



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moment for Mission

2025 Global Mission Trips

◆ SONG OF PREPARATION

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

**Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.**

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

From Matthew and Luke

One: When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And as he rode along, most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying:

All: **Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!**

One: And the crowds that went before him
and that followed him were shouting,

All: **Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!**

◆ PRAYER

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One. (Refrain)

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. (Refrain)

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. (Refrain)

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! (Refrain)

The company of angels are praising Thee on high;
And we with all creation in chorus make reply. (Refrain)

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Merciful Lord, we join voices in praise to you, gladly proclaiming you as our King, yet we have not followed your rule. We are more inclined to look for ways to fulfill our desires than to accomplish your will. We strive to extend our influence more than we seek your kingdom. Forgive us for saying one thing while living another. Help us by your Spirit to walk in the way of the cross, loving you with all of our hearts and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

◆ SONG OF CONFESSIO



◆ 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

Temple
By Natasha Akery

*Full of fear I allowed/ The merchants to set up shop here/ I did not think that you would pull through for me/
Faithless, I gave into greed.*

*Lord, come in/ Overturn the tables/ Lord, come in/ And show your strength/ Come in/ And cast out the
evil in me/ Make this temple clean.*

*Full of fear, I betrayed/ Traded you for things that won't stay/ I did not think that you/ would pull through for
me. Faithless, I kissed your cheek.*

*Lord, come in/ Overturn the tables/ Lord, come in/ And show your strength/ Come in/ And cast out the evil
in me/ Make this temple clean.*

*The curtain tore and lightning struck me/ This temple fell and you raised me/ The earth quaked when you
came out of the cave/ Wrapped in layers of handkerchiefs made wet with tears.*

*Jesus, I waited by the sea/ And faithful, you came to me/ Jesus, I waited by the sea. And faithful, you came to
me.*

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:12-17

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SERMON

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

◆ DECLARATION OF FAITH

From A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYER 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. 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

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

Acolytes: Catherine Patrick, Riley Gentry

Ushers: Joe Jeter*, Laura Nunn, Jon Bazzle

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 Narthex today are given to the Glory of God in
loving memory of Jane Williams-Smith Mays by TJ Thompson.*

TODAY IS PALM SUNDAY!

All children (and young at heart) are invited to process and wave palm branches during the first hymn. It's a celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week! Palms are provided; kids will start in the pew and then be directed to the narthex at the end of the Welcome and Announcements for the beginning of the processional.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP

Palm Sunday Worship

9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday, April 13

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday Worship

7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 17

The darkness falls as we worship- remembering the night Jesus was betrayed and arrested. Special music by the Westminster Choir and instrumentalists, and we'll share the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday Worship and Lunch

12:00 p.m. Friday, April 18

We gather in the sanctuary for worship that focuses on the final hours and final words of Jesus' life. Lunch follows in Covenant Hall from 12:30 - 1:00.

Easter Sunday

9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday, April 20

The tomb is empty and death is defeated! Praise God for the victory we have in Jesus, and hear what difference the resurrection makes for us today. Special music and instrumentalists at both services

BRING A FLOWER ON EASTER SUNDAY!

Christ's resurrection brings new life to the whole world- it is the beginning of the restoration of all things! Even the terrible, rugged cross, the instrument of Jesus' death, can become an emblem of new life in Christ. On Easter Sunday, a cross will be located at the front of the sanctuary, and you are invited to bring a flower or use the flowers provided to decorate it.

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.

SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH AFTER WORSHIP TODAY!

All are welcome to a fried chicken luncheon in Covenant Hall following 11:00 a.m. worship the 2nd Sunday of each month. Cash donations for fried chicken welcome, bring a pot luck side or dessert to the kitchen during the Sunday School hour to share. Be filled with fellowship!

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE ARTS: EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE.

Our presbytery is exploring the possibility of a new church development: A Church of the Arts in Park Circle. This creative, inclusive, and welcoming church will launch later this year, but here is an invitation for you to have a "first look" at what worship will be like. If you are looking for a sunrise service (indoor- no gnats!) or want to support the mission of the larger church, you are invited. 7:00 Service; 8:00 coffee & conversation. 4701 Park Place West in the worship space at the Presbytery office.

