



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

March 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. 701 Lord, Prepare Me

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

### ◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

From Psalm 84

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!  
All: **Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**  
One: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
All: **O Lord of Hosts, happy is the one who trusts in you!**

### ◆ PRAYER

### ◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

## CONFESSION

### ◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Almighty and Everlasting God, as we bow in your holy presence, we see the awful depth of our sinfulness. We have fallen so far short of the holiness to which you call us. Forgive our stubborn waywardness, and empower us by your Holy Spirit to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, according to the call of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

*-Silent Personal Confession -*

### ◆ SONG OF CONFESSION



◆ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

◆ 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Amazing Grace  
Mark Burckhalter

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 21-24

PEW BIBLE O.T. PAGE 67

SERMON

Weird Laws

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 460      Break Thou the Bread of Life

◆ 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. 37

Let All Things Now Living

### SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

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◆ *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: Eleanor Akery, Jane Akery  
Ushers: Taffy Tamblyn\*, Robert Tamblyn, Matt Akery

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

You may also listen to the weekly sermon by utilizing *Sermon By Phone* and calling 843-252-0146.

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#### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Your WPC Mission Team traveling to Mexico March 17-22 to share in the Cistern Ministry in the Yucatan. Coordinator Todd Luke 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. Team members: Daniel S., Nita R., Mary M., Matthew P., Mark P., and Alissa F.

#### WELCOME TO KELLIE APAT

Today at the 11:00 service, we welcome new member, Kellie Apat. Kellie is a longtime Presbyterian, having been a member of Westminster and Sunrise Presbyterian on Sullivan's Island. "Welcome Home, Kellie."

## **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 date will be announced soon. 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 for the next class by emailing [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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 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 March 19. John Lane, from Water Missions, will share information about the upcoming Walk for Water. Menu will be Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes w/ gravy, Lima Beans, Garden Salad and Dessert. Adults \$8, children \$4 and a family cap of \$25 via cash, card or check.

**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 is 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

## 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.

**\*\*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.

**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.

## ELEMENTARY CHOIR SPRING DATES AND SPECIAL MUSIC:

Do you have a child in 1st-5th grade who loves to sing and worship the Lord? Then mark your calendars for the following Elementary Choir practices! Children are invited to come practice and sing with Ms. Nancy, Ms. Claire, and Mrs. Mellany for 15 minutes in the sanctuary. We encourage your children to participate in these fun practices as much as they can before singing for the congregation! If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Claire at [cwinkles@wpccharleston.org](mailto:cwinkles@wpccharleston.org). We hope to sing with your children soon!

Schedule:

Wednesday, March 19 at 5:45  
Sunday, March 23 at 12:00  
Wednesday, March 26 at 5:30pm  
Wednesday, April 2 at 5:30pm  
Sunday, April 6- children will sing at 11:00 worship.

## FEMALE SINGERS!

A female ensemble will sing a one time song on March 23 at the early service. We would love to have you join with us! Everyone with a voice, even untrained!! Very short practices of about 15 minutes. Contact Nancy Parrish or Claire Winkles [cwinkles@wpccharleston.org](mailto:cwinkles@wpccharleston.org) for more info.

Schedule:

Sunday March 16 at 12:00  
Wednesday March 19 at 5:30  
Sunday March 23- we sing at the 9:00 service.

## NEIGHBORS TOGETHER WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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](http://www.neighborstogether.org). Email [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org) to receive emails about our regular Wednesday group.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Sunday, June 22 – Thursday, June 26** Children ages 3K up to 5th grade are invited to join us for VBS. This year's theme is Children of the Light. "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light!" -Ephesians 5:8. We are also inviting Youth and Adults to volunteer for this most special and fun week of worship! Scan the QR Code for all details, volunteering forms and registration.



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every other month. Books may be purchased online or at church (\$8 for *Life Together*)

- **On April 27<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> we'll discuss Peter Aelred's *To Melt a Golden Calf*.**
- **On August 24<sup>th</sup> we'll discuss C.S Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*.**
- **On October 26<sup>th</sup> we'll discuss John Mark Comer's *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*.**
- **In December (date TBD) we'll discuss Fleming Rutledge's *Advent*.**

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, March 16

9:00 am      Worship Service  
10:00 am      Sunday School  
11:00 am      Worship Service  
12:00 pm      Female Ensemble practice, Sanctuary  
5:00 pm      Diaconate Meeting  
5:00 pm      All Youth Dinner  
5:30 pm      Middle and High School Fellowship  
5:45 pm      Diaconate/Session Child Protection Training  
6:00 pm      Session Meeting  
7:30 pm      AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Monday, March 17

5:00 am      Mission Team to Mexico  
6:30 pm      Circle 1 meeting, Library

### Tuesday, March 18

10:00 am      Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, March 19

10:00 am      Neighbors Together  
12:15 pm      Women's Bible Study, Covenant Hall, Rm 4  
5:30 pm      Female Ensemble practice, Sanctuary  
5:45 pm      Elementary Choir practice, Sanctuary  
6:00 pm      Wonderful Wednesday  
6:30 pm      Hand Bell Rehearsal  
7:15 pm      Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 pm      AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Thursday, March 20

9:00 am      SAMS Birds of Prey tour

### Friday, March 21

### Saturday, March 22

Mission Team Returns

### Sunday, March 23

9:00 am      Worship Service  
10:00 am      Sunday School  
11:00 am      Worship Service  
12:00 pm      Elementary Choir practice, Sanctuary  
4:00 pm      Club 3,4,5  
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

Mental Health Crisis Hotline 988

Narcotics Anonymous (843) 852-3001

Postpartumsupportchas.org

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

## WESTMINSTER PRAYS

Cary Alexandre (WPC)	Grayson Family (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)	
Janie Hammersmith (WPC)	Charles Reeves (Carol Patrick)	

## PRAYER LIST UPDATED MARCH 2025

If you need to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please email [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org)

Friend of the Week	College Student	Mission of the Week	Church Family
Eileen Wiese 110 Ashley Villa Circle Apt B Charleston, SC 29414	Robert Dounian 600 Heyward Street Apt. # 331 Columbia, SC 29201	Water Missions International 1150 Molly Green Way Bldg 1605 North Charleston, SC 29405	Paul & Laura Patrick -Cameron, Nicholas

## 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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