



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

May 4, 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

Moment For Mission

Hands of Christ

◆ SONG OF PREPARATION

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.**

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

From Psalm 118

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
All: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
One: This is the day that the LORD has made;
All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
One: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
All: We bless you from the house of the LORD.
One: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will praise you.
**All: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 233

The Day of Resurrection!

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Heavenly Father, we confess that we are by nature prone to hypocrisy. We are satisfied with our own ideas of righteousness and forsake the true righteousness that you demand. As we come into your glorious presence, the stains of sin on our souls become clear to us, so we humbly bow before you in repentance. In your mercy, forgive us and set us free from our rebellious ways. Give us a heart to seek your Kingdom and follow your will in every aspect of life. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

-Silent Personal Confession -

◆ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE

The Doxology

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all people here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

◆ 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

Spirituals

Do Lord, Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen, & Wade in the Water
Nancy Parrish and Dee Bee Wright

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 21:1-19

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 115

SERMON

Jesus and Peter

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 662 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

THE LORD'S SUPPER

◆ INVITATION

◆ DECLARATION OF FAITH

from the Nicene Creed (381)

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

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

SENDING OUT

◆ SENDING SONG NO. 667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Natasha Akery, Liturgist;
Claire Winkles, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries;
Nancy Parrish, Music
Acolytes: Thomas Robinson, Lydia Crosby
Ushers: Dee Bee Wright*, Robinson Family, John Wright

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 honor of
our Mothers, Anna Krajewski and Anne Wilkinson,
by Leslie Allen and Dan Krajewski*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! ALL ARE WELCOME

We are called to be and to make disciples who love God and who love our neighbors. We are all neighbors no matter our age, race, language, culture, gifts and challenges, gender identity, or sexual orientation. We strive to be a safe and supportive community where all people are included, celebrated, and loved as we grow as disciples together.

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.

TODAY WE SHARE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to share in the bread and the cup. Elders will serve the congregation seated in the pews; please hold the elements and we will partake together. WPC is a safe place for those in recovery- we serve grape juice only. Gluten free bread is available in the center of the juice tray. Children are invited to the table provided they've had instruction at home or in Westminster's worship prep class (1st grade).

NEW HERE? MAKE SOME CONNECTIONS AT WESTMINSTER -NEW CLASS TODAY

Connections: An opportunity for those visiting or new who want to meet others and learn more about LIFE at Westminster. 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.

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:

- May 4 John 21:1-19 Jesus and Peter: Jesus appears to his disciples, including Peter. Peter is forgiven.
- May 11 Psalm 23 The Good Shepherd: The promises of Psalm 23 are lasting hope and comfort.
- May 18 John 13:31-35 A New Commandment: "Love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples."
- May 25 John 14:23-29 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."
- June 1 John 17:20-26 What Jesus Prayed for YOU: Jesus prayed that Christians would be ONE.
- June 8 John 14:8-17, 25-27 What Jesus Said about the Holy Spirit: Helper. Truth. Reminder. Teacher. Peace.

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.
- 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.

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 on the 4th Sunday of every other month. Books may be purchased online or at church (\$10 for *To Melt a Golden Calf*)

- **On June 22nd (4:00 p.m.)** we'll discuss Peter Aelred's *To Melt a Golden Calf*. For decades now, outspoken evangelical Christians have resisted the cultural shift towards accepting same-sex relationships. From the church pulpit to the political podium, condemnation of homosexuality has come to define the identity of evangelicalism. But what if same-sex relationships could be affirmed through an authoritative, infallible reading of the Bible? From an evangelical missionary who once fought in the culture wars against gay rights only to undergo a reluctant reversal, *To Melt a Golden Calf* is a concise, biblical, and balanced defense of same-sex relationships. Drawing from bedrock Christian beliefs, Peter Aelred seeks to untangle the complicated questions around homosexuality, not for reasons of cultural accommodation, but for the sake of the Gospel itself.
- **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*.

FINAL CLUB 345 GATHERING TODAY MAY 4! ATTENTION 3RD-5TH GRADERS:

We hope that you will join us this afternoon for bowling at Ashley Lanes from 12:30-2:00. We will also continue our tradition of honoring our rising 6th graders as they move on from Club 345 to Youth Group.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK, MAY 6 (NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE THIS MONTH)

Men of all ages: Join us for Breakfast and Bible Study from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. on the Second Tuesday of every month. We are meeting for breakfast at Trotters Restaurant at Town and Country Inn and Suites (2008 Savannah Highway). Pastor Daniel will be leading; join us for the Fellowship and Encouragement

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 AT 6:00 P.M. W.E. PACK

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship May 7. 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 Baked Spaghetti, Green Beans, Broccoli, Salad, and Dessert. Adults \$8, children \$4 and a family cap of \$25 via cash, card or check.

