



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

August 11, 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 NO. 701 Lord, Prepare Me

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

from Psalm 34

One: I will bless the LORD at all times.  
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

All: **My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

One: Magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt God's name together.

All: **I sought the LORD, and the Lord answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.**

One: Look to the Lord, and be radiant,  
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

All: **Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
happy are those who take refuge in 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. 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

## CONFESSION

### ◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Christ calls us to stand with the least and the last, yet we cling to power and privilege. We fear worldly consequences for faithful action. We make excuses for ourselves, for our lack of action, for our fears when we face oppression. We fail to follow where Christ leads. Forgive us, God, and push us to take the risk of following Christ when we are called. Amen.

*-Silent Personal Confession -*

### ◆ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

One: Hear the Good News! God's love is sure and steadfast.  
God's grace is abundant and everlasting.  
Receive the good news - in the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

### ◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 447                      We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

### ◆ 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

It Is Well with My Soul  
*Claire Winkles*

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2

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SERMON

Imitating God

Rev. Albright

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 543      God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

◆ SONG NO. 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

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◆ *Please stand, if able*

**LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:**

Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Priscilla Holtzclaw, Parish Associate; Becky Albright, General Presbyter; Nancy Parrish, Music

Acolyte: Catherine Patrick, Riley Gentry

Ushers: Matt Akery, Joe Jeter, 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.

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 celebration of Pastor Priscilla's Commissioning*

**TODAY WE COMMISSION PASTOR PRISCILLA HOLTZCLAW**

Today during the 11:00 service of worship, we are so glad to participate in a commissioning service for Westminster's new Parish Associate, Priscilla Holtzclaw. Pastor Priscilla is a retired physician who has been trained in theology and ministry through the SC Lay School, a partnership of the five presbyteries in South Carolina. She has been a part of the Westminster family for many years, has served Charleston Atlantic Presbytery in numerous roles, and is pleased to be a Commissioned Pastor serving Westminster as we search for an installed Associate Pastor.

A special welcome and thank you is extended to the members of the Presbytery's Commission:

Rev. Rebecca Albright: CAP's General Presbyter and Pastor to Pastors.

Elder Alan Rousseau from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Elder Dee Bee Wright from Westminster Presbyterian Church

Rev. Daniel Smoak from Westminster Presbyterian Church

## 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. The next Connections Class is August 25. 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. Save your spot at the August 25 Connections class by emailing [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org).

## 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.

## FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT: YOU'RE INVITED!

It is a sermon series on what we believe God is calling us to at Westminster: Commitment, Compassion, and Community.

August 18	Matthew 4:18-22	You're Invited! <i>The simple invitation "Follow Me" begins a life of discipleship. Do we hear the same call today?</i>
August 25	Joshua 24:1-15	You're Invited to Commitment! <i>You're invited to commitment: to worship, serve, learn, and give.</i>
September 1	Philippians 2:1-11	You're Invited to Compassion! <i>You're invited to compassion: Listening to, caring for, and sharing the joys and burdens of all people.</i>
September 8	Philippians 1:1-11	You're Invited to Community! <i>You're invited to community: Growing relationships with God, each other, creation, and our neighbors.</i>

From there, we work through other invitations we find in Scripture: Invitations to rest, say "no," be filled, come to the table, be as a child, give to God, and finally, the greatest invitation of all.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

Men of all ages: Join us for Breakfast and Bible Study from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. on the Second Tuesday of every month. We are meeting for breakfast at Trotters Restaurant at Town and Country Inn and Suites (2008 Savannah Highway). Pastor Daniel will be leading; join us for the Fellowship and Encouragement.

## 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

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

- August 11      -Brazil Mission Team Shares Their Experiences  
                          -LaPatria School (Guatemala) update
- August 18      -Kickoff Sunday with WPC Ministry Fair

## KICKOFF SUNDAY: YOU'RE INVITED!

Sunday, August 18th is Kickoff Sunday. Covenant Hall will turn into a Ministry Fair 10:00 -10:45 a.m. with refreshments and varying informational tables for all the different ministry committees, groups, and adult classes available. There will be opportunities to sign up to help with events, for new member and visitor outreach, to provide meals for youth, and more!

Children and Youth Sunday School kicks off with "Meet the Teacher" 10:00-10:30 a.m. Sunday School students of all ages are invited to visit their classrooms, meet their teachers, and mingle with their classmates. Parents can drop off children and youth to their classrooms to stay for a fun activity. At 10:30, teachers will lead their classrooms to Covenant Hall for the Ministry Fair and reunion with parents.

