



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

September 22, 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. 19 God of Great and God of Small

God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,  
God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong,  
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,  
God of now and days before, God who reigns forevermore,  
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

#### ◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 23

One: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures.

All: **He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.**

One: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

All: **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

One: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

#### ◆ PRAYER

#### ◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

## CONFESSION

### ◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you have revealed the fullness of your grace, mercy, peace, and truth. Yet, instead of focusing on him, we are distracted by many things. Forgive us for being so busy that we turn away from him, and help us to seek the things that are most needed- to know him, to love him, and serve him. Pour out your Spirit on us that we will become what you have already declared us to be.

*-Silent Personal Confession -*

### ◆ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

Taken from A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### ◆ SONG OF RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, 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

Claire Winkles

SPECIAL MUSIC

God's Peace  
Ladies' Ensemble

Dawn/Adams

*Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19: 1-10

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 82

SERMON

A Pushy Invitation

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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. 541 God Be with You Till We Meet Again

◆ BLESSING

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◆ *Please stand, if able*

### **LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:**

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

Acolyte: Evan Ford

Ushers: Nancy Dixon, Dan Klingshirn, Graham Wade

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

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in honor of or in memory of someone special, please contact the church office or access the flower calendar on the church website. The cost is \$60, and the Flower Committee will create and place the arrangement.

## CELEBRATING ROBIN ZEMP AND GIVING THANKS FOR HIM IN RETIREMENT

For more than 22 years, Robin Zemp served with distinction as the Director of Music of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Westminster has been richly blessed in that time by his giftedness, attention to detail, and high standards for those under his leadership. Time and time again, he has brought out the best from the choirs and from all of us.

Because of health issues, Robin is retiring from his post as Director of Music, effective September 30. Although he is retiring, he will still be involved in the music program by sharing his knowledge and counsel as the Director of Music Emeritus. *Emeritus* is an honorary title conferred on individuals whose distinguished service with a congregation is worthy of such praise and respect. We are very glad to report that the Session has done just that—named Robin Zemp *Director of Music Emeritus* of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Soli Deo Gloria

## 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 October 6. 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 October 6 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.

## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

This week at Wonderful Wednesday, September 25, we'll take a few moments and hear Tron Severe talk about WPC mission partner Healing Farms and their work to bring those with special needs to the attention of the community. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. Menu will be Baked BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Garden Salad and Dessert. Adults \$8, children \$4 and a family cap of \$25 via cash, card or check. Nursery and WINK this week for kids.

## WORSHIP PREP

1st Graders (and older elementary age children who have not already taken the class) are invited to Worship Prep Classes on Sundays from September 15 - October 20 following 'Time for Children' at 11:00 a.m. Worship. One parent or grandparent must attend class with the child. For more information, contact Dee Bee Wright or Claire Winkles at [cwinkles@wpccharleston.org](mailto:cwinkles@wpccharleston.org).

## 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](mailto:cwinkles@wpccharleston.org)



### ELEMENTARY CHOIR FALL DATES AND SPECIAL MUSIC:

Do you have a child in 1st-5th grade who loves to sing and worship the Lord? Then mark your calendars for the following Elementary Choir practices! Children are invited to come practice and sing with Ms. Nancy and Ms. Claire on a variety of Wednesday nights in the month of September. *Wednesday practices will be from 5:30-6:00 and Sunday practice times will vary.* Finally, on Sunday, September 29th the children will lead special music and sing at the 11:00 service. The following practice dates are available. We encourage your children to participate in these fun practices as much as they can before singing for the congregation! If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Claire at [cwinkles@wpccharleston.org](mailto:cwinkles@wpccharleston.org). We hope to sing with your children soon!

### ELEMENTARY CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

- Sunday, September 22nd in the sanctuary immediately following 11:00 worship.
- Sunday, September 29th in the choir room from 10:30-10:45.
- Sunday, September 29th at 11:00 service- children will sing in worship.

### SAVE THE DATE FOR TRUNK OR TREAT

Our annual Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 27th from 4:00-5:30 in the preschool car loop and playground area. Please bring your children in their Halloween costume and walk through a variety of themed trunks provided by our Westminster Families! There will be treats and a festival of games to enjoy! Would you like to host a trunk this year at our Trunk or Treat? Please sign up by finding the Sign-Up Genius link listed on our website under the "Volunteer" Tab or reach out to Ms. Claire at [cwinkles@wpccharleston.org](mailto:cwinkles@wpccharleston.org).

### YOU'RE INVITED! ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

**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 that engage in a study and reflection of the Bible. The peers bring their ideas, knowledge, and understanding of the Bible to accentuate on their outlook of the Lord's teachings. The current book being reviewed is 1 Samuel. A variety of outlooks are always welcome! Meets in Room 4 of Covenant Hall.

