



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

March 30, 2025

11:00 a.m.

*Please greet each other warmly as the congregation gathers for worship.
Take a moment and sign the friendship register.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

PAUL MANZ

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
All: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
One: The first commandment is clear:
All: “You shall have no other gods before me.”
One: Tested by the devil in the wilderness, Jesus said:
All: “You shall worship the Lord your God alone.”
One: Let us worship God.

◆ INVOCATION

◆ HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, hear our confession. We worship idols of our own making; when temptation overtakes us, we submit to its charm. We find it easier to grumble at hardships than to praise you for the mercies we receive day by day. We test you in every way. Forgive us when we take advantage of your loving nature, and restore us to right fellowship with you and with others.

-Silent Personal Confession -

◆ SONG OF CONFESSION



◆ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

◆ 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.

◆ SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you!
All: And also with you!

Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbor

TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

Claire Winkles

*Following Children's Time, children ages 2-3K (Wee Church) and 4-5 K (Children's Church) will gather
in the narthex with adult leaders and then be led to the Children's Building.
Parents may pick them up following the service.*

ANTHEM

El Shaddai
Handbell Choir

SUSAN GESCHKE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 32

PEW BIBLE O.T. PAGE 78

SERMON

Exodus 10: The Golden Calf

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

◆ AFFIRMATION 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

- ◆ HYMN NO. 543 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me GOD BE WITH YOU
- ◆ BENEDICTION
- ◆ POSTLUDE Fugue in F JS BACH

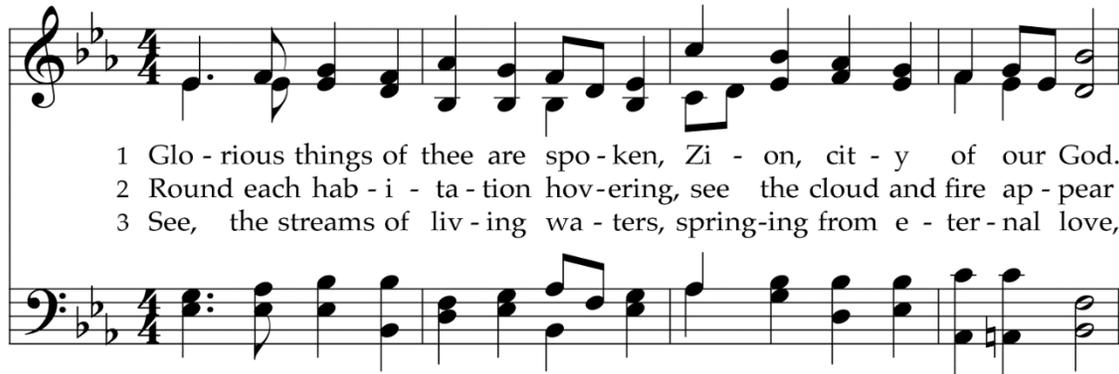
◆ *Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

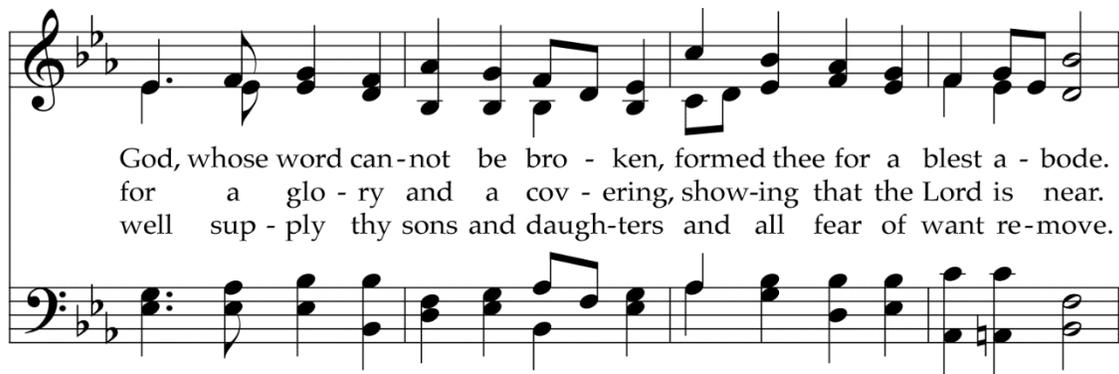
Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Priscilla Holtzclaw, Parish Associate;
Claire Winkles, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries;
Sarah Shayban, Director of Music
Acolytes: Mac Ferguson, Nicholas Patrick
Children's Church & Wee Church: Dee Bee & John Wright
Ushers: Debby & Bob Ferguson*, Lou Bowers, John Dounian