## YOU'RE INVITED! ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS AUGUST 25

- **The Anchor Class:** This class emphasizes fellowship, good discussion, and growth. They will be studying Eugene Peterson's Leap Over a Wall, which is a study of the life of David. We'll learn discipleship from the high points and low points of the one described as "a man after God's own heart." Class meets in Room 15 of the Education Building.
- **The Cary Grayson Class:** This class is facilitated by a team of leaders and has been engaged in a study of the Old Testament for quite a while. They take about a chapter a week for study and reflection and are currently in the book of 1 Samuel. Class meets in Room 4 of Covenant Hall.
- **The New Class:** We are creating a new Sunday School class, inviting folks who are not currently involved in an adult class on Sunday mornings. Here is what you can expect: An opportunity to meet and build relationships with a range of people: some you already know and some you don't yet know; An opportunity to learn more about both *why* we study the bible and *how* we can study the bible; A range of class facilitators who will keep things moving and interesting; An initial 8-week study of the New Testament book of Philippians. Philippians is all about joy, interruptions, discouragement, hope, partnerships, and Jesus. We're using NT Wright's Bible for Everyone Study Guide, and you can pick one up in class if you like. (\$10). Class meets in Covenant Hall.

## APNC

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.

## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS REMINDER

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 21!

## NEIGHBORS TOGETHER WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

Volunteer to help serve one of the hot meals during the week! We have a team who serves on the third Wednesday of the month, or you can register at [www.neighborstogether.org](http://www.neighborstogether.org). Email [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org) to receive emails about our regular Wednesday group.

## 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!*

## THE WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER (WOW)

We are delighted to present a special opportunity to celebrate the beauty and heritage of our church. We are offering replica ornaments of the magnificent stained glass chancel window that graces the heart of our Sanctuary. These ornaments capture the intricate artistry and spiritual significance of the window, making them a truly meaningful addition to any home. Each ornament is priced at just \$20, providing a wonderful way to honor our church's tradition and share a piece of its beauty with loved ones. All proceeds will directly benefit the ongoing efforts of the Women of Westminster to nurture faith, fellowship, and service within our congregation and beyond. You may purchase using the order forms found in the Narthex or in the church office for \$20 each. Cash or Check due with order form and will be taken until Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

## FEED THE YOUTH

Interested in providing a meal for our Youth Discipleship Group on Sunday Nights? Remember you don't have to have a youth to feed the youth. They are happy with home cooked or hot-N-ready. Scan the QR Code for a list of dates to sign up to feed the youth on Sunday Nights from 4:45 - 5:30 p.m. If you have questions, email Claire Winkles [cwinkles@wpcccharleston.org](mailto:cwinkles@wpcccharleston.org).



## 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
- Repair sign on right entrance to property
- Pressure wash breezeway awning
- Clean Adm wing window trim (front and Memory Garden side); possibly paint
- 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
- Sprig jasmine ground cover by the front steps facing Sam Rittenberg Blvd. to fill in bare spots
- Deep clean kitchen and 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

Soap bars, 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

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, August 11

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
11:00 am	Commissioning of Priscilla Holtzclaw, Parish Associate
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Monday, August 12

11:30	Village Luncheon
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### Tuesday, August 13

6:30 am	Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
8:00 am	Men's Bible Study, Town and Country
10:00 am	Staff Meeting
5:30 pm	Preschool Committee Meeting (Zoom)

### Wednesday, August 14

7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall
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### Thursday, August 15

10:00 am	Smocking Guild, Room 4
1:00 pm	SAMS Lunch and Learn, Covenant Hall

### Friday, August 16

### Saturday, August 17

### Sunday, August 18

Kick-Off Sunday

9:00 am	Worship Service
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

## 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.

## WESTMINSTER PRAYS

Cary Alexandre (WPC)	Chris Huff (Gloria Purcell)	Gloria Ricoma (Karen McInnes)
Joyce Aydlette (Becky Grafton)	Debbie Kieffer (Daniel Smoak)	Kevin Ritzel (Neil Ritzel)
Daryn Baker (Jane Acker)	Fran Ligon (WPC)	Nita Rodemann (WPC)
Mary Ashley Barbot (Lisa Couch)	Walker Lundy (Lundy Family)	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)
Julia Fletcher (Niblock Family)	Roy Nickles (WPC)	Jacqueline Vance (Sara Dwyer)
Pat Finn (Dee Bee Wright)	Joe Nuchols (Debbie McQueeney)	Aileen Wiese (WPC)
Edward Fitzgibbon (Joan Frye)	Sylvia Peek (Gloria Purcell)	Janet Wilson & Family (Gloria Purcell)
Harold Fountain (Henry Sheppard)	Nancy Plowden (WPC)	Robbie Yarnall (WPC)
Joan Frye (WPC)	Pratt Family (WPC Preschool)	Rev. Donnie Woods (Presbytery)
Eleanor Grayson (WPC)	Monnie Privette (Robert/Sylvia Coker)	Robin Zemp (WPC)
Bruce Hamilton (Theodosia Wade)	Donna Purcell (WPC)	
Megan Hatfield (Debbie McQueeney)	Reed Family (Dee Bee Wright)	
Brenda Jonsson (WPC)	Charles Reeves (Carol Patrick)	
Joshua (Abbie Mobley)		

## PRAYER LIST UPDATED AUGUST 2024

If you need to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please email Suzann at [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org)

<b>Friend of the Week</b>	<b>Mission of the Week</b>	<b>Church Family</b>
Lynne MacPherson 2 Queens Street Huntington, NY 11743	Boy Scout Troup 79	Lindy Coleman

## 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 and 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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