



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

July 27, 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

Serenity

ROGER C. WILSON

## ◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 103

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless God's holy name.

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits.

One: The Lord forgives all our iniquities and heals all our diseases.

All: The Lord delivers us from death and gives us steadfast love and mercy.

## ◆ INVOCATION

## ◆ HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 439

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

STUTT GART

## ◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you have revealed the fullness of your grace, mercy, peace, and truth. Yet, instead of focusing on him, we are distracted by many things. Forgive us for being so busy that we turn away from him, and help us to seek the things that are most needed- to know him, love him, and serve him. Pour out your Spirit on us that we will become what you have already declared us to be.

*-Silent Personal Confession -*

## ◆ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

## ◆ SONG OF RESPONSE No. 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,  
whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. 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.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

One Day Soon

Bobbie Whittington

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:14-21

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 119

SERMON

Evidence of the Kingdom: Shared Leadership

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE NO.307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Words of Scripture

Introduction of the Deacons and Elders

Constitutional Questions for the Deacons and Elders

Constitutional Questions for the Congregation

Prayer of Ordination/Installation and the Laying on of Hands

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

◆ RESPONSE      The Doxology

All singing:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ, all people here below;**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PCUSA BOOK OF ORDER F-1.01

**The mission of God in Christ gives shape and substance to the life and work of the Church. In Christ, the Church participates in God's mission for the transformation of creation and humanity by proclaiming to all people the good news of God's love, offering to all people the grace of God at font and table, and calling all people to discipleship in Christ. Human beings have no higher goal in life than to glorify and enjoy God now and forever, living in covenant fellowship with God and participating in God's mission.**



## **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**

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. The next Connections Class will be announced soon.

## **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](http://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](http://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.

## **S.T.E.P.S!**

S.T.E.P.S.- Studying + Teaching + Equipping + Praying + Serving: This presbytery-wide event is a wonderful opportunity for high school youth and adult church members, teachers, ministry teams, worship/music leaders, officers and staffs to enrich their faith and understanding of the church. S.T.E.P.S. will take place Saturday, August 23rd at the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church. Check-in begins at 8:45 and the day will conclude at 12:40, with an optional lunch/workshop until 1:40. Participants may choose two workshops and have worship in between. The Rev. CeCe Armstrong is preaching, and our own Natasha Akery is leading a workshop entitled "Sharing Power." Pre-registration deadline is August 12 and the registration fee is \$25 (\$20 if by 7/22). We encourage you to pre-register, but if your plans change and you can attend at the last minute, you may register at the event (\$35). Brochures are in the Admin hallway or check out [capresbytery.org](http://capresbytery.org) for more information.

## **FOOD PANTRY/TOILETRY ITEMS**

Needed for our food bags: toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, and soap bars.

## HANDS OF CHRIST BENEFIT CONCERT

The Presbyterian Churches of James Island invite you to their annual Hands of Christ Benefit Concert today at 4:00 p.m. The concert will be held in the sanctuary of James Island Presbyterian Church, 1632 Fort Johnson Road, James Island.

## FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT:

Here's what you can expect for the coming weeks.

- Sunday, July 27 Evidence of the Kingdom: Shared Leadership Genesis 3, Acts 2  
Officer Ordination and Installation (11:00)
- Sunday, August 3 Evidence of the Kingdom: Mission Testimonies 1  
Summer Mission Teams share their experiences of God's Kingdom. The Lord's Supper  
Officer Ordination and Installation (9:00)
- Sunday, August 10 Evidence of the Kingdom: Mission Testimonies 2  
Summer Mission Teams share their experiences of God's Kingdom.
- Sunday, August 17 We Walk His Way Colossians 2:6-7 Kickoff Sunday

## 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 (\$5 for *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*)

- On August 24<sup>th</sup> we'll discuss C.S Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. Four adventurous siblings—Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy Pevensie—step through a wardrobe door and into the land of Narnia, a land frozen in eternal winter and enslaved by the power of the White Witch. But when almost all hope is lost, the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, signals a great change . . . and a great sacrifice. This is the second book in C. S. Lewis's classic fantasy series, which has been drawing readers of all ages into a magical land with unforgettable characters for over sixty years. \*\*This is a GREAT book for kids' summer reading!\*\*
- 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*.

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

It is a joy to worship God and ordain and install new leaders at the 11:00 service this morning. Here are the new deacons and elders, including the ones who will be ordained and installed on August 3 at 9:00.

