

December 2024



# THE GOOD NEWS

## Westminster Presbyterian Church

Worship Joyfully. Serve Faithfully. Give Generously. Live Worthily.



### *Sundays at Westminster*

- 9:00 a.m.** *In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary*  
*Nursery Available*
- 10:00 a.m.** *Children, Youth and Adult Sunday School*  
*Nursery Available*
- 11:00 a.m.** *In-Person and Livestream Worship Service*  
*Nursery & Children's Church Available*



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# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

## WORSHIP JOYFULLY

### *From the Pulpit*

#### **December 1\***

##### ***The First Sunday of Advent***

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Worship  
*The Lord's Supper*

#### **December 8**

##### ***The Second Sunday of Advent***

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Worship  
*Children Hang the Chrismons*

#### **December 15**

##### ***The Third Sunday of Advent***

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

#### **December 22**

##### ***The Fourth Sunday of Advent***

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Worship  
Lessons and Carols: A festival of readings and singing that point us to the Messiah's birth. Full choir and brass will join at 11:00 a.m.

#### ***\*Feeling Blue this Christmas?***

During 9:00 and 11:00 worship on December 1, the first Sunday of Advent, our worship service will have a special word of hope for the ones who find the holidays difficult. Isaiah speaks of a promised Emmanuel, meaning we are never alone, even and especially in the dark. Come start the Advent season with the gentle hope of God's presence.

There is no Blue Christmas service this year, but for those who have found comfort there in the past, this service is for you.



#### **December 24**

##### ***Christmas Eve***

3:00 & 5:00 p.m. Families & Young Children\*

Two options to attend a Service for Families with Young Children. We recreate the nativity with help from the congregation and all the children who wish to participate. It's wiggly and wonderful.

\*Costumes are provided in the Admin Hall; we highly recommend coming 20 minutes early so your child can pick their costume, get dressed, and get seated. During worship, signs will be held up for your child's character to walk up to the front of the sanctuary.

7:00 p.m. Carols and Candlelight

A more reverent service with traditional carols, a sermon, and candle lighting.

#### **December 29 & January 5**

##### ***The First and Second Sundays of Christmas***

10:00 a.m.

One worship service and no Sunday School.



Livestream available at [wpccharleston.org](http://wpccharleston.org) as well as YouTube.com.



Dial (843) 252-0146 anytime to listen to Sunday's Sermon with no charge.

# GOD BLESS US, EVERY ONE!

***Special Sunday School Class  
Starting December 1***

The classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge is a cherished symbol of Christmas and a wonderful story of redemption and hope. We'll use Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol" as our guide for a combined adult Sunday school class during Advent. Everyone is invited. December 1, 8, 15, 22 in Covenant Hall at 10:00. Books will be available.

## SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS:

***A Seminar on Grief During Thanksgiving and Christmas***

***Sunday, December 1, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.***

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Christmas? Are you dreading the holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated?

Our Griefshare Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. Whether ongoing or new grief, you'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to discover hope for your future

Please RSVP by contacting Pastor Daniel [dsmoak@wpccharleston.org](mailto:dsmoak@wpccharleston.org)

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS

***Mepkin Abbey Crèche Festival 2024:***

***Nativity Under Glass***

***December 4***

Leave church at 8:45 am, reservation at 10 am at Mepkin Abbey, Lunch reservation at Barony House 12pm. Sign-up sheets in Administrative Hallway

***SAM's Christmas Drop - In***

***December 8***

***3:00 - 5:00 p.m.***

***Pastor Priscilla's Home***

Bring your favorite Christmas treat to share! Sign-up sheets in Administrative Hallway

## JOIN US FOR THE LAST BOOK STUDY OF 2024

***Sunday, December 22***

***5:00 p.m. in the Admin Building***

Join Pastor Daniel in reading the last book of 2024. We'll discuss Keith and Kristyn Getty's "Sing!" A great book about worship and singing. "Sing!" may be purchased online or at church (\$5).

## SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL POTLUCK

***Sunday, December 8  
Following 11:00 a.m.  
Worship***

All are welcome to a fried chicken luncheon following 11:00 a.m. worship the 2nd Sunday of the month. Cash donations welcome, pot luck not necessary.

