



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

July 28, 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. 443

There Is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit; till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit; till the work on earth is done.

### ◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

From Psalm 66

One: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;  
sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

All: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

One: So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

All: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;  
they sing praises to your name.

### ◆ 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. 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

## CONFESSION

### ◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Lord, we confess that the meaning of the cross and resurrection has little impact on our day to day lives. We live like sin and death are still in control. We constantly lose the spiritual, physical, and emotional battles we are in. Lord, we don't want to be trapped any more. We want to live the abundant life you have promised us in Jesus. We want to share in the victory and rest in the knowledge that he has conquered all our foes. Help us to place our lives completely in his hands.

*-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.

### ◆ 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

Matthew 28:1-15

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 33

SERMON

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### ◆ SONG OF RESPONSE

In Christ Alone

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### ◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: O Death, where is your victory?  
O Death, where is your sting?

All: **Christ has risen! Death is swallowed up in victory!**

One: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

All: **Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ!**

One: The Lord has risen.

All: **He has risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

◆ SONG NO. 238

Thine Is the Glory!

### SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

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◆ *Please stand, if able*

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

Acolytes: Evan Ford

Ushers: Nancy Dixon, Laura Nunn

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 appreciation  
of Pastor Lissa and her family's presence and ministry among us.*

### WE'RE HONORING PASTOR LISSA TODAY

Pastor Lissa has been our Associate Pastor for 6 years, and we want to show her how much we appreciate the ways she has brought her energy, intelligence, imagination, and love in her exemplary service to the church. You're invited to a reception during the Sunday School hour (10:00 - 10:45) on Sunday, July 28. The Deacons are providing refreshments, and we'll have a table set for your gifts and cards of appreciation. We'll take a moment at 10:30 for some words of appreciation. There is no Sunday school planned- children and adults are invited to the reception.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE SPECIAL EVENTS DURING THE 10:00 - 10:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

- July 28            ~Reception for Pastor Lissa
- August 4           ~Mexico Mission Team Shares Their Experiences  
                          ~Middle School CROSS mission report
- August 11         ~Brazil Mission Team Shares Their Experiences  
                          ~LaPatria School (Guatemala) update
- August 18         ~Kickoff Sunday with WPC Ministry Fair

## 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](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.

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

- 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*. 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 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!*

## PASTORAL TRANSITIONS

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

- Today 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.

## POPSICLES, PIZZA, AND PLANNING!

Mark your calendars for an All Youth (mid high and senior high students) event on Tuesday July 30th from 5-7 p.m. at the home of Matthew and Jill Patrick, 2 Fort Royal Court. We will be swimming, eating pizza and popsicles, and breaking off into groups to talk about bible study topics for the year.

## FELLOWSHIP BEACH DAY

All are welcome to join us for a beach day at Folly Beach County Park on Sunday, August 4th from 4:00 - 6:00pm. Look for the Westminster flag when you park to find us. Snacks will be provided. Restrooms available at the park facilities.

## HANDS OF CHRIST BENEFIT CONCERT

The Presbyterian Churches of James Island invite you to their annual Hands of Christ Benefit Concert on Sunday, August 4 at 5:00 p.m. The concert will be held in the sanctuary of St. James Presbyterian Church, 1314 Secessionville Road, James Island.

## "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 Willemse at [sonyawillemse@gmail.com](mailto:sonyawillemse@gmail.com) or Jane Warner at [jane.warner99@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## 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

## 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](http://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.

## 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!** Clean out gutters around Scout Hut
- **NEW!** Clean ceiling in Scout Hut
- **NEW!** Repair and paint bus stop shelter
- **NEW!** Repair sign on right entrance to property
- **NEW!** Pressure wash breezeway awning
- **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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday) and in Sanctuary for handbells
- Paint 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@wpcccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpcccharleston.org). For questions, supplies, ideas contact Carole Russell: text (843) 442-5276 or email [clsrussell@comcast.net](mailto:clsrussell@comcast.net).

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Regular size toothpaste, individually packaged toothbrushes, and deodorant

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT NUMBERS

Al-Anon (843) 762-6999

Community Resource and Support Hotline 211

Mental Health Crisis Hotline 988

My Sister's House (domestic abuse) (843) 744-3242

Neighbors Together (843) 747-1788

Narcotics Anonymous (843) 852-3001

[PostpartumSupportChas.org](http://PostpartumSupportChas.org)

Wake-Up Carolina (support for families and individuals battling substance abuse) (843) 972-8154

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### 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

### Monday, July 29

### Tuesday, July 30

6:30 am	Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
10:00 am	Staff Meeting
5:00 pm	All Youth Event - Popsicles, Pizza, and Planning, Matthew and Jill Patrick's

### Wednesday, July 31

7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall
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### Thursday, August 1

### Friday, August 2

### Saturday, August 3

### Sunday, August 4

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
4:00 pm	Fellowship Beach Day at Folly
5:00 pm	Hands of Christ Benefit Concert, St. James Presbyterian Church
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

## WESTMINSTER PRAYS

Cary Alexandre (WPC)	David Kerr (Chris Kerr)	Charles Reeves (Carol Patrick)
Joyce Aydlette (Becky Grafton)	Chris Huff (Gloria Purcell)	Gloria Ricoma (Karen McInnes)
Daryn Baker (Jane Acker)	Debbie Kieffer (Daniel Smoak)	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)
Julia Fletcher (Niblock Family)	Love Moody (WPC)	Towne Family (WPC)
Pat Finn (Dee Bee Wright)	Roy Nickles (WPC)	Gloria Underhill (Laura Nunn)
Edward Fitzgibbon (Joan Frye)	Joe Nuchols (Debbie McQueeney)	Janet Wilson & Family (Gloria Purcell)
Harold Fountain (Henry Shephard)	Sylvia Peek (Gloria Purcell)	Robbie Yarnall (WPC)
Joan Frye (WPC)	Nancy Plowden (WPC)	Rev. Donnie Woods (Presbytery)
Eleanor Grayson (WPC)	Pratt Family (WPC Preschool)	Robin Zemp (WPC)
Bruce Hamilton (Theodosia Wade)	Monnie Privette (Robert/Sylvia Coker)	
Megan Hatfield (Debbie McQueeney)	Donna Purcell (WPC)	
Brenda Jonsson (WPC)	Reed Family (Dee Bee Wright)	
Joshua (Abbie Mobley)		

## PRAYER LIST UPDATED JULY 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**

Lynn Koger  
129 Chadwick Drive  
Charleston, SC 29407

### **Mission of the Week**

Metanoia  
2005 Reynolds Avenue  
North Charleston, SC 29408

### **Church Family**

Patricia Coggins  
201 W 9<sup>th</sup> North Street Unit 93  
The Village at Summerville  
Summerville, SC 29483-6715

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