family
Abbie Grace McLaughlin 65 Martin Luther King Avenue Unit 6 St. Augustine, FL 32084	Nancy Wells Wichman 119 Riverland Drive Charleston, SC 29412	Food Pantry	Sissie Brigman

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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