



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

June 23, 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

God Welcomes All

God welcomes all,
strangers and friends;
God's love is strong
and it never ends

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

One: The God who first heard the morning stars sing
never forgets the cry of the afflicted.

All: **You, O God, have not forsaken
those who seek you.**

One: The God who set the limits of the seas
remains a stronghold for the oppressed.

All: **You, O God, have not forsaken
those who seek you.**

One: Come, let us thank God for steadfast love,
for all God's mighty works.

◆ 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 OF PRAISE NO. 8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Heavenly Father, we come to confess our sins – the promises we break, the opportunities we let slip, the excuses we make for our own sin. We admit our prejudice and harsh judgment of others. We harden our hearts against those who most need a helping hand. We prefer our own arrangements, rather than your design for human fulfillment. Help us, gracious Father, to see ourselves as you see us. Through the Holy Spirit, enlarge our capacity for truth and compassion. Save us from our worst selves in order to realize the best you have for us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

-Silent Personal Confession -

◆ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

◆ 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

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:1-3

PEW BIBLE O.T. PAGE 672

SERMON

"You Are Mine"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 177

I Will Come to You

◆ DECLARATION OF FAITH

From the Heidelberg Catechism (1563)

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: **That I am not my own,
but belong—**

body and soul,
in life and in death—

to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;

in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him,

Christ, by his Holy Spirit,

assures me of eternal life

and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PRAYERS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SENDING OUT

◆ SONG NO. 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

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

Acolyte: Evan Ford

Ushers: Nancy Dixon*, Debbie McQueeney, Jim Drennan, Dan Klingshirn

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.

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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. 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. Keep your eyes open for the next Connections Calls after the summer months.

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.

WE ARE SCHEDULING SPECIAL MUSIC FOR THE 9:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Do you sing or play an instrument? Young people and old, beginners and those with experience, we know you are out there with gifts to share. God is praised when you use your gifts and when the church intentionally develops worship leaders. If you'd like to be on the schedule for the coming months, please reach out to Pastor Daniel at dsmoak@wpccharleston.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY!

We are so excited to spend time learning about God and diving into our theme of "Dock the Boat and Depend on God". Throughout the week we will be hearing stories about the many times that we see what God can do when we trust in him and step out of the boat. We invite all Westminster Families to join us today in Covenant Hall following 11:00 worship for a hotdog picnic luncheon and some Noah's Ark Bingo to kickoff our VBS week! We hope to see you there!

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY JUNE 26!

Join us Wednesday, June 26 for Wonderful Wednesday before we break for the summer! Join us at 6:00 p.m. for supper, fellowship, and discipleship. *Nursery Provided.

- Dinner Menu: Salad, Rice, Okra and Tomatoes, Corn, Meatloaf and Dessert with a program by Pastor Lissa as she shares the journey of her doctoral studies with Union Presbyterian Seminary (Charlotte campus). Pastor Lissa graduates on Saturday, June 29 as the Rev. Dr. Lissa Long.

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!*

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.

- 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 **Love** in all things. (Lindy Coleman)
- July 21 Put on **Forgiveness** in impossible situations. (Natasha Akery)

SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

Thank you for your generous support for the Summer Mission Trips to Mexico and Brazil. We raised more than \$9,000, making it possible for us to travel and experience what we are doing together with God and our mission partners. Teams are making preparations and request your prayers for the time spent with our mission partners. Team members are currently distributing the door crosses to team supporters.

Xpujil, Mexico July 1-6: Daniel Smoak, Claire Winkles, Joshua Robinson, Macie Long, Lauren Smoak, Mattie Housley.

Sao Paulo, Brazil July 17-24: Priscilla Holtzclaw, Dee Bee Wright, John Wright, Jane Warner, Ashley Snider, Debbie Redmon, Andrew Smoak

DO YOU TAKE PRIDE IN HOW THE CHURCH PROPERTY LOOKS? DO YOU HAVE A LITTLE TIME TO SPARE AND A BIG DESIRE TO GET INVOLVED AT WESTMINSTER?

