



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

February 16, 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. 70 What Does the Lord Require of You?

What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?

To seek justice and love kindness
and walk humbly with your God.

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

From Micah 6:6-8

One: With what shall we come before the Lord?
What shall we bring into the presence of our God
as an expression of our worship and praise?

All: Shall we bring him all that we own—
our finest possessions, our life-savings,
our investments and property?
Would God be satisfied if we brought everything we possess?

One: No, that's not what God is looking for.
God has told you what is good,
and what he expects of you:

All: To do justice. To love mercy.
To walk humbly before him.

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Triune God, you are the one God in three persons, a diverse unity with no division or contention. You call us to reflect your identity by being one body made up of many different members with different gifts, abilities, needs, and backgrounds. We confess our failure; for too often we take pride in our own gifts and look down on those who lack them, while thinking little about our need for the gifts of others in the body. We form factions and cliques that support and promote our own interests, desperately trying to attract the favor of the important and influential, while despising and shunning the weak, unattractive, or broken. Father, forgive us for our divisions.

-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

Laura Patrick

◆ SONG FOR ILLUMINATION NO. 458 Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 17: 5-10

PEW BIBLE O.T. PAGE 719

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 6: 17-26

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 64

SERMON

Rev. Bill Stanfield

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE No. 761 Called As Partners in Christ's Service

◆ 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. 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Priscilla Holtzclaw, Parish Associate; Nancy Parrish, Music;

Acolytes: Eleanor Akery/Jane Akery

Ushers: Taffy Tamblyn,* Robert Tamblyn, Matt Akery

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

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The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in honor of our Grandmother, Ellen Jordan, and in memory of our grandmothers, Jane Mitchell, Cathy Daniels and Doris Cowell by Adam, Sara, Ella Caroline, and Everett Daniels.

TODAY WE WELCOME REVEREND BILL STANFIELD TO WESTMINSTER

Rev. Bill Stanfield is a founder and CEO of Metanoia. Bill loves reading, writing, exercising and spending time with his family. He and his wife, Rev. Evelyn Oliveira (a co-founder of Metanoia with Bill) have two sons.

About Metanoia: In 2002, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina (CBFSC) desired to invest in transformative efforts to address childhood poverty within the state. CBFSC's coalition of churches hired Urban Ministers Evelyn Oliveira and Bill Stanfield to spend a year listening to residents and leaders within South Carolina's North Charleston neighborhoods with the highest concentration of childhood poverty (per 2000 US Census).

Collectively, CBFSC decided to focus its efforts on Chicora-Cherokee in North Charleston, a small community of under 3,000 people. To Evelyn and Bill, Chicora-Cherokee was, most importantly, a vibrant place, resilient, and fundamentally strong. Many residents and families had lived in the neighborhoods for generations and aspired to continue to build the community for future generations. Metanoia was born out of this year of listening and maintains to this day a deep commitment to listening to neighborhood residents and families who hold the true expertise about community challenges, aspirations, and solutions.

Metanoia seeks to amplify opportunities for a thriving community with families in Chicora and surrounding historically Black neighborhoods by honing the unique assets that exist here. Their efforts focus on Youth Leadership, Affordable Housing, and Economic Development.

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.

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 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.
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.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship February 19! Menu will be Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Corn, Lima Beans, Garden Salad, and Dessert. Adults \$8, children \$4 and a family cap of \$25 via cash, card or check.

NEIGHBORS TOGETHER WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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. Email office@wpccharleston.org to receive emails about our regular Wednesday group.

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 Life 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.

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.

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.

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

REGISTER NOW FOR THE KNOW BETTER BREAKFAST: BUILDING BRIDGES ACROSS COMMUNITIES

Join us on Saturday, March 1 at Westminster for the Know Better Breakfast, a morning of connection, learning, and inspiration. Beginning with food and fellowship at 9:00 a.m. and followed by a panel discussion at 9:30 a.m., this event invites you to engage with Chicora families—our sister community across the Ashley River—and explore the challenges and opportunities facing families in the region.

Hear powerful stories from local changemakers, experience a documentary video created by Metanoia, and learn about innovative work in youth leadership, affordable housing, and economic development.

Together, we'll dive into the history and systemic barriers shaping the community and discover how partnerships, like the one between WPC and Metanoia, create transformative impact.

RSVP at wpcharleston.org or call/email the church office.

SOUPERBOWL OF CARING GREAT BIG THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Westminster Youth Group and Staff we would like to say thank you so much for your support and contributions in our Souperbowl of Caring Collection on February 9th. We were able to collect countless bags and buckets of nonperishable food items for our food pantry, and raised nearly \$1,600 dollars to go towards purchasing supplies needed to feed our community! We thank you for your generosity and look forward to seeing the ways in which these funds will be used to show God's love to those in need!

OSCARS YOUTH PARTY-ALL YOUTH SAVE THE DATE!

On March 2nd 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!

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.

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
- 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@wpcharleston.org.

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, February 16

9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Deacon Leaders
5:00 pm Diaconate Meeting
6:00 pm Session Meeting
5:00 pm All Youth Dinner
5:30 pm Middle and High School Fellowship
7:30 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, February 17

Tuesday, February 18

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

Wednesday, February 19

10:00 am Neighbors Together
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 20

1:00 pm SAM's Soup & Chili Potluck and Kelly Tours Presentation, CH

Friday, February 21

Saturday, February 22

Sunday, February 23

9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
5:00 pm All Youth Dinner
5:30 pm Middle and High School Fellowship
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

PostPartumsupportchas.org

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 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
Kate Pennekamp 8840 Marsh Aire Lane Edisto Island, SC 29438-6835	Ella Patrick 221139 CofC Complex Charleston, SC 29424-0001	Metanoia 2005 Reynolds Avenue North Charleston, SC 29405	Dick & Carol Patrick

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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