



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

July 7, 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. 50 You Are My Strength When I Am Weak

You are my strength when I am weak,
you are the treasure that I seek;
you are my all in all.

When I fall down, you pick me up;
when I am dry you fill my cup;
you are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.!

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

One: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

All: **Being found in human form, Christ humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even on the cross.**

One: Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

All: **Let every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin!

For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Behold, we were brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did our mothers conceive us.

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach us wisdom in the secret heart. Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow.

-Silent Personal Confession -

◆ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

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

◆ 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

Janie Bruce

SPECIAL MUSIC

What Will You Do With Jesus?

Mark Burckhalter

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 24:1-25:13

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 32

SERMON

The Justice of the Innocent

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. 515 I Come with Joy

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. 543 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY: Pastor, Lissa Long; Laura Nunn, Liturgist; Nancy Parrish, Music

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

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

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.

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!*

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.

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 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 requesting 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

"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 sonywillense@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.

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@wpcccharleston.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

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, July 7

9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:15 pm Worship Committee Meeting
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, July 8

11:00 am Village Luncheon
1:00 pm Hands of Christ Steering Committee Meeting, Room 4
2:00 pm Hands of Christ Operations Team Meeting, Room 4
5:30 pm APNC Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday, July 9

6:30 am Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
8:00 am Men's Bible Study Breakfast Meeting, Trotters
10:00 am Staff Meeting
12:00 pm Greater Charleston Ostomy Group Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, July 10

7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, July 11

Friday, July 12

Saturday, July 13

Sunday, July 14

9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
11:00 am Ordination/Installation of New Officers
1:45 pm Cross Mission Group Leaves
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

WESTMINSTER PRAYS

Cary Alexandre (WPC)	Debbie Kieffer (Daniel Smoak)	Charles Reeves (Carol Patrick)
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)	Tony Steele (Nancy Parrish)
Martin Davis (Kevin Mikles)	Mary Martschink (WPC)	Mark Stender (Gloria Purcell)
Rose Derrick (Brenda Clarey)	Evan McMillian (Mary Stansell)	Judy Tag (WPC)
Andrea Dunn (Karen McInnes)	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 Shepard)	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)	
Chris Huff (Gloria Purcell)	Reed Family (Dee Bee Wright)	
Brenda Jonsson (WPC)	Gloria Ricoma (Karen McInnes)	
Joshua (Abbie Mobley)		
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

Keith Gordon
1759 River Front Drive
Charleston, SC 29407

Mission of the Week

Water Missions International
1150 Molly Greene Way
Building 1605
North Charleston, SC 29405

Church Family

Joe and Brenda Clarey

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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