Every week in the Tuesday *ENEWS* we will publish a few small projects to be done around the campus **at your convenience**. The list will be updated weekly, so if you don't see something within your skill set or interest, stay tuned! Here's a partial list:

- **NEW!** Repair wooden side chair in parlor (right arm)
- **NEW!** Clean Adm wing window trim (front and Memory Garden side); possibly paint
- **NEW!** Clean white metal doors (Adm wing, Covenant Hall and Education Building; possibly paint
- Set up tables in CH for events (WW, 2nd Sunday) and in Sanctuary for handbells
- Painting outdoor signs
- Water sod along sidewalk twice weekly if no rain
- Sprig jasmine ground cover by the front steps facing Sam Rittenberg Blvd. to fill in bare spots
- Deep clean kitchen
- Clean exterior windows, interior windows and sills, metal doors (Adm wing, CH and Education Building), possibly paint

The office will coordinate these projects, so contact Suzann at 843-766-8311 or office@wpccharleston.org. For questions, supplies, ideas contact Carole Russell: text (843) 442-5276 or email clsrussell@comcast.net.

"UNDIES SUNDAYS" FOR HANDS OF CHRIST

On Sunday, June 30, June 7, June 14 and July 21, we are asking for donations of new boys underwear to be brought and placed in the appropriate box in the Narthex. We ask on Sundays but any day during Office Hours (9:00-5:00) will work as well.

New Boys Underwear:

Sizes Needed: Small, Medium, Large, and X-Large, Adult Small and Adult Medium.*Underwear should be in original packaging.

Hands of Christ is preparing for the annual Presbytery-wide clothing and school supply distribution. Westminster's distribution dates are August 9 and 10. Thank you for your continued support of Hands of Christ.

Interested in Volunteering for Hands of Christ? Please contact Sonya Willemese at sonyswillense@gmail.com or Jane Warner at jane.warner99@comcast.net.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Soap bars, regular size 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, June 23

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	VBS Kick-off Luncheon
5:00 pm	Book Group Education Building
6:30 pm	Session Meeting, Examination of New Officers
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, June 24

8:45 am	VBS
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Tuesday, June 25

6:30 am	Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
8:45 am	VBS

Wednesday, June 26

8:45 am	VBS
5:30 pm	APNC, Parlor
6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, June 27

8:45 am	VBS
6:00 pm	Baskin/Ging wedding rehearsal

Friday, June 28

6:00 pm	Baskin/Ging wedding
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Saturday, June 29

Sunday, June 30

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

WESTMINSTER PRAYS

Cary Alexandre (WPC)	Debbie Kieffer (Daniel Smoak)	Gloria Ricoma (Karen McInnes)
Joyce Aydlette (Becky Grafton)	Adam Kozel (Jennifer Binnicker)	Kevin Ritzel (Neil Ritzel)
Daryn Baker (Jane Acker)	Fran Ligon (WPC)	Nita Rodemann (WPC)
Mary Ashley Barbot (Lisa Couch)	Walker Lundy (WPC)	Rachel Singletary (Sara Bobo)
Susie Cashion (WPC)	Jane Livingston (Tom Livingston)	Jerry Smoak (WPC)
Lydia Crosby (WPC)	John Martschink (WPC)	Mark Stender (Gloria Purcell)
Martin Davis (Kevin Mikles)	Mary Martschink (WPC)	Judy Tag (WPC)
Rose Derrick (Brenda Clarey)	Evan McMillian (Mary Stansell)	Towne Family (WPC)
Andrea Dunn (Karen McInnes)	Love Moody (WPC)	Gloria Underhill (Laura Nunn)
Pat Finn (Dee Bee Wright)	Roy Nickles (WPC)	Janet Wilson & Family (Gloria Purcell)
Edward Fitzgibbon (Joan Frye)	Joe Nuchols (Debbie McQueeney)	Robbie Yarnall (WPC)
Harold Fountain (Henry Shepard)	Sylvia Peek (Gloria Purcell)	Rev. Donnie Woods (Presbytery)
Joan Frye (WPC)	Nancy Plowden (WPC)	Robin Zemp (WPC)
Bruce Hamilton (Theodosia Wade)	Pratt Family (WPC Preschool)	
Megan Hatfield (Debbie McQueeney)	Monnie Privette (Robert/Sylvia Coker)	
Chris Huff (Gloria Purcell)	Donna Purcell (WPC)	
Brenda Jonsson (WPC)	Reed Family (Dee Bee Wright)	
David Kerr (Chris Kerr)	Charles Reeves (Carol Patrick)	

PRAYER LIST UPDATED JUNE 2024

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

Friend of the Week

Harriet DaSilva
201 W. 9th North Street Unit 149
Summerville, SC 29483

Mission of the Week

Healing Farms
703 Yew Street
Charleston, SC 29407

Church Families

Jack Christian; Caroline Christian
-Mary, Eleanor, John, Frances

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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