

Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

July 14, 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

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.

♦ WORDS OF PRAISE

- One: Sing a new song to the Lord. All you people of the earth, sing to the Lord.
- All: Sing to the Lord. Praise him. Day after day tell about how he saves us. Tell the nations about his glory. Tell all people about the wonderful things he has done.
 One: Praise the Lord, all you nations. Praise the Lord for his glory and strength. Praise the Lord for the glory that belongs to him.
 All: Worship the Lord because of his beauty and holiness. All you people of the earth, tremble when you are with him. Let the heavens be full of joy, and let the earth be glad. Praise the Lord!

♦ 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. 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

CONFESSION

♦ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Almighty Lord, we find great delight in your creation and the good things you have given us to enjoy, but we rarely spend time delighting in you. We tend to enjoy you when you give us what we want, but we become anxious, fretful, and angry when life is hard and you seem unwilling to rescue us from uncomfortable or painful circumstances. Forgive our sin, and help us to rejoice in all circumstances, to be grateful for the gifts we have received, and to look constantly for ways to share your love.

-Silent Personal Confession -

FROM PSALM 96

- ♦ 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

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.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 27:32-66

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 32

Sermon

Crucified, Dead, and Buried

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 223 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

♦ DECLARATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Claire Winkles

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING OUT

♦ SONG NO. 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna live so God can use me; anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me; anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me; anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna work so God can use me; anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me; anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna pray so God can use me; anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me; anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna sing so God can use me; anywhere, Lord, anytime!

♦ BLESSING

♦ Please stand, if able

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

Acolytes: Catherine Patrick and Riley Gentry Ushers: Matt Akery*, Joe Jeter, Laura Nunn

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

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of the Elders and Deacons who are completing their terms of service and the Elders and Deacons who are currently serving.

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.

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 worshiping 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!





ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

It is a joy to worship God and ordain and install new leaders at the 11:00 service this morning. Here are the new deacons and elders, including the ones who will be ordained and installed on July 21 at 9:00.

- 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

TODAY WE ARE ALSO "SENDING OFF" THE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR A WEEK WITH CROSS MISSION IN CHARLOTTE, NC.

CROSS is based at Myers Park Presbyterian and is committed to crossing over boundaries that divide us, crossing out stereotypes that judge us, and keeping Christ's love as our focus. Team members: Claire Winkles, Paige Dadin, Shawn Fulmer, Spencer Bruce, Connor Chandler, Manning Earnst, Gracie Fulmer, Tanner Gentry, Katie Griggs, Lucas Leilich, Sumner Long, Brooke Patrick, Cameron Patrick, Mary Patrick, Jillian Ramsay, Michael Runey, Faith Towne, and Beckett Wilhoit.

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 sonyswillense@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 14 Put on Love in all things. (Lindy Coleman)
- July 21 Put on Forgiveness in impossible situations. (Natasha Akery)

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! 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.

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) 972-815

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

<u>Sunday, July 14</u>

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

Monday, July 15

<u>Tuesday, July 16</u>

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

Wednesday, July 17

	Brazil Mission Team Departs
10:00 am	Neighbors Together
5:00 pm	APNC Meeting, Parlor
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, July 18

<u>Friday, July 19</u>

1:00 pm Cross Mission Group Returns

Saturday, July 20

Sunday, July 21

9:00 am	Worship Service
9:00 am	Ordination/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

WESTMINSTER PRAYS

Cary Alexandre (WPC) Joyce Aydlette (Becky Grafton) Daryn Baker (Jane Acker) Mary Ashley Barbot (Lisa Couch) Susie Cashion (WPC) Lydia Crosby (WPC) Martin Davis (Kevin Mikles) Rose Derrick (Brenda Clarey) Andrea Dunn (Karen McInnes) Pat Finn (Dee Bee Wright) Edward Fitzgibbon (Joan Frye) Harold Fountain (Henry Shepard) Joan Frye (WPC) Eleanor Grayson (WPC) Bruce Hamilton (Theodosia Wade) Megan Hatfield (Debbie McQueeney) Brenda Jonsson (WPC) Joshua (Abbie Mobley) David Kerr (Chris Kerr)

Chris Huff (Gloria Purcell) Debbie Kieffer (Daniel Smoak) Adam Kozel (Jennifer Binnicker) Fran Ligon (WPC) Walker Lundy (WPC) Jane Livingston (Tom Livingston) John Martschink (WPC) Mary Martschink (WPC) Evan McMillian (Mary Stansell) Love Moody (WPC) Roy Nickles (WPC) Joe Nuchols (Debbie McQueeney) Sylvia Peek (Gloria Purcell) Nancy Plowden (WPC) Pratt Family (WPC Preschool) Monnie Privette (Robert/Sylvia Coker) Donna Purcell (WPC) Reed Family (Dee Bee Wright)

Gloria Ricoma (Karen McInnes) Charles Reeves (Carol Patrick) Kevin Ritzel (Neil Ritzel) Nita Rodemann (WPC) Rachel Singletary (Sara Bobo) Jerry Smoak (WPC) Tony Steele (Nancy Parrish) Mark Stender (Gloria Purcell) Judy Tag (WPC) Towne Family (WPC) Gloria Underhill (Laura Nunn) Janet Wilson & Family (Gloria Purcell) Robbie Yarnall (WPC) Rev. Donnie Woods (Presbytery) Robin Zemp (WPC)

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

Eleanor Grayson 201 W. 9th Street Unit 19 Summerville, SC 29483 Mission of the Week

Food Pantry

Church Family

Bryon and Marybeth Clark -Harrison 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 Mike Niblock Matthew Patrick, Ashley Snider; 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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