



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

August 4, 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

Deacon Care at WPC

◆ SONG OF PREPARATION NO. 750 Goodness is Stronger than Evil

Goodness is stronger than evil;
love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness;
life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours; victory is ours,
through God who loves us.
Victory is ours, victory is ours,
through God who loves us.

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

One: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight
and the sin that clings so closely,
and let us run with perseverance
the race that is set before us.
Mindful of the gifts we receive
and confident of the grace the Lord provides,

All: Let us worship 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. 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Holy God,
You promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe.
You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear.
You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have.
You call us to watch at all times for you, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.
Forgive us.
Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,
and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day.
For the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.

-Silent Personal Confession -

◆ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

◆ 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.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

John Fishter

◆ 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 28:16-20

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 34

SERMON

The Great Commission

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 298 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

◆ 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING OUT

◆ SENDING SONG NO. 295

Go to the World!

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Priscilla Holtzclaw, Parish Associate; Nancy Parrish, Music

Acolyte: Thomas Robinson

Ushers: Nancy Dixon, Dan Klingshirn, 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

*The rosebud in the Sanctuary is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Henry Walker Bruce, Jr., born July 24, 2024.
His parents are Janice and Walker Bruce; his grandmother is Allyn Bruce.*

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to share in the bread and the cup. Elders will serve the congregation seated in the pews; you may partake as soon as you are served. WPC is a safe place for those in recovery- we serve grape juice only. Gluten free bread is available in the center of the juice tray. Children are invited to the table provided they've had instruction at home or in Westminster's worship prep class (1st grade).

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.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Today we are glad to welcome new members to the Westminster family! John Fishter (9:00), Rick and Katie Baturin (Annaleigh and Ricky), and Beverly Baturin (11:00). We look forward to your presence and participation in the mission and ministry of the church.

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

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.

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.

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.

- 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.

FELLOWSHIP BEACH DAY

All are welcome to join us for a beach day at Folly Beach County Park today 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.

YOU'RE INVITED! KICKOFF SUNDAY IS AUGUST 18

Join us for inspiring worship at 9:00 or 11:00, meet the teacher for children and youth Sunday School, and a ministry fair in Covenant Hall from 10:00 - 10:45. It is a great chance to engage in discipleship and growth. Don't miss it!

HANDS OF CHRIST BENEFIT CONCERT

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

HANDS OF CHRIST

Shoppers needed in Covenant Hall Friday, August 9, 4:00 pm- 6:00 pm and Saturday, August 10, 10:00 am -12:00 pm. Please plan to arrive ½ hour before the distribution start time. Children of all ages welcome – Age 9 and under can help parent/guardian. A free meal will be served each day for volunteers at the end of the distribution time. For more information and to volunteer contact Jane Warner at jane.warner99@comast.net

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.

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@wpccharleston.org.



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

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, 2nd 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
- 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.

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. As you prepare for the holiday season, or if you would just like to bring home a piece of the spiritual and artistic heritage of our church, consider these ornaments as the perfect gift for family and friends, or as a cherished keepsake for yourself.

Your purchase not only enriches your holiday celebrations but also supports the vital work of our women's ministry and discipleship programs. 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 11th. Embrace the spirit of the season with a symbol of our church's enduring legacy, and contribute to the flourishing of our community through these beautiful ornaments."

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

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

Monday, August 5

5:00 pm	Deacon Leader Meeting
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Tuesday, August 6

6:30 am	Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
10:00 am	Staff Meeting
4:00 pm	Membership Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 7

7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall
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Thursday, August 8

Friday, August 9

4:00 pm	Hands of Christ distribution
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Saturday, August 10

10:00 am	Hands of Christ distribution
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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

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

- 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

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS REMINDER

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 21!

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)	Jacqueline Vance (Sara Dwyer)
Harold Fountain (Henry Shepard)	Sylvia Peek (Gloria Purcell)	Aileen Wiese (WPC)
Joan Frye (WPC)	Nancy Plowden (WPC)	Janet Wilson & Family (Gloria Purcell)
Eleanor Grayson (WPC)	Pratt Family (WPC Preschool)	Robbie Yarnall (WPC)
Bruce Hamilton (Theodosia Wade)	Monnie Privette (Robert/Sylvia Coker)	Rev. Donnie Woods (Presbytery)
Megan Hatfield (Debbie McQueeney)	Donna Purcell (WPC)	Robin Zemp (WPC)
Brenda Jonsson (WPC)	Reed Family (Dee Bee Wright)	
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

Friend of the Week

Heather MacInnes
504 Shem Butler Court
Charleston, SC 29414

Mission of the Week

Neighbors Together
2105 Cosgrove Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405

Church Family

Robert and Sylvia Coker

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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