



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

February 2, 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. 519 You Are My Strength When I Am Weak

**You are my strength when I am weak; you are the treasure that I seek;
you are my all in all.**

**When I fall down, you pick me up; when I am dry, you fill my cup;
you are my all in all.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!

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◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

From Psalm 113

One: Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.

All: Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.

One: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.

All: The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.

One: For there is no other like our God, the One who sits enthroned on high.

All: Let us worship the Lord our God.

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Psalm 139:1-3, 23-24

One: O LORD, you have searched me and known me!
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**All: Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!
And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!**

-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.
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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

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 11-13

PEW BIBLE O.T. PAGE 57

SERMON

Exodus IV: Passover

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

◆ DECLARATION OF FAITH

from the Nicene Creed (381)

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

◆ COMMUNION SONG NO. 509 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

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

◆ SENDING SONG NO. 233 The Day of Resurrection

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

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

Acolyte: Thomas Robinson, Lydia Crosby

Ushers: George & Mary McAbee

11:00 am Livestream at www.wpccharleston.org, YouTube (Westminster Presbyterian Charleston)

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TODAY WE SHARE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

All who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to share in the bread and the cup. Elders will serve the congregation seated in the pews; please hold the elements and we will partake together. WPC is a safe place for those in recovery- we serve grape juice only. Gluten free bread is available in the center of the juice tray. Children are invited to the table provided they've had instruction at home or in Westminster's worship prep class (1st grade).

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held today, 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.

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.

February 2	Exodus 11-13: Passover. The tenth plague and the Passover.
February 9	Mission Partner Felipe Matias from Brazil is preaching.
February 16	Mission Partner Bill Stanfield from Metanoia is preaching.
February 23	Exodus 14-17: Fickle. From the joy of the Red Sea to the grumbling in the wilderness.
March 2	Exodus 18: Leadership. A community of leaders is formed in the appointment of Elders.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship February 5. We Pack! We will pack snacks for 260 Goodwin and Mary Ford students who are facing weekend food insecurity so they go home with a bag of nutritious snacks. It is a fun and meaningful mission opportunity for ALL AGES. Menu will be Garden Salad, Chicken Alfredo, Shrimp Alfredo, Green Beans and Dessert. Adults \$8, children \$4 and a family cap of \$25 via cash, card or check.

SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH!

Sunday February 9! 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!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING FEBRUARY 9!

Youth Collecting Canned Goods & Donations through “Souper Bowl” Sunday

As we gear up for the biggest football night of the year, Souper Bowl of Caring mobilizes youth to collect dollars and cans for hunger-relief organizations in their local communities. 100% of the money they collect goes directly to the charity of their choice. None of the money comes to the national headquarters. The money that Westminster raises will be utilized to feed the community members who receive bags from the Westminster Food Pantry here at church!

Ways to Help:

- Bring in canned goods or donations starting at Wonderful Wednesday, February 5th.
- Canned goods and donations can be dropped off in the Church office during regular hours on Thursday or Friday.
- On Sunday, February 9th, the youth will be taking a special Souper Bowl offering during worship as well as Second Sunday Social.

For Fun:

We will have boxes for the Chiefs and the Eagles so you can decide who the “winner” will be by placing your canned goods in your team's box!

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.” 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 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: 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. This class is led by Pastor Daniel and Lindy Coleman. It meets in the Church Parlor.

Facing Racism:

Limited to 12 participants for 6 weeks. Participants will learn about racism in the context of Christianity through curriculum designed by PC-USA. This class is full.

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*.

SAM'S CHILI 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.

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 17-22 led by Pastor Daniel (Deadline has passed)
 - 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.

MONTREAT WORSHIP & MUSIC CONFERENCE 2025

June 15-20, 2025. We invite congregants of Westminster to the first week of this intergenerational conference for children, youth, adults, pastors, directors, organists, singers, ringers, worship leaders, and church members. **All are welcome!** The Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM) works in cooperation with Montreat Conference Center to offer a conference guided by the principles of Reformed worship, conferees explore opportunities for vital worship experiences and enriching the liturgical life of their local church. For more information please reach out to our Director of Music, Sarah Shayban, sshayban@wpccharleston.org.

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. Please contact Brenda Clarey if you would like to attend 8 sessions of this study. Books are available in the church office.

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.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE KNOW BETTER BREAKFAST: BUILDING BRIDGES ACROSS COMMUNITIES

Date: Saturday, March 1, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Location: Westminster Presbyterian Church

Join us for an inspiring morning of food, fellowship, and meaningful conversation at the Know Better Breakfast, held at Westminster Presbyterian Church. This gathering is a unique opportunity for us to connect with Metanoia, our local nonprofit partner, and the Chicora community—our sister community across the Ashley River—and explore the issues shaping the lives of families in and around surrounding neighborhoods. More information and RSVP link on the way.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

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
4:00 pm	Club 345
5:00 pm	All Youth Dinner
5:30 pm	Middle and High School Fellowship
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, February 3

Tuesday, February 4

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

Wednesday, February 5

12:15 pm	Women's Bible Study, Covenant Hall/Room 4
6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday
6:30 pm	Hand Bell Rehearsal
7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, February 6

Friday, February 7

High School Youth Mountain Trip Retreat

Saturday, February 8

Sunday, February 9

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Second Sunday Lunch
	High School Youth Return
5:00 pm	No Youth Group due to Super Bowl
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

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.

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 FEBRUARY 2025

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
Roy Nickles 194 Spring Street Rm 431 Charleston, SC 29403	Sadie Wood 1300 Wheat Street Columbia, SC 29201	Boy Scout Troop 79	Nancy Parrish

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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