



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

Youth Sunday

April 27, 2025

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

What's the Word?

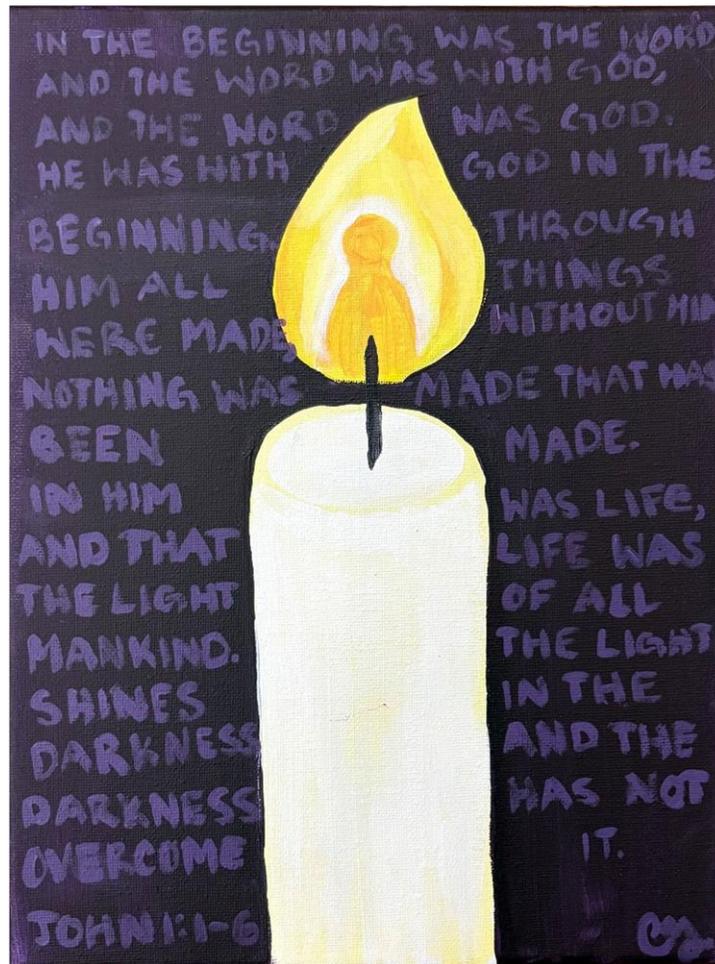


Illustration by Charlotte Griggs

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ PRELUDE

Waltz in A Minor

Fredric Chopin

Played by Jillian Ramsay

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

John Griggs and Thomas Robinson

One: Loving God, you have made us so that we cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from you.

All: **Bless us, O God. Grant that the Word you speak today may take root in our hearts.**

One: Give us a hunger for your Word, and in that food satisfy our every need.

All: **Bless us, O God. Grant that the Word you speak today may take root in our hearts.**

One: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

◆ INVOCATION

Written and read by Ella Caroline Daniels

◆ SONG OF INVOCATION NO. 452 Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

OPEN THE EYES

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you; I want to see you;
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you; I want to see you;

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love as we sing “Holy, holy, holy.” Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

◆ SONG OF ILLUMINATION NO. 458 Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet

THY WORD

Refrain: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, and I think I’ve lost my way, still you’re there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. (Refrain)

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eleanor Akery

Dear God, please forgive us. We are sorry for not living out your word in our daily lives. We are sorry that we don’t put You and Your Word first. Instead, we forget to love our neighbors as ourselves; we idolize things other than you, and we do not follow the path that You have created with your Word. Help us to live in your light, and please forgive us when we fail.

◆ SILENT CONFESSION

◆ ASSURANCE OF GOD’S PARDON

Henry Ramsay

One: Hear the good news! The Lord shows us mercy,
and he has forgiven us for our sins.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE

We Are Forgiven

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

◆ SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Manning Earnst

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

Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbor

Following Children's Time at the 11:00 service, 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

Word of God, Speak

Signed and Sung by WPC Youth

Guitarist is Chris Dorsel and Sign Language Interpreter Molly Griggs

I'm finding myself at a loss for words, and the funny thing is it's okay. The last thing I need is to be heard, but to hear what You would say. Word of God speak, would You pour down like rain, washing my eyes to see Your majesty. To be still and know that You're in this place, please let me stay and rest in Your holiness. Word of God speak. I'm finding myself in the midst of You, beyond the music, beyond the noise. All that I need is to be with You, and in the quiet hear Your voice. Word of God speak, would You pour down like rain, washing my eyes to see Your majesty. To be still and know that You're in this place. Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness. I'm finding myself at a loss for words... and the funny thing is it's okay.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:1-5

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 91

Mac Ferguson, Cameron Patrick, Catherine Patrick

TESTIMONIES

What's the Word?

