



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

October 13, 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. 647 Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

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And now let the weak say, "We are strong;"
let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us"!

And now let the weak say, "We are strong;"
let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us"!

Give thanks. Give thanks.

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

From Psalm 92

One: We declare your steadfast love in the morning.

All: It is good to sing praises to your name.

One: We proclaim your faithfulness by night.

All: For you, O Lord, have made us glad by your work;
at the work of your hands we sing for joy!

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Dear God,
You are a great and awesome God.
Today we come to you in a prayer of confession.
We are sorry for the many things we have done that are wrong in your eyes.
We are also sorry for all the things we should have done but didn't do.
We are asking for forgiveness for these things,
and for other things that we have done wrong and don't even know about.
Please forgive us.
In your name we pray, Amen.

-Silent Personal Confession -

◆ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

◆ 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Faith Like a Child
Chris Dorsel

TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

Claire Winkles

SCRIPTURE

Luke 18:15-17

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 81

SERMON

An Invitation to Follow the Children

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 188

Jesus Loves Me!

PRESCHOOL TESTIMONY

Natasha Akery

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. 488

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

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

Acolyte: Catherine Patrick, Riley Gentry

Ushers: Matt Akery, Joe Jeter, Laura Nunn

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 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.

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.

SECOND SUNDAY CELEBRATES WESTMINSTER PRESCHOOL TODAY!

All are welcome to a fried chicken luncheon in Covenant Hall following 11:00 a.m. worship the 2nd Sunday of each month. Cash donations for fried chicken welcome, bring a pot luck side or dessert to the kitchen during the Sunday School hour to share. Be filled with fellowship!

AT WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY!

Wonderful Wednesday, October 16, is Trivia Night! Menu will be Chicken and Waffles, Mac and Cheese, Green Beans, Garden Salad and Dessert. Adults \$8, children \$4 and a family cap of \$25 via cash, card or check.

NEIGHBORS TOGETHER WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

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.

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.

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. For more information, contact Dee Bee Wright or Claire Winkles at cwinkles@wpccharleston.org. Thank you for your participation: all responses are needed in our prayerful discernment in ministry planning for the coming year.

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 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, then break down flowers in a take-home liner or 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

BLOOD DRIVE CANCELLATION

The Blood Drive scheduled for Sunday, October 27 has been cancelled due to a staffing shortage. Please consider making an appointment to donate at the American Red Cross Donor Center office at 2000 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.

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 13

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Second Sunday Lunch
5:00 pm	Hospitality/Security Team Meeting
5:00 pm	Youth Sewing and Trunk or Treat Game Prep
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, October 14

10:00 am	Hooks and Needles
11:30 am	Village Luncheon

Tuesday, October 15

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

Wednesday, October 16

10:00 am	Neighbors Together
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 17

Friday, October 18

Saturday October 19

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
5:00 pm	Trick Can Treat
5:00 pm	Diaconate Meeting
6:00 pm	Session Meeting
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

SAM'S SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING SAMS EVENTS

November 19: Creche Festival at Mepkin Abbey

December 4: Creche Festival at Mepkin Abbey

December 8: Christmas Drop-In

WESTMINSTER PRAYS

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

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
Ginnie Yarborough 1600 Dickens Street Charleston, SC 29407	Cole McLaughlin USC Student Box 84602 1300 Wheat Street Columbia, SC 29225-0112	Hurricane Helene Relief Visit www.wpccharleston.org	David and Ann Morris

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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