



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

May 11, 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                      Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
*Reese Willemse*

## ◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

Based on Psalm 100

One: Shout with joy to the Lord!  
Worship the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing with joy!  
Know that the Lord is God!

All: **He made us, and we are his.**  
**We are his people,**  
**the sheep of his pasture.**

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him and bless his name.

All: **For the Lord is good.**  
**His unfailing love continues forever,**  
**and his faithfulness continues**  
**to each generation.**

## ◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 385              All People That on Earth Do Dwell

## CONFESSION

## ◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Holy God, we confess that we have strayed  
from your path of peace,  
and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation.  
We repent of these hurtful ways.  
Forgive us, we pray,  
as we learn to forgive others,  
and guide our feet into the way of peace. 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

Laura Patrick

SPECIAL MUSIC

Love Lifted Me  
Bobbie Jean Whittington

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 23

PEW BIBLE O.T. PAGE 501

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

SERMON

The Good Shepherd

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 488 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

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

#### SENDING OUT

◆ SENDING SONG NO. 187                      Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

#### LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Laura Nunn, Liturgist;  
 Nancy Parrish, Music;  
 Acolytes: Catherine Patrick, Riley Gentry  
 Ushers: Joe Jeter\*, Laura Nunn, Sherry Niblock

Livestream at [www.wpccharleston.org](http://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  
 my grandson Parker Waldrop's birthday by Jill Lundgrin.*

*The roses in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor  
 of all of the women who have filled the role of mothers in our lives.*

#### MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

Today we 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 who have outlived their life savings through no fault of their own and now depend on the kindness of others. You may drop your offering in the plate, mail it to the church, or give online at [wpccharleston.org](http://wpccharleston.org). Checks payable to Westminster, or choose "Presbyterian Home" on the online menu drop down. The proceeds are used solely to support residents at Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina. The average cost of Charitable Care in from 2013 to 2023 was \$1,212,000, covering 19 residents whose average age was 90.

## **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.

## **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 [wpcccharleston.org](http://wpcccharleston.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 [wpcccharleston.org](http://wpcccharleston.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.

## **A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**

A meeting of the congregation has been called for May 18 immediately following the 11:00 worship service. There are two items of business needing attention:

1. To hear a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee and elect Elders, Deacons, and a Congregational Nominating Committee. Elder nominees: Natasha Akery, Janie Bruce, Tim Fox, Kevin Mikles, Paul Patrick, Michael Scruggs. Deacon nominees: Meredith Boyd (1 yr), Mary Davis, Lexi Frazier, Doug Garrett, Margaret Head, Peggy Jump, Karen Lobitz, Jill Lundgrin, Amy McCabe, Laura Nunn, Tommie Owen, and Debbie Ponton. CNC nominees: Brad Earnst, David Morris, Kendall Ramsay, and Graham Wade.
2. To act on a recommendation from the Endowment Committee and the Session to make changes to the Policies and Procedures of the Endowment Program. Information is available in the Narthex and in the ENews.

## **PAUSE AND REFRESH SUNDAY MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

Did you know our presbytery has a vital and thriving Hispanic ministry? The Mackay Presbyterian Mission, coordinated by Sandra Otero and Antonio Colón, reaches into the community to provide resources and support to those who need fellowship, employment, legal counsel, and faith development. Sandra and Antonio will be our guests on Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> for a special combined Sunday School (10:00 - 10:45 in Covenant Hall). They will share more about the ministry and issues facing the Hispanic neighbors in our area.

### YOUTH GROUP END OF THE YEAR PARTY MAY 18:

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 18<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. 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](mailto:cwinkles@wpccharleston.org) to let us know you will be there!

### WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 AT 6:00 P.M.

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship May 14 as we celebrate our 2025 High School graduates! Menu will be chicken and waffles, mac & cheese, green beans, Salad, and Dessert. Adults \$8, children \$4 and a family cap of \$25 via cash, card or check.

### FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT:

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

- **On June 22<sup>nd</sup> (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 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*.

## 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.

## HANDS OF CHRIST BOXES

We need several copy paper boxes for packing supplies. If you have any, please drop off to Covenant Hall or the church office.

## 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.

## 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.



## 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.

## 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.

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, May 11

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

### Monday, May 12

10:00 am      Hooks & Needles, Covenant Hall  
11:30 am      Village Luncheon

### Tuesday, May 13

10:00 am      Staff Meeting  
10:00 am      Circle Five Meeting in Parlor  
10:30 am      Circle Four Meeting in Covenant Hall

### Wednesday, May 14

6:00 pm      Wonderful Wednesday  
6:30 pm      Handbell Rehearsal  
6:45 PM      Finance Committee Meeting, Parlor  
7:15 pm      Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 pm      AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Thursday, May 15

### Friday, May 16

### Saturday, May 17

### Sunday, May 18

9:00 am      Worship Service  
10:00 am      Sunday School  
11:00 am      Worship Service  
12:00 pm      Meeting of the Congregation  
5:00 pm      Youth Group Year End Pool Party, Parkshore Pool  
5:00 pm      Diaconate Meeting, Covenant Hall  
6:00 pm      Session Meeting, Covenant Hall  
7:30 pm      AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### 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](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org)

**Friend of the Week**  
Lynn Koger  
129 Chadwick Drive  
Charleston, SC 29407

**Mission of the Week**  
Metanoia  
2005 Reynolds Avenue  
N. Charleston, SC 29405

**Church Family**  
Seth & Mikayla Plowden  
- Oliver & Eleanor

## 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

## **WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1157 Sam Rittenberg Boulevard  
Charleston, SC 29407  
[www.wpccharleston.org](http://www.wpccharleston.org) (843) 766-8311

Rev. Dr. Daniel L. Smoak, Pastor, [dsmoak@wpccharleston.org](mailto:dsmoak@wpccharleston.org)  
Priscilla Holtzclaw, Parish Associate, [pwholtz@gmail.com](mailto:pwholtz@gmail.com)  
Claire Winkles, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries, [cwinkles@wpccharleston.org](mailto:cwinkles@wpccharleston.org)  
Sarah Shayban, Director of Music, [sshayban@wpccharleston.org](mailto:sshayban@wpccharleston.org)  
Suzann Lilienthal, Office Administrator, [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org)  
Tommye Owen, Financial Administrator, [finance@wpccharleston.org](mailto:finance@wpccharleston.org)  
Alicia Crosby, Preschool Director, [preschool@wpccharleston.org](mailto:preschool@wpccharleston.org)  
Meg Dorsel, Communications Coordinator, [mdorsel@wpccharleston.org](mailto:mdorsel@wpccharleston.org)