Daniel Dounian, David Dounian, Henry Earnst, Charlotte Griggs, Olivia Towne

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 175

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Written by WPC Youth Group
Marshall Ward, Nicholas Patrick, Katie Griggs*

We believe in the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We believe in the word come to life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and savior. We believe that through Jesus, all people are worthy of God's love and forgiveness. Following Jesus means treating all people with love and respect, regardless of social status. We support and are supported by our community of Faith, and we spread God's love through our actions. Being a disciple of Christ means that nothing worldly can harm us because we always have God in our corner. As part of the body of Christ and faithful members of the church, we must learn about God, help and teach others about God, and spread the Word of God. We trust in God's grace and love, and love God and Jesus with all of our heart, soul, and mind. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Written by WPC Youth Group
Kennedy Dorsel*

One: Dear Lord, We pray that our neighbors who are sad would trust in you and your plan.

All: Lord, hear our prayers.

One: We pray that everybody would have the things they need.

All: Lord, hear our prayers.

One: We pray for those who are dealing with violence, grant them your peace.

All: Lord, hear our prayers.

One: We pray for those who are adjusting to new places.

All: Lord, hear our prayers.

Continued

One: We pray for those who are trying to understand your Word.

All: Lord, hear our prayers.

One: We pray for those who are doing difficult work and making hard decisions.

All: Lord, hear our prayers.

One: We pray that others know that God loves them.

All: Lord, hear our prayers.

One: We pray to you Lord, with the prayer you taught us saying...

All: 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.

INTRODUCTION TO THE FINAL SONG

Mary Patrick

◆ SONG NO. 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

◆ BENEDICTION

◆ *Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

Claire Winkles, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries;
Sarah Shayban, Director of Music

Acolytes:

9:00 a.m. Evan Ford

11:00 a.m. Emma Camburn, Miles Chandler

Children's Church:

Sonya Willemse and Jennifer Binnicker

Wee Church:

Ashleigh and Mark Patrick

Youth Ushers:

Matthew Smoak and Lucas Ward

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. Nancy Dixon*, Dan Klingshirn, Graham Wade

11:00 a.m. Debby and Bob Ferguson, Jim Frye, Nathan Ward

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

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in memory of Brenda Jonsson's birthday by her Circle 5 friends.

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.

YOUTH SUNDAY TODAY AT BOTH WORSHIP SERVICES 9:00 AND 11:00 A.M.

Our youth have been working together to explore "What is the WORD?". We hope you will join us in worship as we reflect on the word, celebrate our youth, and their leadership in worship.

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.

YOU'RE INVITED! ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

➤ **Combined Adult Class (Everyone is invited!):** The Bible from Scratch: New Testament for Beginners. In the next few weeks, we're going to have an introduction to the New Testament. This class is led by Pastor Daniel and others; it meets in Covenant Hall and is an excellent option for beginners and seasoned believers.

- April 27 The Gospels, part 1
- May 4 The Gospels, part 2
- May 11 The Acts of the Apostles
- May 18 Pause and Refresh: Special Guests Antonio Colón-Román and Sandra Otero Agosto with our presbytery's McKay Hispanic Ministry
- May 25 The Epistles (Letters)
- June 1 Revelation

➤ **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 1 Kings. A variety of outlooks are always welcome! Class meets in Room 4 of Covenant Hall.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY APRIL 30 AT 6:00 P.M

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and festive fellowship April 30 for an early Cinco de Mayo celebration with a couple of rounds of Family Feud and menu featuring nachos, fajitas and more!!! Adults \$8, children \$4 and a family cap of \$25 via cash, card or check.

FINAL CLUB 345 GATHERING! ATTENTION 3RD-5TH GRADERS:

We hope that you will join us for an afternoon of *bowling* at Ashley Lanes from 12:30-2:00 on May 4th! We will also continue our tradition of honoring our rising 6th graders as they move on from Club 345 to Youth Group. Please RSVP as soon as you are able to cwinkles@wpccharleston.org. We hope to see you there!

YOUTH GROUP END OF THE YEAR PARTY:

We invite all middle and high school youth to join us for our end of the year pool party at The Parkshore Pool on May 18th. We will swim, enjoy hotdogs and burgers on the grill, and enjoy our last night together before the summer! Please RSVP at cwinkles@wpccharleston.org to let us know you will be there!

SUPPORTING GLOBAL MISSIONS AND YOUR 2025 MISSION TEAMS IS FUN!

Westminster is sending three teams to share ministry with our mission partners this year. A team of 6 adults traveled to Mexico in March to build water cisterns, and a team of 7 youth and adults goes back to Mexico in July. A team of 8 adults (and 1 youth) is traveling to Brazil to work alongside Felipe and Laura Matias with the children at the Lighthouse in the favelas. You can be part of the teams by showing your love and support:

- **Wall O' Mission Money** You can help by taking a donation envelope (there are 100 envelopes, ranging from \$1 to \$100) from the *Wall O' Mission Money* in either Covenant Hall or the Narthex. Return your envelope and gift to the office or the offering plate. Checks payable to WPC with 2025 Mission Trips on memo line; you may also give online at the church website by choosing "2025 Mission Trip" on the dropdown menu. Everyone, even and especially kids, are welcome to participate.

