



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

February 23, 2025

9:00 a.m.

*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. 616 Our God Is an Awesome God

**Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!**

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

from 2 Corinthians 12

One: To keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.

All: **But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you,
for my power is made perfect in weakness."**

One: Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses,
so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

All: **For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships,
persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.**

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 2 Come, Thou Almighty King

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Dear Lord, we confess we are a fickle people. When things go our way, we tend to forget about you, but as soon as life throws us a curveball, we come running to you with the expectation that you will fix things to our liking. Help us, Lord, to be filled with gratitude for the blessings we receive on the good days and to be open to the growth we may experience in the times of distress. You are the Lord; increase our dependence on you in all times.

-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 LESSON

Exodus 14-17

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Exodus V: Fickle

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 315

In the Midst of New Dimensions

◆ 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

When Trials Come

(Insert)

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;

Acolyte: Evan Ford

Ushers: Nancy Dixon*, Dan Klingshirn, Graham Wade

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

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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

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.

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| 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 | PIZZA & PACK THE HALL

Wednesday, February 26 at 6:00 p.m. What's more fun than one W.E. Pack in a month? TWO W.E. Packs in a Month!!! Join us for Pizza and Ice Cream and W.E. Pack relay Races for all ages! Dig out your old High School Mascot Colors and T shirts. Prize will be offered for the most spirited dresser! *Special Price* \$4 per family member ages 4-99 (under 4 is free). W.E. Pack: We pack "Weekend Eats" food kits for students with food insecurities. People of all ages can participate in a fun and meaningful mission project together. Please RSVP by scanning the QR Code so we know a pie to people ratio!



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 5 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.

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*.**

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 wpccharleston.org or call/email the church office.

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!

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.

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.

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.

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@wpccharleston.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.

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>

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

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

Monday, February 24

Tuesday, February 25

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

Wednesday, February 26

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 27

12:00 pm Mexico Mission Team

Friday, February 28

Saturday, March 1

9:00 am Know Better Breakfast, Covenant Hall

Sunday, March 2

9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
5:00 pm Oscars Party, 6th-12th grade, at John & Dee Bee's home
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

Community Resource and Support Hotline 211

Mental Health Crisis Hotline 988

Narcotics Anonymous (843) 852-3001

Neighbors Together (843) 747-1788

My Sister's House (domestic abuse) (843) 744-3242

PostPartumsupportchas.org

Wake-Up Carolina (support for families and individuals battling substance abuse) (843) 972-8154

WESTMINSTER PRAYS

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| 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 |
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| Jim Seay 1416 Drexell Drive Charleston, SC 29407 | Stella Wood 22 E. State Street Athens, OH 45701 | Mary Ford Early Learning Center 3180 Thomasina McPherson Boulevard North Charleston, SC 29405 | Mark & Ashleigh Patrick -Brooke, Will |

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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