



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

July 21, 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

PRELUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Sarah Shayban, Nancy Parrish

◆ SONG OF PREPARATION

10,000 Reasons

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

THE WESTMINSTER CATECHISM (1647)

One: Q. What is the chief end of humankind?

All: A. To glorify God, and to enjoy God forever.

One: Q. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

All: A. The Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments
is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy God.

◆ 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. 401 Here In This Place

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

We confess our sin and brokenness this morning as people who are in need of your grace. Forgive us for the words we say without thinking. Forgive us for the actions we do without pausing. Forgive us for the blind eye we turn with ease. Forgive us when we turn away from you and turn away from each other. Grant us your peace, and renew us as one body through your Son, Jesus the Christ. Forgive us Lord, for we have sinned.

-Silent Confessions

◆ 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.

◆ 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

There Is a Balm in Gilead
Sarah Shayban, Nancy Parrish

LLOYD LARSON

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:3-21

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 162

SERMON

My Favorite Things

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 361 O Christ, The Great Foundation

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

Words of Scripture
Introduction of the Deacons
Constitutional Questions for the Deacons
Constitutional Questions for the Congregation
Prayer of Declaration of Installation

◆ RESPONSE

The Doxology

All singing:

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

◆ DECLARATION OF FAITH

PCUSA BOOK OF ORDER F-1.01

The mission of God in Christ gives shape and substance to the life and work of the Church. In Christ, the Church participates in God's mission for the transformation of creation and humanity by proclaiming to all people the good news of God's love, offering to all people the grace of God at font and table, and calling all people to discipleship in Christ. Human beings have no higher goal in life than to glorify and enjoy God now and forever, living in covenant fellowship with God and participating in God's mission.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

◆ SONG NO. 761

Called as Partners In Christ's Service

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

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

Acolytes: Eleanor Akery

Ushers: George McAbee*, Mary McAbee, Graham Wade

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

A CALLED MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Session has called a meeting of the Congregation immediately following the 11:00 worship service today. The purpose of the meeting is to act on Pastor Lissa's request to dissolve the pastoral relationship between herself and the congregation. July 28 is Pastor Lissa's last Sunday at Westminster. Please join us for worship and also from 10:00 - 10:45 in Covenant Hall as we gather to give thanks for her 6 years of ministry here at Westminster, to pray for her, and to wish her well in Williamsburg, Virginia.

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 Class 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.

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 or at church (\$10 for *The Ballot and the Bible*)

- 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*. Schiess unpacks examples of how Americans have connected the Bible to politics in the past, highlighting times it was applied well and times it was egregiously misused. The book combines American political history and biblical interpretation to help readers faithfully read Scripture, talk with others about it, and apply it to contemporary political issues.
- 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!*

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Our membership committee has almost completed the final draft of the family directory and we need your help! In the narthex, you will find a couple draft copies. Please take a moment before or after worship to look for your name and verify that your contact information is correct. If you have a recent photo to replace what is currently posted or you wish to update your contact information, please forward to office@wpccharleston.org.

INSTALLATION

It is a joy to worship God and install new leaders at the 9:00 service this morning. Here are the new deacons and elders, ordained and installed last Sunday and today.

- New Deacons being ordained and installed are: Sonya Willemse, Ashley Chandler, Amy Kuenzel, Susanna Hopkins, Elaine Tucker.
- New Deacons, previously ordained and being installed are: Sandy Pennekamp, Nita Rushton, Janie Daniels, Ellyn Winkles, Hilary Parrish, Sherry Niblock, Laura Patrick
- New Elders being ordained and installed are: Sarah Schumann, Cameron Baker.
- New Elders, previously ordained and being installed are: Cathy Grills, Michael Patrick, Joshua Robinson, Deborah-Anne Ferguson.

SPECIAL THANKS

A hearty thank you goes to these Deacons and Elders who are completing their terms of active service. You gave valuable leadership at Westminster, and you are to be commended for your service. Well done!

Deacons: Ellen Bollinger, Brenda Clarey, Chris Dorsel, Sara Dwyer, Denise Floyd, Andrea Gentry, Carrie Gentry, Ann Morris, David Morris, Sue Smoak, Leigh Throckmorton, Mellany Whetstone.

Elders: Laura Patrick, Norman Hook, Chuck Towne, Beth Georgen, Dee Bee Wright, Abbie Mobley.

SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

Thank you for your generous support for the Summer Mission Trips to Mexico and Brazil. We raised more than \$10,000, making it possible for us to travel and experience what we are doing together with God and our mission partners.

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

PASTORAL TRANSITIONS

The next few months will mark some pastoral transitions in the life of the church.