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*

HANDS OF CHRIST "UNDIE SUNDAYS" UNDERWEAR COLLECTION TIME

From May 1 through May 18, we are asking for the following donations to be brought to the church and placed in appropriate box in the narthex.

- **NEW COLORFUL AND COTTON GIRLS' UNDERWEAR IN SIZES**
Girls Sizes: 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16
Ladies Sizes: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
- **NEW COLORFUL AND COTTON BOYS' UNDERWEAR IN SIZES**
Men's small, medium, and large

Please No "Tighty Whities" or Nylon Underwear. Thank you for supporting Hands Of Christ. The Mission of Hands of Christ is to bring Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations together to meet the basic needs of children while showing them Christ's love.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, April 27

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Book Group, Parlor
5:00 pm	Diaconate Meeting, Covenant Hall
6:00 pm	Session Meeting, Covenant Hall
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, April 28

Tuesday, April 29

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
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Wednesday, April 30

6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday
6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, May 1

Friday, May 2

Saturday, May 3

Sunday, May 4

9:00 am	Worship Service
9:50 am	APNC, Parlor
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:30 pm	Club 3,4,5 Bowling, Ashley Lane
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

CHARLESTON AREA JUSTICE MINISTRY (CAJM) is a local faith-based nonprofit dedicated to advocacy, social justice, and equality. The organization focuses on community issues like affordable housing, ethical governance in education, racial bias in police practices, and environmental protection. CAJM's largest annual event – the Nehemiah Action Assembly – is held on May 5th. At this event, CAJM members will present proposed solutions and ask local leaders to commit to work towards solutions. Our Westminster delegation will be meeting at the church at 5:00pm on Monday, May 5th to carpool to the event, which starts at 6:30pm and lasts until 8:00pm. For more information or to register for the Nehemiah Action, or if you are planning on attending and want to meet at the church, please contact Annelise Scruggs, Sonya Willemse, or the church office, office@wpccharleston.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: ADULT & YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sunday, June 22 – Thursday, June 26, 2025. 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 invite Youth and Adults to volunteer for this most special and fun week of worship! You can volunteer one day or all five, whatever works for your schedule! Scan the QR Code for all details and volunteer forms.



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 28th.

EXTRA FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, and soap bars

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)	Tradd Shepard (WPC)
Ron Booth (WPC)	Chris Huff (Gloria Purcell)	Rachel Singletary (Sara Bobo)
Sissie Brigman (WPC)	Janssen Family (WPC)	Jerry Smoak (WPC)
Susie Cashion (WPC)	Mary Laird (Ashley Snider)	Dave Stanton (WPC)
Lauren Choate (Sara Dwyer)	Fran Ligon (WPC)	Towne Family (WPC)
Cherie Couche (Dana Tumbleston)	Jane Livingston (Tom Livingston)	Gloria Underhill (Laura Nunn)
Lydia Crosby (WPC)	Ray Long (Ellen Bollinger)	Jacqueline Vance (Sara Dwyer)
Martin Davis (Kevin Mikles)	John Martschink (WPC)	Aileen Wiese (WPC)
Rose Derrick (Brenda Clarey)	Mary Martschink (WPC)	Janet Wilson (Gloria Purcell)
Hosanna Eadie (Katie Baturin)	David McEachern (Debra Luhn)	Betty Winter (Dee Bee Wright)
Roxanne Eadie (Katie Baturin)	Gavin McLeod (Dana Tumbleston)	Donnie Woods (Presbytery)
Debbie Eastwood (Jill Lundgrin)	Love Moody (WPC)	Robbie Yarnall (WPC)
Ann Farrar (Beth Georgen)	Jennifer Morgan (Susie Cashion)	
Ellen Farrar (Beth Georgen)	Roy Nickles (WPC)	
Julia Fletcher (Niblock Family)	Joe Nuchols (Debbie McQueeney)	
Edward Fitzgibbon (Joan Frye)	Nancy Plowden (WPC)	
Harold Fountain (Henry Shepard)	Pratt Family (WPC Preschool)	
Eric Frye (Jim & Joan Frye)	Monnie Privette (Robert/Sylvia Coker)	
Joan Frye (WPC)	Donna Purcell (WPC)	
Janie Hammersmith (WPC)	Charles Reeves (Carol Patrick)	

PRAYER LIST UPDATED APRIL 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
Keith Gordon 1759 River Front Drive Charleston, SC 29407	Sadie Wood 1300 Wheat Street Columbia, SC 29201	Food Pantry	Mark & Stephani Peterson -Hailey, Kayten

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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