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!

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 tomorrow, 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.

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

On Sunday, May 11, we will collect the Mother's Day Offering for the benefit of Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina. For over 60 years, this offering has been an important act of support for this unique ministry of SC Presbyterians to older adults. The proceeds are used solely to support residents at Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina who have outlived their life savings through no fault of their own and now depend on the kindness of others. The average cost of Charitable Care from 2013 to 2023 was \$1,212,000, which covered 19 residents whose average age was 90. You may drop your offering in the plate that morning, mail it in to the church, or give online at wpccharleston.org. Checks payable to Westminster, or choose "Presbyterian Home" on the online menu. Thank you!

WITH GRATITUDE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN SUPPORT OF WPC MISSION!

- **Thornwell:** Thanks to your recent generosity, including Easter flower gifts of \$1,065.00, we have supported Thornwell Home for Children with \$3,352.00. This is in addition to our 2025 budget support of \$10,000.
- **2025 Mission Teams:** Our mission teams to Brazil and Mexico have been raising support recently through the Easter Breakfast, the Mission Dance, and the Wall O' Mission Money. You've supported them with \$13,646.00. Thank You! The Wall O' Mission Money will be up through May. Here's how it works: Take a donation envelope (there are 100 envelopes, ranging from \$1 to \$100) from the Wall O' Mission 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; Give online using the link below and select "2025 Mission Trip" on the dropdown menu.

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.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The memorial wall in the Prayer Garden is getting a facelift. We are renewing the stucco and have new, uniform plaques for the wall. The work will take several weeks to complete.

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, May 4

9:00 am Worship Service
9:50 am APNC Meeting, Parlor
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Club 345 Bowling, Ashley Lanes
5:00 pm Youth Group
7:30 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, May 5

6:30 pm CAJM, Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church

Tuesday, May 6

8:00 am Men's Bible Study, Town and Country
10:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 7

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

Thursday, May 8

10:00 am Lowcountry Smocking Guild
1:00 pm SAMS Steering Committee, Parlor

Friday, May 9

11:00 am Hands of Christ meeting, Covenant Hall, Room 4

Saturday, May 10

Sunday, May 11

9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
 No Youth Group due to Mother's Day
7:30 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

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.



EXTRA FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, and soap bars

COMMUNITY SUPPORT NUMBERS

Al-Anon (843) 762-6999
Community Resource and Support Hotline 211
Neighbors Together (843) 747-1788
Narcotics Anonymous (843) 852-3001
Mental Health Crisis Hotline 988
PostPartumsupportchas.org

WESTMINSTER PRAYS

Cary Alexandre (WPC)	Grayson Family (WPC)	Nita Rodemann (WPC)
Joyce Aydlette (Becky Grafton)	Megan Hatfield (Debbie McQueeney)	Kevin Ritzel (Neil Ritzel)
Daryn Baker (Jane Acker)	Harter Family (Jennifer Binnicker)	Tradd Shepard (WPC)
Mary Ashley Barbot (Lisa Couch)	Betsy Henson (Ashley Snider)	Rachel Singletary (Sara Bobo)
Ron Booth (WPC)	Chris Huff (Gloria Purcell)	Jerry Smoak (WPC)
Sissie Brigman (WPC)	Janssen Family (WPC)	Dave Stanton (WPC)
Susie Cashion (WPC)	Mary Laird (Ashley Snider)	Towne Family (WPC)
Lauren Choate (Sara Dwyer)	Fran Ligon (WPC)	Gloria Underhill (Laura Nunn)
Cherie Couche (Dana Tumbleston)	Jane Livingston (Tom Livingston)	Jacqueline Vance (Sara Dwyer)
Lydia Crosby (WPC)	Ray Long (Ellen Bollinger)	Aileen Wiese (WPC)
Martin Davis (Kevin Mikles)	John Martschink (WPC)	Janet Wilson (Gloria Purcell)
Rose Derrick (Brenda Clarey)	Mary Martschink (WPC)	Betty Winter (Dee Bee Wright)
Hosanna Eadie (Katie Baturin)	David McEachern (Debra Luhn)	Donnie Woods (Presbytery)
Roxanne Eadie (Katie Baturin)	Gavin McLeod (Dana Tumbleston)	Robbie Yarnall (WPC)
Debbie Eastwood (Jill Lundgrin)	Love Moody (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 MAY 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
Janie Hammersmith 1925 Essex Farms Drive Unit 2015 Charleston, SC 29414	Ella Patrick 221139 CofC Complex Charleston, SC 29424-00001	Boy Scout Troop 79	Eddie & Nancy Plowden

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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