



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

October 27, 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 30

One: Sing praise to the Lord, you faithful people.

All: Give thanks to God's holy name.

One: For the Lord restores our life;

All: God raises us from the dead.

One: Will the dust sing God's praise,
or tell of God's faithfulness?

All: Our souls will sing to the Lord.

How can we be silent?

We will give thanks to God forever.

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 63

The Lord Is God

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Gracious and loving God, you are always present with us. Your faithfulness knows no limits. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth. Yet far too often, our worship is perfunctory. We phone it in. Our minds focus on other matters. What seems urgent at the time distracts us. Worship is one more item to check off our lists. Forgive us for our cavalier and casual attitudes. Remind us of the importance of praising your Name, hearing your Word, and enjoying your presence. Restore to us the joy of true worship. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

◆ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. 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

Fantasy on Kingsfold
Handbell Choir

H. Dean Wagner

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 11:25-30

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SERMON

An Invitation to Rest

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

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. 366

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

Erin Kerr, Empowher/Journey; Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Priscilla Holtzclaw, Parish Associate;
Claire Winkles, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries; Nancy Parrish, Music;

Acolyte: Evan Ford

Ushers: Nancy Dixon, Dan Klingshirn, Graham Wade

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 rosebud in the Sanctuary is given to the glory of God and in
celebration of the birth of Evelyn Josephine Clair, born October 23, 2024.
Her parents are Grace and Collin Clair.*

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.



TODAY WE WELCOME ERIN NORTON KERR TO THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

Erin is the Director of Worship at Parkside Church (a New Church Development of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery) and the Interim Director of CAP's College Ministry in Charleston. She is a Charleston native and lover of all things joyful and creative and holds two masters degrees while currently pursuing a Masters of Divinity at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. She has spent the past 15 years using her music gifts to serve in various churches across the lowcountry. In 2021, Erin was asked to lead campus ministry for the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery at the College of Charleston (Empowher) and Citadel Military College (Presbyterian Journey). She shares her love of music with students young and old through private lessons while also gigging and coordinating music for weddings and special events. Erin's latest and greatest news is that she and Colin Kerr were married in September! She can be reached at cofcempowher@gmail.com

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.

THE RSVP DOOR IS FILLING UP WITH NAMES!

Every name on the RSVP door in the narthex is a household who has completed an Estimate of Giving card. THANK YOU to those who have already made those commitments for 2025! That's 137 households for \$641,425. Our goal is 100% participation, so if you have not yet turned in your card (they are available in the Friendship Pad), you may do that by placing it in the offering plate or making your commitment online at www.wpccharleston.org (Choose the 2025 Estimate of Giving button) Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!!

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY!

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship October 30! Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. Menu will be Chicken Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/gravy, Corn, 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).

TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us today for our annual Trunk or Treat 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!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Our annual Children's Sunday service is coming up on November 24th at the 11:00 service. If you have a child in grades Pre-k to 5th grade who would enjoy leading worship on this day, please let Ms. Claire know! Our first practices together will be on November 6th from 5:00-6:00 in the sanctuary and on Sunday November 10th from 12:00-12:15 in the Sanctuary with Ms. Nancy Parrish practicing music for the service. We look forward to preparing for this special day of worship together!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY

Have you ever heard the term **Lectio Divina**? It means "divine reading," and it is a traditional Christian practice of reading, meditating, and praying with the Bible to deepen one's relationship with God. It is a particular way of devotional reading, listening for how God may communicate with you through Scripture.

On Sundays in November, the New Class will be reading through Philippians using the Lectio Divina method. We've spent the past few weeks studying Philippians with a more academic approach, and now we are going to go back through with a devotional, meditative, prayerful approach. All are invited to join in- for all Sundays or whenever you can make it. It is perfect for the ones who have said things like, "I find it hard to read the Bible by myself" or "I'm not sure how to hear God speaking to me." Every Sunday in Covenant Hall. 10:00 - 10:45

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!*

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

November 3, 2024: Matthew 22:34-40 "The Greatest Invitation." We wrap up the "You're Invited" series with the greatest invitation (and the WPC mission statement) to love God and neighbor.

November 10, 2024: Numbers 6:22-27 "Peace!" What is peace, and where do we find it?

November 17, 2024: Psalm 121 "The LORD is Our Keeper." My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

November 24, 2024: Children's Sunday. The Children lead us in a special service of Thanksgiving.

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.

SAM'S

The next event is a "Help the Deacons Fill the Freezer" Soup Potluck **November 4, 1pm**. A signup sheet is posted in the Administrative Hallway for unlimited soup that we will enjoy, and pack up extra for the freezer that the deacons distribute to families in need of a quick meal. **Please bring the recipe for your soup so the deacons can check for food allergies that the recipients may have.** There will also be space to sign up for bread, sandwiches, salads or desserts as well. Following the meal together we will have a planning session for next year's events!

SAM'S SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING EVENTS

November 19: Creche Festival at Mepkin Abbey

December 4: Creche Festival at Mepkin Abbey

December 8: Christmas Drop-In, 3-5 pm, Pastor Priscilla's Home

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

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.

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.

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
- Clean out gutters around Scout Hut
- Clean ceiling in Scout Hut
- Repair and paint bus stop shelter
- 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.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, October 27

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

Monday, October 28

Tuesday, October 29

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

Wednesday, October 30

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 31

Friday, November 1

Saturday November 2

Sunday, November 3

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:15 pm	Worship Committee Meeting,
4:00 pm	Club 3,4,5
5:00 pm	Youth Group
5:30 pm	Diaconate - Pack College Care Packages, CH
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

COMMUNITY SUPPORT NUMBERS

Al-Anon (843) 762-6999

Community Resource and Support Hotline 211

Mental Health Crisis Hotline 988

Narcotics Anonymous (843) 852-3001

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
Pat Coggins 201 W. 9th North Street., Unit 93 Summerville, SC 29483	Stella Wood 101 S Court Street Athens, OH 45701	Hurricane Helene Relief Visit www.wpccharleston.org	Alexander & Joyce Nelson - Parker & Patrick

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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