



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

January 12, 2025

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. 701      Lord, Prepare Me

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

From Hebrews 10

One: Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

**All: We gather for worship with confidence and joy!**

One: Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

**All: We gather for worship with hope and faith!**

One: And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**All: We gather for worship with love and expectation.**

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

## CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

**We acknowledge, O Lord, the bondage of sin and death in our lives. Apart from you, we are under a curse: afraid of you, living with animosity toward our neighbors, unsure of who we are, and subject to broken bodies and a damaged world. On our own, we have no hope, but through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the bondage is broken, and we are brought from death to life. Thank you for his victory and the part we have in that victory through faith. We are reconciled to you, others, ourselves, and creation. Help us to walk in the fullness of the freedom we have through Jesus.**

◆ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 447                      We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
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◆ 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

◆ SONG NO. 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 1

PEW BIBLE O.T. PAGE 48

SERMON

Exodus I: Slavery

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 817                      We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

◆ DECLARATION OF FAITH

TAKEN FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (1983)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

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. Amen.

## 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. 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

### SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

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◆ *Please stand, if able*

### LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Priscilla Holtzclaw, Parish Associate;  
Claire Winkles, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries; Nancy Parrish, Music;  
Acolytes: Catherine Patrick, Riley Gentry  
Ushers: Joe Jeter, Laura Nunn, Jon Bazzle

11:00 am Livestream at [www.wpccharleston.org](http://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! Ronald and Jeny McCullough 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.



## 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 will be announced soon. 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.

## 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](http://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](http://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.

## FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT:

We're going to take a quick tour of the book of Exodus. The delivery of God's people from the bonds of slavery is a fulfillment of the promises God made long ago, a window into the future Christ the deliverer, and descriptive insight into human nature and the power and character of God.

January 12	Exodus 1: Slavery. How the Hebrews came to be enslaved and how they grew in number.
January 19	Exodus 2-4: Moses. The origin story of Moses: Baby, Prince of Egypt, fugitive, shepherd, deliverer
January 26	Exodus 5-10: Hard-Hearted. The first 9 plagues and the hardening of Pharaoh's heart.
February 2	Exodus 11-13: Passover. The tenth plague and the Passover.

## SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH TODAY!

All are welcome to a fried chicken luncheon in Covenant Hall following 11:00 a.m. worship. 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!

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK

Men of all ages: Join us for Breakfast and Bible Study from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. on the Second Tuesday of every month. We are meeting for breakfast at Trotters Restaurant at Town and Country Inn and Suites (2008 Savannah Highway). Pastor Daniel will be leading; join us for the Fellowship and Encouragement!

## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship January 15. Menu will be Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn, Garden Salad and Dessert. Adults \$8, children \$4 and a family cap of \$25 via cash, card or check.

## YOU'RE INVITED! ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### January 12: Pause and Refresh for "Facing Racism"

#### **"The Beloved Community: A Vision of Martin Luther King, Jr."**

Natasha Akery will introduce participants to the concept of the Beloved Community and what that means for us as Christians who seek to dismantle racism in our world and ourselves. We meet in Covenant Hall from 10:00 - 10:45.

### Classes beginning on January 19

**The Anchor Class:** This class emphasizes fellowship, good discussion, and growth. For 12 weeks, they will be studying the Gospel of Luke using J.I. Packer's series entitled "Knowing the Bible." Luke is the most thorough historical account of the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ., but Luke's Gospel is more than just history; it's also a rich source of life-giving theology, revealing Jesus' identity as Israel's long-awaited Messiah and the Redeemer of the world. Books will be available in class. Class is led by David Jump and 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 2 Samuel. A variety of outlooks are always welcome! Class meets in Room 4 of Covenant Hall.

**The New Class:** The first thing we're going to do is name the class that is not so "new" anymore, and then we are going to dive into the book of Jonah. For 6 weeks, we'll see ourselves in the story of the reluctant prophet who just had to do things his own way. Emphasis is on fellowship, prayer, study, and learning how to study the Bible. It's a great option for beginners and seasoned Christians. This class is led by Pastor Daniel and Lindy Coleman. It meets in the Church Parlor.

