



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

September 29, 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. 627 I Love You, Lord

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear;
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

based on Psalm 145

One: Lift praises to the name of our God; bless God's name forever!
All: How great is our God!
One: From generation to generation we will sing your praises
and speak of your goodness!
All: Great is our God and worthy of praise!
One: God, you are just and kind in all you do.
All: Great is our God and worthy of praise!
One: God, you watch over us in love
and hear the cries of those who call to you!
All: How great is our God! How great is our God!
Bless God's name forever!

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 610 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Almighty God, we confess to you our lives of timid discipleship. We often live as though your grace has no claim upon our lives. We know the good news of Jesus, but we are so wrapped up in our selves that we rarely stop to thank you. Save us from a “faith” that makes no difference in how we live. We want to live for Jesus, and we want a deep faith that makes a difference in every part of who we are and what we do. We pray for your forgiveness and your grace to make it happen. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

-Silent Personal Confession -

◆ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

Taken from A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)

One: Believe the Good News!

All: 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.

One: We are forgiven. 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.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

◆ 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

Laura Patrick

SPECIAL MUSIC

In the Garden
Emma Klingshirn

Cornelius Gurlitt

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 55

PEW BIBLE O.T. PAGE 685

SERMON

An Invitation to Be Filled

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

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. 836 Abide with Me

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

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

Ushers: Dee Bee Wright, John Wright, Robinson Family

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 in honor and appreciation of Robin Zemp's 22 years of faithful service as Westminster's Director of Music.

NEWS FROM WESTMINSTER'S MUSIC MINISTRY

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. On Sunday September 29 and October 6, we will have a table with cards set in the Narthex- you're encouraged to write a note of appreciation and support for Robin.

You may also drop off cards at the church through October 6.

We are so glad to welcome **Sarah Shayban** as Westminster's new Director of Music. Sarah has served as the Assistant Director of Music for the last 2 years, sharing her gifts and enthusiasm with us in meaningful ways. Sarah will help plan worship, direct the sanctuary and bell choirs, seek to expand Westminster's ministry of music, and invigorate congregational singing. Sarah is a Charleston native who has served churches and schools in the Lowcountry for the past 20 years. She is a sought-after piano teacher and loves spending time outdoors with her husband and their two kids. Welcome Sarah! We are blessed to have you in the Westminster family.

We are also pleased to have **Nancy Parrish** continue to share her gifts by, among other things, being the primary musician at the 9:00 service. Thank you, Nancy

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! Brent and Kathy Garee and their daughter Emerson Grace will be introduced during the 9:00 service of worship. We give thanks for you and 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 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.

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.

ELEMENTARY CHOIR

Final brief rehearsal this morning from 10:30 – 10:45 in the choir room. The children will lead special music and sing at the 11:00 a.m. service.

AT WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY, W.E. PACK!

This week at Wonderful Wednesday: We prepare snacks (Weekend Eats) for students! (*formerly Backpack Buddies*) After supper on the first Wonderful Wednesday of every month, we will pack snack kits for Goodwin and Mary Ford students who are facing weekend food insecurity. We pack enough for 260 students a week to go home with a bag of nutritious snacks. It is a fun and meaningful mission opportunity for ALL AGES. Menu will be Baked Spaghetti, Corn, Green Beans, Bread, Garden Salad and Dessert. Adults \$8, children \$4 and a family cap of \$25 via cash, card or check.

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.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 20!

Your Westminster Session, Diaconate, and Finance Committee have already completed their 2025 Estimate of Giving Cards, and now each WPC disciple can make a personal commitment to the Lord and the ministry at Westminster for the coming year. Look for information in the mail this week. Bring your completed form (or fill one out online by choosing the “You’re Invited to Give: 2025 Estimate of Giving” button at wpccharleston.org) to worship on Sunday the 20th, and we’ll dedicate our commitments to the Lord together in worship.

Thank you for your participation: all responses are needed in our prayerful discernment in ministry planning for the coming year.

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT: YOU’RE INVITED!

- September 29 Isaiah 55:1, Revelation 22:17 An Invitation to Be Filled *Two invitations to be filled with the fulness of God and God’s love.*
- October 6 Luke 14:12-24 An Invitation to the Table *A parable about who is invited to the banquet. It turns out the list is long!*

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.

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 4th Sunday of every other month. Books may be purchased online or at church (\$10 for *What if Jesus Was Serious about Heaven*)

- On **October 27th** 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 22nd** 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 charlestoneategarden.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. Contact Mellany Whetstone or the church office at 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. 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, 2nd 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.

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 29

10:00 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Elementary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
11:00 am	Worship Service
11:00 am	Ready to Worship Class
5:00 pm	Youth Group
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, September 30

Tuesday, October 1

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

Wednesday, October 2

10:00 am	SAMS trip to Charleston Tea Garden
6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday
6:30 pm	Hand Bell Rehearsal
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall
7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 3

Friday, October 4

Saturday October 5

Sunday, October 6

10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
11:00 am	Ready to Worship Class
12:15 pm	Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor
4:00 pm	Club 3,4,5
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)	Donnie Woods (Presbytery)
Eleanor Grayson (WPC)	Pratt Family (WPC Preschool)	Robbie Yarnall (WPC)
Janie Hammersmith (WPC)	Monnie Privette (Robert/Sylvia Coker)	Robin Zemp (WPC)
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

Friend of the Week	College Student	Mission of the Week	Church Family
Judy Tag 201 W 9 th North Street Summerville, SC 29483	Lauren Smoak Presbyterian College 207 E Maple St Student Box 50581 Clinton, SC 29325-2873	W.E. (Weekend Eats) <i>Formerly Backpack Buddies</i>	Daniel & Kelly Massagee -Keelen and Lieren

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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