Ushers: 11:00 am Livestream at www.wpccharleston.org, YouTube (Westminster Presbyterian Charleston)
Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from CCLI License #2778901

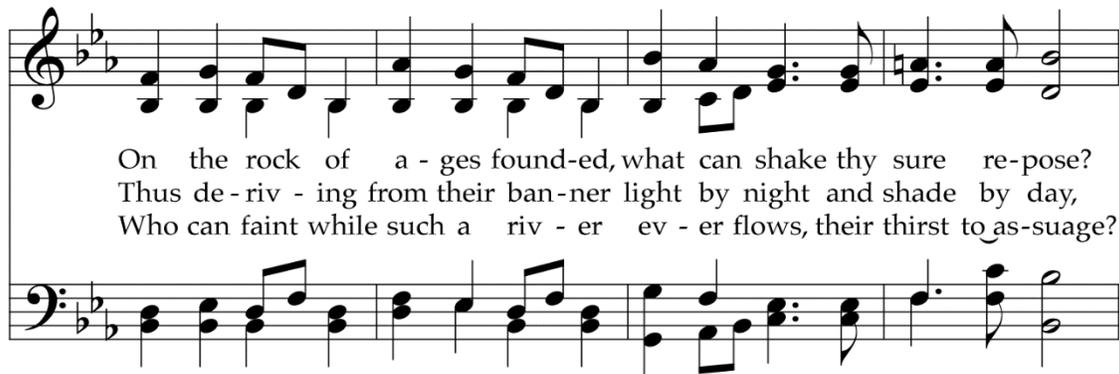
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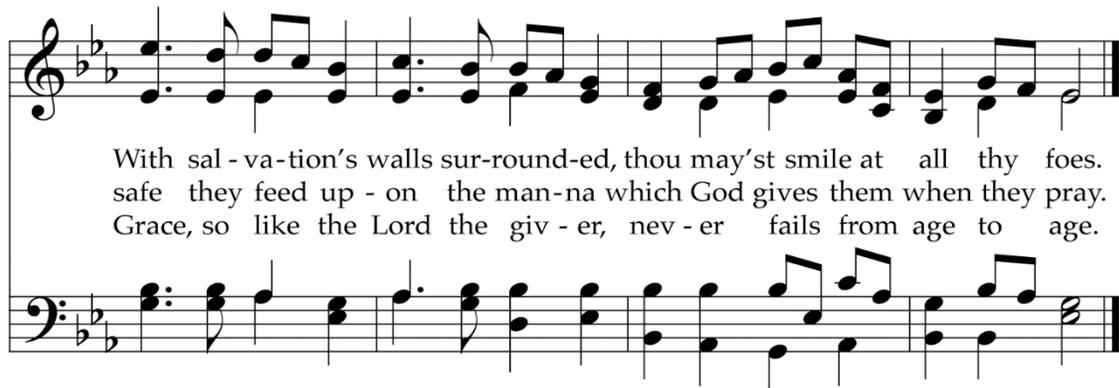
1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
 Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages.

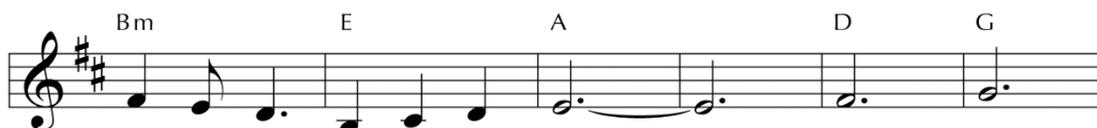
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Spirit

Refrain



Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the



wil - der-ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,



spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id-ness,



wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
- 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
- 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient



deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill; then you whis-pered in si - lence when the
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

As the author/composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense; but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

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 May 4. 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.

