



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

January 26, 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

Into My Heart

Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus.
Come in today, come in to stay; come into my heart, Lord Jesus.
Out of my heart, out of my heart, shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus.
Shine out today, shine out always, shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus.

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

from Matthew 22

One: An expert in the law asked Jesus: "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"
All: Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.
One: And a second is like it:
All: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Gracious God, you call us to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly before you. But we fail to live that way. We refuse to love those who need your tender mercy, and instead we live self-centered lives in which you have no place. We confess to the failure to carry out responsibilities, the bending of moral principles, and the pursuit of the lesser things in life. Forgive us, O Lord! Renew us through the Holy Spirit, and wash away our sins by the blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. We pray in his holy name. Amen.

-Silent Personal Confession -

◆ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE

We Are Forgiven

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

◆ 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 OF ILLUMINATION NO. 288 Spirit of the Living God

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 5-10

PEW BIBLE O.T. PAGE 52

SERMON

Exodus III: Hard-Hearted

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE

Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God (Psalm 51)

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Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from thy presence, O Lord
Take not thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation
And renew a right spirit within me.

◆ 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

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. 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

◆ *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: Jane Akery, Eleanor Akery
Ushers: Nancy Dixon, Dan Klingshirn, Graham Wade

11:00 am Livestream at www.wpccharleston.org, YouTube (Westminster Presbyterian Charleston)
Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from CCLI License #2778901

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

Ms. Claire will lead a training from 12:00-12:15 in the sanctuary about Westminster's Child Protection Policy TODAY 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!

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called for Sunday, February 2 immediately following the 11:00 worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to review the financial reports from 2024, review the Session-approved budget for 2025, and in accordance with G-2.0804/G-1.0501, review and vote on changes in the terms of call for our pastor. We will also convene briefly for a **Meeting of the Corporation**. There is no business, but an annual meeting is required by SC law.

NEW PICTORIAL MEMBER DIRECTORIES are available for those who would like to have one. They are available in Narthex; One per household, please. Corrections? Please contact the Church Office.

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 is March 2. 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 March 2 Connections class by emailing office@wpccharleston.org.

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.

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 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.
February 9	Felipe Matias (Mission partner in Brazil) preaching
February 16	Bill Stanfield (Mission partner with Metanoia) preaching
February 23	Exodus 14-17: Fickle. From the joy of the Red Sea to the grumbling in the wilderness.

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.

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.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY COOKOUT

Wednesday, January 29. 6:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall. You have heard of Christmas in July! What about Independence Day in January? It's a thing. Join us for hot dogs, burgers, games and more for a special Wonderful Wednesday Cookout! \$8 per adult, \$4 per child, \$25 family max, via cash, card or check. *Please let us know you're coming by scanning the QR Code provided so we can plan accordingly.*



YOU'RE INVITED! ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **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. Participants will learn about racism in the context of Christianity through curriculum designed by PC-USA. Requires weekly reading and discussion meetings in the library during the Sunday School hour. Designed for those who are interested in continuing antiracism work through discipleship and community involvement when the class concludes. To sign up, please contact Natasha and Matt Akery or the Church Office.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, FINDING GOD FAITHFUL

(A study on the life of Joseph, Old Testament) Wednesday, February 5• 12:15pm -1:30 pm

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 are available in the church office.

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 4th Sunday of every other month. Books may be purchased online or at church (\$10 for *Jesus and the Disinherited*)

- **On February 23rd** 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 27th** we'll discuss Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Life Together*.
- **On June 22nd** we'll discuss Peter Aelred's *To Melt a Golden Calf*.
- **On August 24th** we'll discuss C.S Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*.
- **On October 26th** we'll discuss John Mark Comer's *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*.
- **In December (date TBD)** we'll discuss Fleming Rutledge's *Advent*.

GLOBAL MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITIES IN 2025!

- 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 led by Pastor Daniel
 - a team of High School Juniors and Seniors led by Ms. Claire July 7-12. (\$200 deposit due 2/14/25)
- In **Brazil**, we partner with Felipe and Laura Matias 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 2/14/25)

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. To indicate your interest in being a team member, speak with Pastor Daniel dsmoak@wpccharleston.org or Pastor Priscilla.

WE ARE SCHEDULING SPECIAL MUSIC FOR THE 9:00 WORSHIP SERVICE.

Do you sing or play an instrument? Young people and old, beginners and those with experience, we know you are out there with gifts to share. God is praised when you use your gifts and when the church intentionally develops worship leaders. If you'd like to be on the schedule for the coming months, please reach out to Pastor Daniel at dsmoak@wpccharleston.org.

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 and 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.

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

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, January 26

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Child Protection Training, after Worship, Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, January 27

4:30 pm	APNC, Parlor
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Tuesday, January 28

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

Wednesday, January 29

6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday Cook-out
6:30 pm	Hand Bell Rehearsal
7:00 pm	Endowment Committee, Parlor
7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, January 30

Friday, January 31

Saturday, February 1

Sunday, February 2

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Congregational Meeting and Meeting of the Corporation
5:00 pm	Youth Group
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

SAVE THE DATE FOR SAMS CHILLI COOKOFF/SOUP LUNCH AND LEARN

The next SAMS event is a Soup and Chili Potluck **February 20, 1pm in Covenant Hall**. There will be a contest for the best chili, so bring your best recipe! Any leftovers will go to "Help the Deacons Fill the Freezer." We'll pack up extra for the freezer that the deacons can 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.**

After lunch, we will have a brief presentation from Kelly Tours on potential trips of interest to SAMS, such as The Bible Experience in LaGrange, Georgia.

A signup sheet is posted in the Administrative Hallway to bring chili, soup, bread, cornbread, or desserts.

EXTRA FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, and soap bars

COMMUNITY SUPPORT NUMBERS

Al-Anon (843) 762-6999

Neighbors Together (843) 747-1788

Community Resource and Support Hotline 211

Narcotics Anonymous (843) 852-3001

Mental Health Crisis Hotline 988

WESTMINSTER PRAYS

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

Friend of the Week

Fan Morat
1623 Dickens Street
Charleston, SC 29407

College Student

Skylar Frasier
412 Technology Center Way
Apt 306
Rock Hill, SC 29730

Mission of the Week

Water Missions International
1150 Molly Greene Way Bldg. 1605
North Charleston, SC 29405

Church Family

Cullen & Hilary Parrish
- Cora, Hattie

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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