

◆ 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 18

PEW BIBLE O.T. PAGE 64

SERMON

Exodus VI: Leadership

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 234 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

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.

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 OUT

◆ SENDING SONG NO. 269

Lead On, O King Eternal

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

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

Acolytes: Thomas Robinson, Lydia Crosby

Ushers: Dee Bee Wright, Robinson Family, John Wright

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).

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! LET US KNOW YOU'RE HERE.

Please take a moment to sign and pass the Friendship Register in the pews. If you are visiting and wish to learn more about Westminster, leave your contact information. If you are interested in becoming a member, check 'wish to join' and a pastor will be in touch with you.

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.

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.



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.

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.

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 taking 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.

March 2	Exodus 18: Leadership. A community of leaders is formed in the appointment of Elders.
March 9	Exodus 19-20: The 10 Commandments. The 10 Commandments and their place in our lives today.
March 16	Exodus 21-24: Weird Laws. Some strange laws and their place in our lives today.
March 23	Exodus 25-31: The Tabernacle. The instructions for and meaning behind the tabernacle.
March 30	Exodus 32: The Golden Calf. The golden calf and the human tendency toward idolatry.
April 6	Exodus 33-34: The Radiance of Glory. Moses meets with God, face to face, on the mountain. God's glory is evident.

OSCARS YOUTH PARTY-ALL YOUTH TODAY!

This afternoon from 5:00-7:00, we invite all 6th-12th graders to join us for a special Oscars Party at John and Dee Bee Wright's house. Our theme is "Dancing through the Decades!" and we encourage each youth to pick their favorite decade and dress to impress! We hope to see you there for food, games, and awards!

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship January 22. Menu will be Chicken Tetrazzini, Green Beans, Broccoli, Corn, Garden Salad and Dessert. Adults \$8, children \$4 and a family cap of \$25 via cash, card or check.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 5

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. It's called Ash Wednesday because as a sign of repentance, believers through the centuries have received the mark of an ashen cross on their forehead. The ashes remind us of God's words to Adam when he sinned- "remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," and it reminds us of the Old Testament practice of wearing sackcloth and having ashes placed on the head as a sign of spiritual poverty. On March 5, there are several opportunities to gather.

8:00- 8:15 a.m. & 12:15-12:30 p.m.

Brief gatherings in the sanctuary to pray and be marked with the ashes of repentance.

6:30 -7:15 p.m.

Ash Wednesday worship where we hear God's word of hope and are marked with the ashes of repentance.

In Covenant Hall following 6:00 supper

PRAY THROUGH LENT WITH LENTEN PRAYER CARDS

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. It is the 40 days (not counting Sundays) leading up to Easter. Traditionally, it is a time of reflection, repentance and discipline in preparation for the joy of Easter. In the same way Moses and the Israelites were in a season of preparation for 40 years before coming into the Promised Land and Jesus was in the wilderness for 40 days of preparation prior to his public ministry, we can take 40 days to reset our hearts and minds with the Lord.

We're encouraging you to use the prayer cards we're providing to guide you through Lent this year. There is a card for every day. On one side is a thought-provoking question, and on the flip side is a corresponding prayer. (Interestingly, the prayers are written by Sarah Are Speed, the daughter of former WPC minister Tom Are.) Cards are available in the Narthex (or you can see the daily cards on WPC Social Media), and you can use the cards alone or with a group- we even have a Sunday School Class that will use the cards together.

YOU'RE INVITED! ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

****The Life Class:** (Formerly the New Class) We're using Lenten Prayer cards created by Sanctified Art to guide our journey through the 40 days of Lent. The prayer cards will be distributed to the whole congregation, but in this class, we'll take a deeper dive with the questions, prayers, and Scriptures that get our hearts ready for Holy Week and Easter. Emphasis is on fellowship, prayer and growth. 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. ****This new offering begins March 9****

****Faith and Science:** For Reformed Christians, science is both promising and provocative. It raises deep and thoughtful questions about how God creates, what it means to be human, and where technology might lead us in the future. This class will explore how faith and science intersect, offering a space to rejoice in God's creation and thoughtfully wrestle with how these two fields interact. Whether you're curious, skeptical, or simply eager to learn, we welcome you to join us for this thought-provoking and engaging study. Meets for 6 weeks in the Church Library and is led by Pastor Priscilla. ****This new offering begins March 9****

The Anchor Class: This class emphasizes fellowship, good discussion, and growth. They are 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. 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.

