

Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

August 18, 2024

11:00 a.m.

At Westminster

**YOU'RE
INVITED!**

Commitment • Compassion • Community

Order of Worship

*Please greet each other warmly as the congregation gathers for worship.
Take a moment and sign the friendship register.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

ROBERT HOWELL

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM ISAIAH 44

One: Come and worship,
all you who love and serve the Lord:
All: There is no one like our God!
One: The Alpha and the Omega;
The First and the Last.
All: There is no one like our God!
One: Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer, and King:
All: There is no one like our God!
One: The Rock in whom we place our trust:
All: There is no one like our God!
One: Let us worship God together.

◆ INVOCATION 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

◆ HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we need your forgiveness because the stain of sin is deeply embedded in our souls. We seek after vain things: material wealth, praise from our peers, and self-fulfillment. We always give in to pride- thinking more often and more highly of ourselves than we ought to. Even our best thoughts and actions are darkened by self-interest. Lord, we are wrapped up in ourselves, and we cannot break free unless you change our hearts. Convict us, give us your Word, and lead us into lives of discipleship where we live for you and seek to serve our neighbors. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

-Silent Personal Confession -

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap! clap!*)
the trees of the field will clap their hands; (*clap! clap!*)
the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap! clap!*)
while you go out with joy.

◆ BENEDICTION

◆ POSTLUDE

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EDWARD BROUGHTON

◆ *Please stand, if able***LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:**

Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Priscilla Holtzclaw, Parish Associate; Sarah Shayban, Music

Acolytes: Nicholas Patrick/Judson Bazzle

Wee Church: Paige Dadin and Ruth Marie Emblar

Children's Church: Kate and Ben Ludwig

Ushers: John Dounian + son, Lou Bowers, Alissa & Jack Ferguson or Debby & Bob Ferguson

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

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 classes to Covenant Hall for the Ministry Fair and reunion with parents.

NEW WEE CHURCH/CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Following Children's Time during 11:00 a.m. worship, children ages 2-3K (Wee Church) and 4-5K (Children's Church) will gather in the narthex with adult leaders and then be led to the Children's Building. *We do ask that each parent sign their children in using the Children's Church/Wee Church binder before the 11:00 service. The binder can be found to the left of the main sanctuary entrance, on the table where our worship bags are located. Thank you for helping us ensure your child's safety during these times!

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.

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.

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.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MILESTONE AND SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES:

Curious about what your children and youth are learning about at WPC? Please take a pamphlet from the narthex and read to learn more about the milestones and spiritual disciplines we hope to help your children develop as they spend time in our children and youth ministry programs. Please let Ms. Claire or a member of the Christian Education Committee know if you have any questions!

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.

"HE WHO SINGS PRAYS TWICE"....ST. AUGUSTINE.

Did you know?? The Bible contains over 400 references to singing, and at least 50 direct commands to sing! Singing in choir brings you closer to God, and to one another. WPC's choir invites you to join us as we resume our Wednesday evening rehearsals. You do NOT have to be a seasoned musician, or have perfect attendance. We view singing as a form of prayer, discipleship, stewardship, fellowship, and FUN! Our first rehearsal is August 21, 7:15 PM in the choir loft.

NEWS FROM THE APNC

Please remember your Associate Pastor Nominating Committee in your prayers. Here's where they are in the search process:

- ✓ Session formally requests approval from Charleston Atlantic Presbytery's Commission on Ministry (COM) to begin the process of seeking an Associate Pastor.
- ✓ Congregation elects the members of the APNC.
- ✓ APNC is trained by COM representative.
- ✓ MDP (Ministry Discernment Profile) is prepared by the APNC. It is a document that describes Westminster, the AP job description, and the kind of AP we're seeking.
- **MDP is reviewed by the Session and the COM and then becomes active in the PCUSA's Church Leadership Connection (CLC) call system.**
- The APNC receives Personal Discernment Profiles (PDP's) from candidates through referrals and the CLC. Through prayer and interviews, the APNC narrows the field of candidates.
- The APNC extends a call to a candidate.
- The candidate accepts the terms of call.
- The candidate is examined by the Commission on Ministry
- The candidate is called by the congregation.
- The candidate is installed as the new Associate Pastor at WPC!