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 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.
April 13	Matthew 21:12-17: Flipping Tables. On Palm Sunday, Jesus rides into Jerusalem and goes right to the temple to set some things right.
April 20	The Day of Resurrection. Jesus is alive!
April 27	Youth Sunday

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 AT 6:00 P.M.

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship April 2. W.E. Pack and the Scouts are helping! 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 Tacos and Dessert. Adults \$8, children \$4 and a family cap of \$25 via cash, card or check.

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. We hope to sing with your children soon!

Schedule:

Wednesday, April 2 at 5:30pm and Sunday, April 6- children will sing at 11:00 worship.

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.

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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: ADULT & YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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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*.

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.

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.

SPRING CLEANING AT CHURCH? ABSOLUTELY! 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;

1. Clean white metal doors (Adm wing, Covenant Hall and Education Building;) possibly paint
2. Clean ceiling in Scout Hut and gutters around Scout Hut
3. Paint bus stop shelter - No spray painting
4. Paint Admin hallway windows
5. Deep clean kitchen and vacuum refrigerator coils
6. Fill large pot hole in front parking lot (left side) under Oak tree
7. Transfer some of the mulch to new trees, no "volcanos," please

The church office will coordinate these projects. Contact Randy Davis or the church office (843) 766-8311 at office@wpccharleston.org.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, March 30

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 Mission Teams Meet, Covenant Hall
5:00 pm All Youth Dinner
5:30 pm Middle and High School Fellowship
7:30 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, March 31

Tuesday, April 1

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, April 2

12:15 pm Women's Bible Study, Covenant Hall, Rm 4
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, April 3

Friday, April 4

Saturday, April 5

Sunday, April 6

9:00 am Worship Service
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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)	Joan Frye (WPC)	Charles Reeves (Carol Patrick)
Joyce Aydlette (Becky Grafton)	Janie Hammersmith (WPC)	Nita Rodemann (WPC)
Daryn Baker (Jane Acker)	Grayson Family (WPC)	Gloria Ricoma (Karen McInnes)
Mary Ashley Barbot (Lisa Couch)	Megan Hatfield (Debbie McQueeney)	Kevin Ritzel (Neil Ritzel)
Ron Booth (WPC)	Harter Family (Jennifer Binnicker)	Tradd Shepard (WPC)
Sissie Brigman (WPC)	Betsy Henson (Ashley Snider)	Rachel Singletary (Sara Bobo)
Susie Cashion (WPC)	Chris Huff (Gloria Purcell)	Jerry Smoak (WPC)
Lauren Choate (Sara Dwyer)	Janssen Family (WPC)	Dave Stanton (WPC)
Michael Chup (Karen McInnes)	Mary Laird (Ashley Snider)	Towne Family (WPC)
Cherie Couche (Dana Tumbleston)	Fran Ligon (WPC)	Gloria Underhill (Laura Nunn)
Lydia Crosby (WPC)	Jane Livingston (Tom Livingston)	Jacqueline Vance (Sara Dwyer)
Martin Davis (Kevin Mikles)	Ray Long (Ellen Bollinger)	Aileen Wiese (WPC)
Rose Derrick (Brenda Clarey)	John Martschink (WPC)	Janet Wilson (Gloria Purcell)
Hosanna Eadie (Katie Baturin)	Mary Martschink (WPC)	Donnie Woods (Presbytery)
Roxanne Eadie (Katie Baturin)	Love Moody (WPC)	Robbie Yarnall (WPC)
Debbie Eastwood (Jill Lundgrin)	Jennifer Morgan (Susie Cashion)	
Ann Farrar (Beth Georgen)	Roy Nickles (WPC)	
Ellen Farrar (Beth Georgen)	Joe Nuchols (Debbie McQueeney)	
Julia Fletcher (Niblock Family)	Nancy Plowden (WPC)	
Pat Finn (Dee Bee Wright)	Pratt Family (WPC Preschool)	
Edward Fitzgibbon (Joan Frye)	Monnie Privette (Robert/Sylvia Coker)	
Harold Fountain (Henry Shepard)	Donna Purcell (WPC)	
Eric Frye (Jim & Joan Frye)	Reed Family (Dee Bee Wright)	

PRAYER LIST UPDATED MARCH 2025

If you need to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please email office@wpccharleston.org

Friend of the Week	College Student	Mission of the Week	Church Family
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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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