- Sunday, July 28. It is Pastor Lissa's last Sunday at Westminster. Please join us from 10:00 - 10:45 in Covenant Hall as we gather to give thanks for her 6 years of ministry here at Westminster and to pray for and wish her well in Williamsburg, Virginia.
- The Session has asked Pastor Priscilla Holtzclaw to serve as our Parish Associate in the interim period between Associate Pastors. Pastor Priscilla will serve 15-20 hours a week beginning August 1. Her primary duties are congregational care, worship leadership, and discipleship development. She will be commissioned to this role by our Presbytery during the 11:00 worship service on August 11.
- The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee is active, and they invite your prayers for their work. They are at the beginning of the search, working on developing Westminster's MDP (Ministry Development Profile) - a document used to tell potential candidates who we are and what we are all about. The APNC: Natasha Akery, Lindy Coleman (Chair), Andrew Hopkins, George McAbee, Mark Patrick, Sandy Pell.

"UNDIES SUNDAYS" FOR HANDS OF CHRIST

Hands of Christ is preparing for the annual clothing and school supply distribution August 9 and 10. 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 during July 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.

Interested in Volunteering for Hands of Christ? Please contact Sonya Willemese at sonyawillemse@gmail.com or Jane Warner at jane.warner99@comcast.net. Thank you for your continued support of Hands of Christ.

HANDS OF CHRIST INTERPRETER

We are in need of Spanish interpreters for our WPC distribution on Friday, August 9th (4p-6p) and Saturday, August 10, (10a-12p). If you or someone you know can help, please contact Jane Warner at jane.warner99@comcast.net.

HANDS OF CHRIST BOXES

We are in need of several copy paper boxes for packing supplies. If you have any, please deliver to the church office.

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.

- July 21 Put on **Forgiveness** in impossible situations. (Natasha Akery)

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES LUNCH AND LEARN

August 15, 2024 @ 1 pm, Covenant Hall

Speaker: Vasco Pickett, IT Specialist: Internet Scams Targeting Seniors

Potluck Lunch: Bring your favorite salad, OR plate of your favorite sandwiches, OR favorite dessert -Sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the admin hallway

SAMS SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING SAMS EVENTS

October 2: Trip to the Tea Farm + Lunch

October 21-25: Montreat

November (date TBD): Creche Festival at Mepkin Abbey

December 8: Christmas Drop-In

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS REMINDER

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 21!

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!** Pressure wash covered walkway
- **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
- Vacuum refrigerator coils
- 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.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Regular size toothpaste, individually packaged toothbrushes, and deodorant

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, July 21

9:00 am	Worship Service
9:00 am	Installation of New Officers
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Diaconate Meeting
6:00 pm	Session Meeting
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, July 22

Tuesday, July 23

6:30 am	Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
10:00 am	Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 24

6:30 pm	Endowment Committee Meeting, Parlor
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, July 25

Friday, July 26

Saturday, July 27

11:00 am	Rosalee Smith Memorial Service
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Sunday, July 28

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Farewell Reception for Pastor Lissa
11:00 am	Worship Service
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

TAKE STEPS FORWARD IN FAITH ON AUGUST 24

S.T.E.P.S.- Studying + Teaching + Equipping + Praying + Serving: This presbytery-wide event is a wonderful opportunity for church members, teachers, ministry teams, worship/music leaders, officers, and staffs to enrich their faith and understanding of the church. S.T.E.P.S. will take place Saturday, August 24 at Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church. Saturday will offer two workshop sessions, with worship in between. An optional time for fellowship and lunch will follow the second workshop and a boxed lunch may be purchased for an additional cost. Registration information is on the presbytery website (capresbytery.org/steps-2024) and printed brochures are in the Admin Hallway. The workshops are varied and interesting: our own Natasha Akery is leading one titled: *A New Commandment with Old Roots*, where she dives into the ways the Hebrew Scriptures help us understand the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

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) 972-815

WESTMINSTER PRAYS

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

PRAYER LIST UPDATED JULY 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
Janie Hammersmith 1925 Essex Farms Drive Charleston, SC 29414	Mary Ford Early Learning and Family Center 3180 Thomasina McPherson Boulevard	Steven Clark

WESTMINSTER SESSION MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES

Administration: Tom Whetstone and Michael Patrick; **Buildings and Grounds:** Matt Teitsort and Randy Davis; **Christian Education:** Lindy Coleman and Cathy Grills; **Fellowship:** Mike Niblock, Betsy McLaughlin and Jon Bazzle; **Finance:** Sarah Schumann and Joshua Robinson; **Membership:** John Dounian and Cameron Baker; **Missions:** Mary McAbee, Matthew Patrick; **Preschool:** Ashley Snider; **Worship:** Allyn Bruce and Deborah-Anne Ferguson; **Clerk:** Carole Russell; **Assistant Clerk:** Lindy Coleman; **Treasurer:** Nancy Dixon; **Assistant Treasurer:** Patty Stokes

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