- New Deacons being ordained and installed are: Doug Garrett, Amy McCabe, Lexi Frazier, Peggy Jump, Debbie Ponton, Karen Lobitz, and Margaret Head.
- New Deacons, previously ordained and being installed are: Jill Lundgrin, Laura Nunn, Tommye Owen, Mary Davis, and Meredith Boyd.
- New Elders being ordained and installed are: Janie Bruce, Kevin Mikles, Natasha Akery, and Michael Scruggs.
- New Elders, previously ordained and being installed are: Tim Fox and Paul Patrick.

## SPREAD THE WORD! WE ARE SEEKING AN OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR.

We are a busy and growing 500+ member church, focused on being and making disciples who love God and who love our neighbors. The right person is committed to the mission of the church, is a team player, and has just the right mix of people skills and task-oriented productivity. Primary responsibilities require proficiency with Microsoft Office, excellent hospitality in person, on the phone, and via email, ability to manage calendars, volunteers, vendors, and custodial staff. A full job description is available at [wpccharleston.org](http://wpccharleston.org)

Interested applicants are encouraged to submit a cover letter and resume to [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org)

## CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO OFFICERS-ELECT

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our Church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our Church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the Church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

(For Deacons) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

(For Elders) Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the Church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

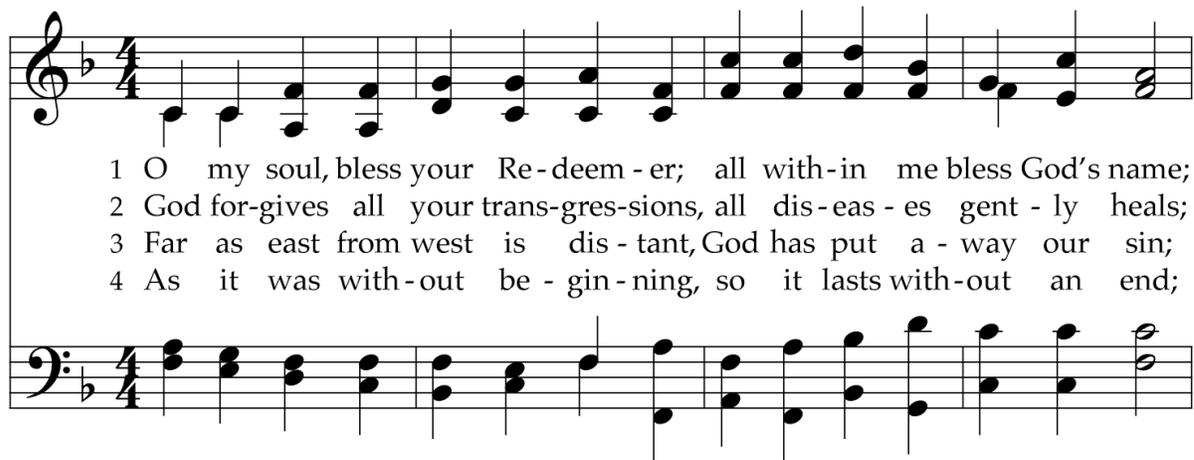
## CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO CONGREGATION:

Do we, the members of the church, accept these men and women as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

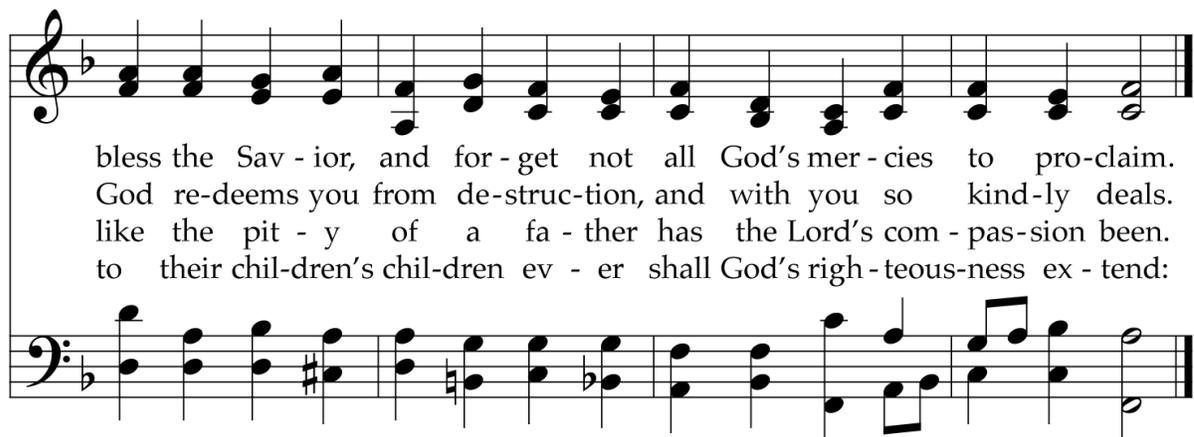
Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