The APNC: Natasha Akery, Lindy Coleman (Chair), Andrew Hopkins, George McAbee, Mark Patrick, Sandy Pell.

FIRST WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY RETURNS THIS WEEK!

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship this Wednesday, August 21! Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. Menu will be Chicken and Waffles, Garden Salad, Mac and Cheese, Green Beans, and Dessert. Adults \$8, children \$4 and a family cap of \$25 via cash, card or check. Throughout the year there will be special events and guest speakers. During those times, we'll host WINK (Wednesday Night Kids) for children and youth to participate in brief, faith related activities, while adults and parents can attend these special events and listen intently. More information will be provided as these events are planned! This week: Fellowship: getting to know you with Pastor Daniel.

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.



NEIGHBORS TOGETHER THIS 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. Email 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 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!*

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 11th.

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!** Trim low hanging limb over back. Loop driveway
- Clean out gutters around Scout Hut
- Clean ceiling in Scout Hut
- 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, 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 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@wpccharleston.org. For questions, supplies, ideas contact Carole Russell: text (843) 442-5276 or email clsrussell@comcast.net.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Soap bars, toothpaste, individually packaged toothbrushes, and deodorant

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, August 18

	Kick-Off Sunday
9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School Meet the Teacher and Ministry Fair
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Diaconate Meeting
6:00 pm	Session Meeting
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, August 19

Tuesday, August 20

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

Wednesday, August 21

6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, August 22

Friday, August 23

Saturday, August 24

8:00 am	S.T.E.P.S. Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, August 25

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	First Youth Group of the New School Year
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) 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)	Debbie Kieffer (Daniel Smoak)	Kevin Ritzel (Neil Ritzel)
Joyce Aydlette (Becky Grafton)	Fran Ligon (WPC)	Nita Rodemann (WPC)
Daryn Baker (Jane Acker)	Walker Lundy (Lundy Family)	Rachel Singletary (Sara Bobo)
Mary Ashley Barbot (Lisa Couch)	Jane Livingston (Tom Livingston)	Jerry Smoak (WPC)
Susie Cashion (WPC)	John Martschink (WPC)	Mark Stender (Gloria Purcell)
Lydia Crosby (WPC)	Mary Martschink (WPC)	Judy Tag (WPC)
Martin Davis (Kevin Mikles)	Evan McMillian (Mary Stansell)	Towne Family (WPC)
Rose Derrick (Brenda Clarey)	Love Moody (WPC)	Gloria Underhill (Laura Nunn)
Andrea Dunn (Karen McInnes)	Roy Nickles (WPC)	Jacqueline Vance (Sara Dwyer)
Julia Fletcher (Niblock Family)	Joe Nuchols (Debbie McQueeney)	Aileen Wiese (WPC)
Pat Finn (Dee Bee Wright)	Sylvia Peek (Gloria Purcell)	Janet Wilson & Family (Gloria Purcell)
Edward Fitzgibbon (Joan Frye)	Nancy Plowden (WPC)	Robbie Yarnall (WPC)
Harold Fountain (Henry Shepard)	Pratt Family (WPC Preschool)	Rev. Donnie Woods (Presbytery)
Joan Frye (WPC)	Monnie Privette (Robert/Sylvia Coker)	Robin Zemp (WPC)
Eleanor Grayson (WPC)	Donna Purcell (WPC)	
Bruce Hamilton (Theodosia Wade)	Reed Family (Dee Bee Wright)	
Megan Hatfield (Debbie McQueeney)	Charles Reeves (Carol Patrick)	
Brenda Jonsson (WPC)	Gloria Ricoma (Karen McInnes)	
Chris Huff (Gloria Purcell)		

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

Mary Martschink
1218 Durham Place
Charleston, SC 29407

Mission of the Week

Neighbors Together
2105 Cosgrove Avenue
North Charleston, SC 29405

Church Family

Susana Comte-Walters

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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