## HOOKS & NEEDLES

***Monday, December 9  
10:00 a.m. Classroom 4,  
Covenant Hall***

Hooks and Needles is a small but dedicated group of ladies who crochet or knit baptismal blankets and prayer shawls. Most of the work is done at home. We meet once a month to socialize, pray together over our projects and determine our priorities. We are looking for more volunteers who would like to join this worthwhile endeavor. Yarn is provided.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

***Tuesday, December 10  
8:00 - 9:00 a.m. at  
Trotter's Restaurant***

Men of all ages welcome to join us for Breakfast and Bible Study. Pastor Daniel will be leading; join us for Fellowship and Encouragement!

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

## PARENTS NIGHT OUT

***Sunday, December 1***

***5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall***

Parents enjoy a date night out or get some holiday shopping done while your kids get to hang out with the youth! Ages 0-2 will be in the nursery and ages 3 and up to 5th grade will be in Covenant Hall. Kids will be placed in groups by age and follow a circuit of fun games, crafts, a dance party, dinner and more. Spots will fill up quick, use the QR Code below.

## GIFT MAKING WORKSHOP

***Saturday, December 7***

***9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in Covenant Hall***

Attention First through Fifth graders! You are invited to sign up and join us to create and wrap Christmas gifts for your loved ones. Spaces are limited, use the QR Code below to sign up.

## CLUB 3,4,5

***Sunday, December 8***

***4:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall***

All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are invited for fellowship, bible study, games and a snack. We will meet once a month from 4:00 to 5:00 in Covenant Hall. Next up: January 5, February 2.

## YOUTH ANGEL TREE SHOPPING

***Sunday, December 15***

***5:00 - 7:00 p.m. All Youth***

The Youth will take all of the church's amazing donations and go shopping at Target for the wonderful kiddos on the Angel Tree. It's one of the most fun nights of the year!

***\*December 22 & 29***

*No Youth Group due to Winter Break*

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## PRESCHOOL NEWS

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas around the Preschool. The students returned from Thanksgiving Break after the first Sunday of Advent. The following weeks will be filled with crafts and Christmas stories about the birth of our Savior, Christmas kindness and of course joy ole St, Nick. School will end with a Christmas program on December 19th.

Beginning in January the school will begin in-house Registration for the 2025-26 school year. During this month church members who are interested in enrolling their child can contact the school for a tour. Church members can be allowed to register for the Preschool in January before it opens to the Public. If you have any questions, please contact the preschool at 843-571-0321 or [preschool@wpccharleston.org](mailto:preschool@wpccharleston.org).

Blessings,  
*The Preschool*

# WAYS TO SERVE

**Volunteer Opportunities with our Mission Partners**  
**Scan QR Code or email [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org) to sign up!**

## **ANGEL TREE**

**Help a Mary Ford student have a joyful Christmas!**

The Angel Tree will appear in the Narthex on Sunday, November 24th. You can help in one of two ways:

1. Select an Angel (labeled by age and gender) from the Angel Tree in the Narthex. Purchase gifts accordingly. Gifts should go unwrapped in a gift bag with the Angel tag attached and placed under the tree by Sunday, December 15

**OR**

2. Put a check in the offering plate or go to [wpccharleston.org](http://wpccharleston.org), select "Give" in the top right corner, then select "Angel Tree" from the drop down menu to make a donation and the Youth Group can shop for you. Do not choose an Angel if you're making a monetary donation.

## **VOLUNTEER**

**at Neighbors Together**

**Wednesday, December 18**

**10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

6-8 WPC Volunteers needed the third Wednesday of every month. Serve a hot meal or provide groceries to our neighbors in need at Neighbors Together; 2105 Cosgrove Ave, North Charleston, SC 29405. For details or sign up, email our Suzann in the church office, [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org).

## **VOLUNTEER**

**around the Church Campus**

Check the bulletin and e-news for a list of 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! The office will coordinate these projects, so contact Suzann at 843-766-8311 or [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org).



**WPC SIGN UPS &  
VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITIES**

## **PROVIDE**

**Cold Weather Clothing  
for Mary Ford Students**

Mary Ford Early Childhood & Family 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.

## **PROVIDE**

**Undergarments for the  
Women's Leeds Avenue  
Detention Center**

We are asking women of the church for new packages of white, regular briefs, in their own size so we get a variety of sizes for the women of the Detention Center. They can be dropped off at the church office until December 15.

## **PROVIDE**

**Non-Perishable Items  
to the Blessing Box or  
Food Pantry**

Our Food Pantry and Blessing Box are always in need. Please reach out to [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org) for a list of items to donate.

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### Westminster Session

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#### **Class of 2025**

Lindy Coleman  
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Matthew Teitsort  
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