TIME TO REGISTER FOR BETHELWOODS!

Did You Know? Westminster offers scholarships for our children who register for Bethelwoods Summer Camps. We will pay for 1/2 of the Tier 1 price for each registered child. Here's how it works: get registered through the Bethelwoods website and then submit a scholarship request form to Westminster for reimbursement. Forms are available by contacting the Church Office or Ms. Claire. * Kids can go to Bethelwoods anytime during the summer. Westminster families traditionally register for the week of July 28.

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 (\$8 for *Life Together*)

- On April 27th we'll discuss Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Life Together*. Martyred at the hands of German Nazis, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a renowned Christian minister, professor, and author of *The Cost of Discipleship* recounts his unique fellowship in an underground seminary during the Nazi years in Germany. Giving practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups, *Life Together* is bread for all who are hungry for the real life of Christian fellowship.
- 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*.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, FINDING GOD FAITHFUL

(A study on the life of Joseph, Old Testament) Wednesday, February 5• 12:15pm -1:30 pm in Covenant Hall - Classroom 4. Please contact Brenda Clarey if you would like to attend 8 sessions of this study. Books are available in the church office.

SAVE THE DATE FOR SAMs! We are going to the Birds of Prey Center March 20! This will include morning flight demonstrations, time to see birds in enclosures, a break for lunch at Sewee and optional afternoon re-entry for more flight demos. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the admin hallway. Spots are limited, so sign up soon! Tickets are \$20, (cash only, please), which is due to the office by March 18. Carpooling from the church will be 9 am March 20th

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.

WALK FOR WATER 2025

Millions of women and children walk more than three miles to collect water each day for their families. Often, the water collected is unsafe to drink. But there is hope. This year we're joining our mission partner Water Missions Walk for Water event to walk to raise funds and awareness to help fight the global water crisis. Together, we will walk to bring clean, safe water to 14,000 people in need around the world. We walk, so others don't have to. Join our Walking Team or Donate by scanning the QR Code.



NEWS FROM THE APNC

Please remember your Associate Pastor Nominating Committee in your prayers. Here's where they are in the search process:

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.

COLLECTING CANDLES FOR MIDDLETON PLACE

Have used candles that you would like to donate to repurpose? There is a box in the Narthex for them! These will go to Middleton Place for their candle making workshops. Candles in glass containers will not be accepted.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, March 2

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:15 pm	Worship Committee Meeting/Parlor
5:00 pm	Oscars Party, All Youth, at John & Dee Bee's home
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, March 3

10:00 am	Healing Farms Event/Covenant Hall
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Tuesday, March 4

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

Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday

8:00 am	Ash Wednesday Prayer/ Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Ash Wednesday Prayer/Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Women's Bible Study, Covenant Hall/Room 4
5:30 pm	APNC Meeting/Parlor
6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday
6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship/Covenant Hall
6:30 pm	Hand Bell Rehearsal
7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, March 6

Friday, March 7

Saturday, March 8

Sunday, March 9

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Sr. High Night at Frankie's Fun Park
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

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

VOTE FOR OUR PRESCHOOL

Voting for the Lowcountry Parent Magazine's Mom's Choice Awards has opened (and it appears you can vote daily)! Let's see if we can win the **Best Preschool and/or Best Private School and/or Best Childcare** categories this year! For the last 8 years we have either been in first place or runner up! Voting is through March 12th. Thank you for your support! This link jumps you to the "Best Preschool" category, then at the top click on "School & Education", select "Best Private School" lastly, scroll up the categories to find "Best Childcare".

Link: <https://www.postandcourier.com/lowcountryparent/contests/momschoice/#/gallery/?group=505845>

WESTMINSTER PRAYS

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

PRAYER LIST UPDATED MARCH 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
Diane Sloan	Macie Long	Healing Farms	Matthew & Jill Patrick
1451 Tobias Gadsden Boulevard	207 E. Maple	703 Yew Street	- Mary & Catherine
#111	Box 51489	Charleston, SC 29407	
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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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