



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

May 12, 2024

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

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

Jane Acker

PRELUDE

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

HUGH LIVINGSTON

### ◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 113

One: Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.

**All: Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.**

One: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,  
the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**All: The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.**

One: For there is no other like our God, the One who sits enthroned on high.

**All: Let us worship the Lord our God.**

### ◆ INVOCATION

### ◆ HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

### ◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, have mercy on us as we confess our sin. Christ calls us to develop and use our spiritual gifts, but we keep them hidden. He gives us tasks to perform, but we do as we please. He sends us out to minister to the suffering, but we are slow to respond until our own needs are met. He intends for us to praise Him in all that we do, but we like to take the credit for ourselves. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us and help us be more obedient to the call of Jesus in our lives.

### ◆ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

### ◆ SONG OF RESPONSE

The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

◆ SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

*Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbor*

TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

*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.*

*Parents may pick them up following the service.*

ANTHEM

Come! Live in the Light!

DAVID HAAS

*Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God. We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

*Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more.*

*Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.*

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:14-30

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 28

SERMON

Waiting on His Return

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

TAKEN FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (1983)

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!**

## 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

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|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| ◆ HYMN NO. 92 | While We Are Waiting, Come | WAITING (CASON) |
| ◆ BENEDICTION |                            |                 |
| ◆ POSTLUDE    | Fuga                       | JOSEF SEEGER    |

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◆ *Please stand, if able*

**LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:** Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Lissa Long, Pastor; Sarah Shayban, Music

Acolytes: Nicholas Patrick/Judson Bazzle

Children's Church: Blair and Graham Wade

Wee Church: Bryan and Mandi Mills

Ushers: Greg Ramsay\*, Henry Shepard, Ruth Marie Embler, Ben Whitener

11:00 am Livestream at [www.wpccharleston.org](http://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.

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*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor  
of all of the women who have filled the role of mothers in our lives.*

### 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](http://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!

# Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is  
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
 thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

Beginning as a paraphrase of Psalm 24:7–10, this text then applies the door imagery to the singer's heart, and concludes with the individual's welcome of the approaching Savior. It is set to a very effective anonymous 18th-century English tune that has served many texts.

# O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 104

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?  
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;  
 3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!  
 your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.  
 to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,  
 O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace  
 In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.  
 in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.  
 when your re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming.

# 92 While We Are Waiting, Come

1 While we are wait - ing, come;  
2 With power and glo - ry, come;  
3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;

while we are wait - ing, come.  
with power and glo - ry, come.  
come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

while we are wait - ing, come.

This simple and meditative Advent hymn is so uncomplicated in both text and tune that it can be learned quickly and sung without reference to a book, which might make it effective as a prayer response. It would also lend itself to improvised stanzas on appropriate occasions.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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 SENIOR NIGHT AT WPC

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship on May 15 at 6:00 p.m. Menu will be chicken, red rice, macaroni and cheese, salad, and dessert. Adults \$7, children \$4 and a family cap of \$20 via cash, card or check. Following Supper, we're celebrating our High School Seniors. Join us a short program to acknowledge the accomplishments of and pray for Olivia Niblock, Macie Long, Ella Patrick, and Cole McLaughlin.

## 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](mailto: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 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every other month. Books may be purchased online.

**On June 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Books are available online or in the narthex (\$3)

- On **August 25<sup>th</sup>** 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 27<sup>th</sup>** we'll discuss Skye Jethani's *What if Jesus Was Serious about Heaven*.
- On **December 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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](mailto:cwinkles@wpccharleston.org). We hope to sing with your children soon!

Practice Schedule:

Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup>; Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>; Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>; Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup>-immediately following 11:00 worship.; Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>- 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 today, 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 [stelesowell@gmail.com](mailto:stelesowell@gmail.com).

## 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](http://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.neighborstogether.org](http://www.neighborstogether.org). Email [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto: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](http://Postpartumsupportchas.org)

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### 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

### Monday, May 13

6:00 pm      Officer Training Session 1 in Sanctuary

### Tuesday, May 14

8:00 am      Men's Bible Study, Town and Country  
10:30 am      Circle 4 in Room 4  
10:30 am      Circle 5 in Parlor  
1:00 pm      Bridge Club

### Wednesday, May 15

10:00 am      Neighbors Together  
5:30 pm      Elementary Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary  
6:00 pm      Wonderful Wednesday Senior Night  
7:00 pm      Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm      AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Thursday, May 16

### Friday, May 17

### Saturday, May 18

### Sunday, May 19

9:00 am      Worship Service  
10:00 am      Sunday School  
10:00 am      Children's and Youth Ministries Shepherding Meeting  
11:00 am      Worship Service  
12:00 pm      Mission Team Meeting in Parlor  
12:15 pm      Men's Chorus  
4:00 pm      APC Meeting Pastor Daniel's office  
4:30 pm      Elementary Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary  
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

## WESTMINSTER PRAYS

Cary Alexandre	Niklolai 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](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org)

#### **Friend of the Week**

Aileen Wiese  
110 Ashley Villa Circle Apt 8  
Charleston, SC 29414

#### **Mission of the Week**

Neighbors Together  
2105 Cosgrove Avenue  
North Charleston, SC 29405

#### **Church Family**

Debra Brown  
Allyn Bruce

### 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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