



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

October 20, 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

PRELUDE

Prelude
Jillian Ramsay

J.S. Bach

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

From Psalm 100

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!
All: **Know that the Lord is God! He made us and we are his.
We are the Lord's people, the sheep of His pasture.**
One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
All: **Give thanks to the Lord and bless his name!**
One: For the Lord is good. His steadfast love endures forever,
his faithfulness to all generations!
All: **Let us worship God!**

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 385 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Lord, you call us to follow you on a journey of discipleship, but we are not good followers.
We prefer to be out front, plotting the course for ourselves and expecting you to bless
everything we do. We praise you when you help us achieve our goals, but we don't readily
seek out your will for our lives. Forgive us when we expect you to follow us.

◆ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Henry Walker Bruce, Jr. Son of Walker and Janice Bruce.
Allyn Bruce, assisting Elder.

◆ DECLARATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

Claire Winkles

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 183

SERMON

An Invitation to Give

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 708 We Give Thee but Thine Own

[You are invited to place your card on the Communion Table as we sing]

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blestest us, to thee our first fruits give.

The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be;
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

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

◆ SONG NO. 826 Lift High the Cross

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

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

Acolyte: Eleanor Akery
Ushers: George McAbee, Mary McAbee

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Today we are glad to welcome new members to the Westminster family! Bryan and Lela Solomon and their son George, Kyle and Annie Scanlin and their son Graham and daughter Emory will be introduced during the 11:00 service of worship. We give thanks for you and look forward to your presence and participation in the mission and ministry of the church.

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.



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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.

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.



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 November 24. 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 November 24 Connections class by emailing office@wpccharleston.org.

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.

TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY

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.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY!

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship October 23! Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. Menu will be Chicken or Shrimp Alfredo, Green Beans, Garden Salad and Dessert. Adults \$8, children \$4 and a family cap of \$25 via cash, card or check.

HURRICANE RELIEF

Thank you for your kind response to those in need. Several carloads of needed materials were delivered to western North Carolina. Financial gifts (more than \$12,000) were made by the church and individuals for Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, Water Mission, Montreat, The SC Inn at Montreat, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (who is also helping in recovery in Florida).

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.

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Third through Sixth graders (who have not already completed training) are invited to training today from 12:15 -3:30 p.m. Training will be in the Sanctuary following pizza in Covenant Hall. Your parents may leave you after church or they may stay with us. Parents can return by 2:15 so that they may watch you practice.

TRUNK OR TREAT CANDY COLLECTION!

The Westminster Youth Group will be leading a variety of games and activities inside the pre-school playground as part of our Trunk or Treat Festival on October 27th! If you would like to help us prepare for this fun event, please consider donating a bag of nut free halloween candy to be used as prizes in the festival. You can leave the candy in the basket in the workroom labeled, "Trunk or Treat Candy". Thank you so much for your support!

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 6:00 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!*

SANCTUARY FLOWERS If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary, please contact the church office or access the flower calendar on the church website. The cost is \$60. A member of the Flower Committee will contact you regarding your flower preference. You may take the arrangement home after worship or share it for pastoral care visits made by our pastors and deacons. The flower committee will create and place the arrangement for the sanctuary on Sunday with a take-home liner or break down flowers into vases to share with our members.

WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR DRIVE

Presbyterian Women are continuing with our women's underwear ministry for the Leeds Avenue Detention center. Circles are asked to participate by donating a packet of white, regular, cotton briefs, in their own size, so we get a variety of sizes for the Christmas collection. Donations are needed no later than December 15 and may be dropped off at the church office and will be collected December 15th. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Lundy at 843-607-2102.

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.

GIFT OF WARMTH

Our mission partner, Mary Ford Early Childhood Center, is looking to help students keep warm on the playground. Needs include new outer clothing (coats, sweaters, gloves, caps, and socks) sizes 2T-Children 8. Clothing can be dropped off in baskets located in the narthex. 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 email 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, October 20

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
11:00 am	Ready to Worship Class
12:15 pm	Acolyte Training, Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Trick Can Treat
5:00 pm	Diaconate Meeting
6:00 pm	Session Meeting
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, October 21

6:30 pm	Circle 1 Meeting in Library
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Tuesday, October 22

6:30 am	Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
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Wednesday, October 23

5:30 pm	Worship Prep Make-Up Class
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 24

Friday, October 25

Saturday October 26

Sunday, October 27

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
4:00 pm	Trick-or-Treat
6:00 pm	Book Group, Education Building
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

SAM'S SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING SAMS EVENTS

November 4: Soup & Sandwich Pot-Luck

November 19: Creche Festival at Mepkin Abbey

December 4: Creche Festival at Mepkin Abbey

December 8: Christmas Drop-In

(Event Sign-up sheets located on bulletin board in Admin. Hall)

WESTMINSTER PRAYS

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

PRAYER LIST UPDATED OCTOBER 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
Robbie Yarnall	Noelle Whitener	Hurricane Helene Relief	Marin Morris
1355 Pinellas Bayway S Apt 2	203 Kelly Road Apt 434	Visit	
Tierra Verde, FL 33715-2137	Clemson, SC 29631-1698	www.wpccharleston.org	

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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