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.





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.

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:

- **Easter Morning Breakfast** Plan to attend the delicious breakfast on Easter morning from 10:00 - 10:45 in Covenant Hall. Eat all you want, and give all you can! All ages welcome. RSVP by contacting the church office (office@wpccharleston.org) or using the QR code here:
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- **Dance for Mission!** We're hosting a "Dancing through the Decades" dance on Friday April 25 from 6:00 - 8:00 in Covenant Hall. Dress from your favorite decade and enjoy the fun! Refreshments, drinks, great music, dancing, and decorations. It's for all ages; 0-2 Nursery provided; kids up to 5th grade need a parent present. We'll take up an offering at the door for mission (\$20 each or \$50 per family suggested). RSVP and request transportation by contacting the church office (office@wpccharleston.org) or using the QR code here:
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- **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*.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, April 13

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Second Sunday Lunch
5:00 pm	Baby Ruthie Schumann's baby shower hosted by Youth (5:00-6:00)
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, April 14

10:00 am	Hooks and Needles, Room 4, Covenant Hall
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Tuesday, April 15

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
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Wednesday, April 16

10:00 am	Neighbors Together
6:30 pm	Hand Bell Rehearsal
7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, April 17

7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
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Friday, April 18

12:00 pm	Good Friday Worship
12:30 pm	Lunch, Covenant Hall

Saturday, April 19

Sunday, April 20

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Easter Breakfast, Covenant Hall
11:00 am	Worship Service
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

NEIGHBORS TOGETHER

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

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

WILL RESUME APRIL 23 AT 6:00 P.M. WITH MARY FORD TEACHER APPRECIATION

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship April 23. Menu will be Pork Chops, Sides, Salad, and Dessert. Adults \$8, children \$4 and a family cap of \$25 via cash, card or check.

SAVE THE DATE: YOUTH SUNDAY, APRIL 27 WORSHIP SERVICE 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.

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.

WESTMINSTER PRAYS

Cary Alexandre (WPC)	Eric Frye (Jim & Joan Frye)	Donna Purcell (WPC)
Joyce Aydlette (Becky Grafton)	Joan Frye (WPC)	Reed Family (Dee Bee Wright)
Daryn Baker (Jane Acker)	Janie Hammersmith (WPC)	Charles Reeves (Carol Patrick)
Mary Ashley Barbot (Lisa Couch)	Grayson Family (WPC)	Nita Rodemann (WPC)
Ron Booth (WPC)	Megan Hatfield (Debbie McQueeney)	Gloria Ricoma (Karen McInnes)
Sissie Brigman (WPC)	Harter Family (Jennifer Binnicker)	Kevin Ritzel (Neil Ritzel)
Susie Cashion (WPC)	Betsy Henson (Ashley Snider)	Tradd Shepard (WPC)
Lauren Choate (Sara Dwyer)	Chris Huff (Gloria Purcell)	Rachel Singletary (Sara Bobo)
Michael Chup (Karen McInnes)	Janssen Family (WPC)	Jerry Smoak (WPC)
Glyn Cowden (Debbie Redmon)	Mary Laird (Ashley Snider)	Dave Stanton (WPC)
Cherie Couche (Dana Tumbleston)	Fran Ligon (WPC)	Towne Family (WPC)
Lydia Crosby (WPC)	Jane Livingston (Tom Livingston)	Gloria Underhill (Laura Nunn)
Martin Davis (Kevin Mikles)	Ray Long (Ellen Bollinger)	Jacqueline Vance (Sara Dwyer)
Rose Derrick (Brenda Clarey)	John Martschink (WPC)	Aileen Wiese (WPC)
Hosanna Eadie (Katie Baturin)	Mary Martschink (WPC)	Janet Wilson (Gloria Purcell)
Roxanne Eadie (Katie Baturin)	David McEachern (Debra Luhn)	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)	
Pat Finn (Dee Bee Wright)	Nancy Plowden (WPC)	
Edward Fitzgibbon (Joan Frye)	Pratt Family (WPC Preschool)	
Harold Fountain (Henry Shepard)	Monnie Privette (Robert/Sylvia Coker)	

PRAYER LIST UPDATED APRIL 2025

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

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