**The New Class:** 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. Class meets in Covenant Hall.

### READ GOOD BOOKS IN 2024!

Join Pastor Daniel in reading the last two 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 *What if Jesus Was Serious about Heaven*)

- On **October 27<sup>th</sup>** we'll discuss Skye Jethani's *What if Jesus Was Serious about Heaven*. Jethani unpacks what Jesus really said about heaven and how it can transform our faith today. Questions about heaven and the ways we may have misinterpreted it through the years? This is a book for you.
- On **December 22<sup>nd</sup>** we'll discuss Keith and Kristyn Getty's *Sing!*

### SAM'S CHARLESTON TEA GARDEN TRIP

Join us as we travel to the Charleston Tea Garden on Wadmalaw Island October 2. We will meet at the church 9:00 am to carpool. Trolley tour tickets can be purchased onsite (\$15.54) or pre-ordered on their website [charlestonteatgarden.com](http://charlestonteatgarden.com) for the 10:30 am tour. Note: the trolley tour is optional, but very informative. There is a free self-guided tour of the tea factory, and of course all the free tea you can drink! Lunch will be at the Angel Oak Restaurant. Sign up in the Admin Hallway by September 30. This trip is limited to 20, so sign up early! Contact Mellany Whetstone or the church office at [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org)

### SAM'S SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING SAMS EVENTS

October 21-25: Montreat

November (date TBD): Creche Festival at Mepkin Abbey

December 8: Christmas Drop-In

## 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.

## WESTMINSTER PRESCHOOL IS 60!

Founded in 1964, the Preschool has served families in the Charleston area for decades, and it continues to be a vital part of the mission of the church. We're planning a day of celebration on Sunday, October 13, and in preparation, we need your help. If you have a meaningful or funny story about the Preschool, please send it in. We're also hoping to identify:

- Who is the longest-serving teacher in Preschool history?
- Who is the oldest living Preschool attendee?
- Which family in the community or church has the most Preschool attendees?
- Is it possible to find a family with three generations of Preschool attendees?
- Has any teacher taught a parent and then that parent's child?

Please send your notes and responses to [preschool@wpccharleston.org](mailto:preschool@wpccharleston.org). Thank you!

## 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;

- 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
- Clean out gutters around Scout Hut
- Clean ceiling in Scout Hut
- Repair and paint bus stop shelter
- Repair sign on right entrance to property
- Paint outdoor signs
- Deep clean kitchen and vacuum refrigerator coils
- Clean exterior windows, interior windows and sills, metal doors (Adm wing, CH and Education Building.)

The church office will coordinate these projects. Contact Carole Russell or the church office (843) 766-8311 or at [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org).

## FOOD PANTRY NEED

Deodorant, soap bars, shampoo, toothpaste and individually packaged toothbrushes

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT NUMBERS

Al-Anon (843) 762-6999

Community Resource and Support Hotline 211

Mental Health Crisis Hotline 988

Narcotics Anonymous (843) 852-3001

Neighbors Together (843) 747-1788

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, September 22

10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
11:00 am	Ready to Worship Class
12:00 pm	Elementary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Youth Group
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Monday, September 23

### Tuesday, September 24

6:30 am	Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
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### Wednesday, September 25

6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday
6:30 pm	Hand Bell Rehearsal
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall
7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, September 26

### Friday, September 27

### Saturday, September 28

### Sunday, September 29

10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
11:00 am	Ready to Worship Class
5:00 pm	Youth Group
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

## WESTMINSTER PRAYS

Cary Alexandre (WPC)	Chris Huff (Gloria Purcell)	Charles Reeves (Carol Patrick)
Joyce Aydlette (Becky Grafton)	Debbie Kieffer (Daniel Smoak)	Gloria Ricoma (Karen McInnes)
Daryn Baker (Jane Acker)	Dan Krajewski (WPC)	Kevin Ritzel (Neil Ritzel)
Mary Ashley Barbot (Lisa Couch)	Fran Ligon (WPC)	Nita Rodemann (WPC)
Susie Cashion (WPC)	Walker Lundy (Lundy Family)	Rushton Family (WPC)
Cherie Couche (Dana Tumbleston)	Jane Livingston (Tom Livingston)	Rachel Singletary (Sara Bobo)
Lydia Crosby (WPC)	John Martschink (WPC)	Jerry Smoak (WPC)
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)
Julia Fletcher (Niblock Family)	Jennifer Morgan (Susie Cashion)	Gloria Underhill (Laura Nunn)
Pat Finn (Dee Bee Wright)	Roy Nickles (WPC)	Jacqueline Vance (Sara Dwyer)
Edward Fitzgibbon (Joan Frye)	Joe Nuchols (Debbie McQueeney)	Aileen Wiese (WPC)
Harold Fountain (Henry Shepard)	Sylvia Peek (Gloria Purcell)	Janet Wilson & Family (Gloria Purcell)
Joan Frye (WPC)	Nancy Plowden (WPC)	Robbie Yarnall (WPC)
Eleanor Grayson (WPC)	Pratt Family (WPC Preschool)	Robin Zemp (WPC)
Janie Hammersmith (WPC)	Monnie Privette (Robert/Sylvia Coker)	
Bruce Hamilton (Theodosia Wade)	Donna Purcell (WPC)	
Megan Hatfield (Debbie McQueeney)	Julie Rand (Lisa Couch)	
Brenda Jonsson (WPC)	Reed Family (Dee Bee Wright)	

## PRAYER LIST UPDATED SEPTEMBER 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>College Student</b>	<b>Mission of the Week</b>	<b>Church Family</b>
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### ELDERS AND SESSION 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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