#### **Facing Racism (Begins January 26):**

Limited to 12 participants for 6 weeks. Facilitated by Natasha & Matt Akery, participants will learn about racism in the context of Christianity through curriculum designed by PC-USA. It requires weekly reading and discussion meetings in the library during the Sunday School hour. It is designed for those who are interested in continuing antiracism work through discipleship and community involvement when the class concludes. To register, contact church office @ office@wpccharleston.org

### READ GOOD BOOKS IN 2025!

Join Pastor Daniel in reading any (or all!) of these books in 2025. 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every other month. Books may be purchased online or at church (\$10 for *Jesus and the Disinherited*)

- **On February 23<sup>rd</sup>** we'll discuss Howard Thurman's landmark book, *Jesus and the Disinherited*. Thurman was the first to claim that Jesus Christ - who was born in poverty as part of a powerless minority - lived a life that spoke directly to Black Americans. Martin Luther King, Jr. not only regularly attended Thurman's services, but he carried Thurman's writings with him on the historic marches to Selma and Birmingham. King found Thurman to be a treasure and often drew from him in his own speeches and writings. Congressman John Lewis called Howard Thurman the "patron saint" of the Civil Rights Movement.
- **On April 27<sup>th</sup>** we'll discuss Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Life Together*.
- **On June 22<sup>nd</sup>** we'll discuss Peter Aelred's *To Melt a Golden Calf*.
- **On August 24<sup>th</sup>** we'll discuss C.S Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*.
- **On October 26<sup>th</sup>** we'll discuss John Mark Comer's *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*.
- **In December (date TBD)** we'll discuss Fleming Rutledge's *Advent*.

### CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR THORNWELL

Thank you, Westminster Family. Your generosity at the Christmas Eve services provided gifts of \$2,167 for the ministry at Thornwell. That's sharing Christmas Joy!

### NEWS from FINANCE

Thank you for your faithful and generous support of the missions and ministry of Westminster. 2024 Giving Statements can be accessed through your online Realm account. If you need to have it printed for pick up or mailed, please contact the church office. If you have any questions or need any information, please don't hesitate to call Tommye Owen at 843-766-8311, ext 105 or [finance@wpccharleston.org](mailto:finance@wpccharleston.org). For online givers, please make sure to update your "giving fund" to 2025 Estimate of Giving starting in January. This is particularly important if you have set up for automatic weekly or monthly giving. If you'd like offering envelopes, they are available in Adm Hallway.

## GLOBAL MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITIES IN 2025!

We are so glad for growing Global Partnerships at Westminster.

- ➔ In **Mexico**, we're returning to share in the Cistern Ministry of Todd Luke in the Yucatan. Todd works with local families in building rainwater cisterns so families can have a year-round supply of safe water. The church identifies the needs and works alongside families and mission teams to construct needed cisterns. There are two opportunities in 2025: a team of adults March 24-29 (\$200 deposit due ASAP) and a team of High School Juniors & Seniors July 7-12. (\$200 deposit due 2/14)
  - ➔ In **Brazil**, we partner with Felipe and Laura Mathias in their ministry to the children in the slums of Sao Paulo. Life in the slums is hard, but the Lighthouse is a beacon of hope where children can learn about Jesus and experience the love God has for them. We are returning with a team of adults and youth/children (with a parent) July 16-23. (\$200 deposit due 2/14)
- An informational meeting is set for January 12 at 4:00 pm. To indicate your interest in being a team member, speak with Pastor Daniel [dsmoak@wpccharleston.org](mailto:dsmoak@wpccharleston.org) or Pastor Priscilla. The total cost of each trip is about \$2000, and the cost will be divided in thirds between participant contribution, the church's Global Mission Fund, and group fundraising.

## NEIGHBORS TOGETHER WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

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](http://www.neighborstogether.org). Email [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org) to receive emails about our regular Wednesday group.

## CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

Ms. Claire will lead a training from 12:00-12:15 in the sanctuary about Westminster's Child Protection Policy on January 26th after the 11:00 worship service. We invite any and all church members to join us for a brief training about the policy as well as to submit a form for background check approval in the instance of volunteer work or teaching with our children and youth. We appreciate your help in keeping our youth and children safe!

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, FINDING GOD FAITHFUL

(A study on the life of Joseph, Old Testament)

Wednesday, February 5 • 1:00 - 2:30pm

Covenant Hall-1-Classroom 4

Trace the path of Joseph's life in the book of Genesis to observe how God's sovereignty reigns, even in our darkest moments. Learn to recognize when God is working during periods of waiting, trust God's plan when life doesn't make sense, and rest in the sufficiency of His presence in every circumstance. His provision is enough, His presence is constant, and His purpose is unstoppable. Please contact Brenda Clarey if you would like to attend 8 sessions of this study. Books will be available in the church office Wednesday, January 8. Please read pages 13-35 before February 5.

## 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.

## 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 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 ceiling in Scout Hut and gutters around 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 Randy Davis or the church office (843) 766-8311 at [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org).

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, January 12

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Session Meeting, Pastor's office
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Second Sunday Lunch
	No Youth due to Rescheduled Retreat
12:30 pm	Mission Committee Meeting
4:00 pm	Informational Mission Trip Discussion, Covenant Hall
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Monday, January 13

10:00 am	Hooks and Needles, Room 4
11:30 am	Village Luncheon
1:00 pm	Hands of Christ Board of Directors Meeting, Rm4 CH

### Tuesday, January 14

6:30 am	Toastmasters, Covenant Hall
8:00 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
10:00 am	Circle 5, Parlor
10:30 am	Circle 4, Room 4
10:00 am	Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, January 15

10:00 am	Neighbors Together
6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday
6:30 pm	Hand Bell Rehearsal
7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Thursday, January 16

### Friday, January 17

### Saturday, January 18

### Sunday, January 19

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
	No youth due to MLK Weekend
5:00 pm	Diaconate Meeting
6:00 pm	Session Meeting
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### NEWSLETTER CHANGES IN 2025

Starting in February, the Church Newsletter will be published digitally through a monthly e-mail and on our website. However, if you would like to continue receiving a printed newsletter in the mail, please contact the church office - (843) 766-8311 or [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org).

### EXTRA FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, and soap bars

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT NUMBERS

Al-Anon (843) 762-6999

Narcotics Anonymous (843) 852-3001

Neighbors Together (843) 747-1788

Community Resource and Support Hotline 211

## WESTMINSTER PRAYS

Cary Alexandre (WPC)	Janie Hammersmith (WPC)	Reed Family (Dee Bee Wright)
Joyce Aydlette (Becky Grafton)	Bruce Hamilton (Theodosia Wade)	Charles Reeves (Carol Patrick)
Daryn Baker (Jane Acker)	Megan Hatfield (Debbie McQueeney)	Nita Rodemann (WPC)
Mary Ashley Barbot (Lisa Couch)	Harter Family (Jennifer Binnicker)	Gloria Ricoma (Karen McInnes)
Sissie Brigman (WPC)	Betsy Henson (Ashley Snider)	Kevin Ritzel (Neil Ritzel)
Susie Cashion (WPC)	Tom Higgins (Lynda Higgins)	Rushton Family (WPC)
Childs Family (Paige Dadin)	Chris Huff (Gloria Purcell)	Jim Seay (WPC)
Lauren Choate (Sara Dwyer)	Debbie Kieffer (Daniel Smoak)	Tradd Shepard (WPC)
Cherie Couche (Dana Tumbleston)	Mary Laird (Ashley Snider)	Rachel Singletary (Sara Bobo)
Lydia Crosby (WPC)	Fran Ligon (WPC)	Jerry Smoak (WPC)
Martin Davis (Kevin Mikles)	Jane Livingston (Tom Livingston)	Rab Snider (Ashley Snider)
Rose Derrick (Brenda Clarey)	Ray Long (Ellen Bollinger)	Dave Stanton (WPC)
Andrea Dunn (Karen McInnes)	John Martschink (WPC)	Towne Family (WPC)
Hosanna Eadie (Katie Baturin)	Mary Martschink (WPC)	Gloria Underhill (Laura Nunn)
Roxanne Eadie (Katie Baturin)	Love Moody (WPC)	Jacqueline Vance (Sara Dwyer)
Debbie Eastwood (Jill Lundgrin)	Jennifer Morgan (Susie Cashion)	Aileen Wiese (WPC)
Julia Fletcher (Niblock Family)	Roy Nickles (WPC)	Janet Wilson (Gloria Purcell)
Pat Finn (Dee Bee Wright)	Joe Nuchols (Debbie McQueeney)	Donnie Woods (Presbytery)
Edward Fitzgibbon (Joan Frye)	Nancy Plowden (WPC)	Robbie Yarnall (WPC)
Harold Fountain (Henry Shepard)	Pratt Family (WPC Preschool)	Zemp Family (WPC)
Joan Frye (WPC)	Monnie Privette (Robert/Sylvia Coker)	
Eleanor Grayson (WPC)	Donna Purcell (WPC)	

## PRAYER LIST UPDATED JANUARY 2025

If you need to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please email Suzann at [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org)

<b>Friend of the Week</b>	<b>College Student</b>	<b>Mission of the Week</b>	<b>Church Family</b>
Mary Martschink 1218 Durham Place Charleston, SC 29407	Cole McLaughlin USC Student Box 84602 133 Wheat Street Columbia, SC 29225-01142	<b>W.E. Pack.</b> (Weekend Eats) For Goodwin Elementary & Mary Ford Early Learning & Family Center Students	Ron & Myriam Owens

## 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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