# O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer 439

(Psalm 103)



1 O my soul, bless your Re-deem-er; all with-in me bless God's name;  
2 God for-gives all your trans-gres-sions, all dis-eas-es gent-ly heals;  
3 Far as east from west is dis-tant, God has put a-way our sin;  
4 As it was with-out be-gin-ning, so it lasts with-out an end;



bless the Sav-ior, and for-get not all God's mer-cies to pro-claim.  
God re-deems you from de-struc-tion, and with you so kind-ly deals.  
like the pit-y of a fa-ther has the Lord's com-pas-sion been.  
to their chil-dren's chil-dren ev-er shall God's righ-teous-ness ex-tend:

- 5 Unto such as keep God's cov'nant and are steadfast in God's way;  
unto those who still remember the commandments and obey.
- 6 Bless your Maker, all you creatures,  
ever under God's control,  
all throughout God's vast dominion;  
bless the Lord of all, my soul!

These stanzas are selected from sixteen that originally made up this paraphrase of Psalm 103, the second of two versions in the volume where they were first published. The tune used here was probably created as a German psalm tune but later came to be used with hymn texts.

TEXT: *The Book of Psalms*, 1871, alt.

MUSIC: Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715; harm. William Henry Havergal, 1847, alt.

STUTTGART  
8.7.8.7

## 307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

## Take My Life

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1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -  
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.  
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne,  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store;  
 take myself and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee,  
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, July 27

9:00 am      Worship Service  
10:00 am      Sunday School  
11:00 am      Worship Service  
4:00 pm      Hands of Christ Benefit Concert, James Island Presbyterian Church  
7:30 pm      AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Monday, July 28

### Tuesday, July 29

10:00 am      Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, July 30

7:30 pm      AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Thursday, July 31

### Friday, August 1

### Saturday, August 2

### Sunday, August 3

9:00 am      Worship Service, Ordination of Officers  
10:00 am      Sunday School  
11:00 am      Worship Service  
12:15 pm      Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor  
7:30 pm      AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

## 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)	John Gilbert (WPC)	Joe Nuchols (Debbie McQueeney)
Joyce Aydlette (Becky Grafton)	Mona Gilbert (WPC)	Nancy Plowden (WPC)
Daryn Baker (Jane Acker)	Keith Gordon (WPC)	Pratt Family (WPC Preschool)
Mary Ashley Barbot (Lisa Couch)	Janie Hammersmith (WPC)	Donna Purcell (WPC)
Ron Booth (WPC)	Megan Hatfield (Debbie McQueeney)	Charles Reeves (Carol Patrick)
Sissie Brigman (WPC)	Harter Family (Jennifer Binnicker)	Kevin Ritzel (Neil Ritzel)
Susie Cashion (WPC)	Hedgepeth Family (Abbie Mobley)	Nita Rodemann (WPC)
Lauren Choate (Sara Dwyer)	Betsy Henson (Ashley Snider)	Liz Shelor (WPC)
Pat Coggins (WPC)	Chris Huff (Gloria Purcell)	Cliff Shelor (WPC)
Rachel Crews (WPC)	Janssen Family (WPC)	Tradd Shepard (WPC)
Cherie Couche (Dana Tumbleston)	Mary Laird (Ashley Snider)	Rachel Singletary (Sara Bobo)
Lydia Crosby (WPC)	Fran Ligon (WPC)	Jerry Smoak (WPC)
Martin Davis (Kevin Mikles)	Jane Livingston (Tom Livingston)	Dave Stanton (WPC)
Rose Derrick (Brenda Clarey)	Ray Long (Ellen Bollinger)	Towne Family (WPC)
Hosanna Eadie (Katie Baturin)	John Martschink (WPC)	Gloria Underhill (Laura Nunn)
Roxanne Eadie (Katie Baturin)	Mary Martschink (WPC)	Kathy Unger (Keith Gordon)
The Earnst Family (WPC)	Jay Massalon (Dana Tumbleston)	Jacqueline Vance (Sara Dwyer)
Ann Farrar (Beth Georgen)	David McEachern (Debra Luhn)	Tom Whetstone (WPC)
Ellen Farrar (Beth Georgen)	Gavin McLeod (Dana Tumbleston)	Aileen Wiese (WPC)
Julia Fletcher (Niblock Family)	Love Moody (WPC)	Janet Wilson (Gloria Purcell)
Edward Fitzgibbon (Joan Frye)	Jennifer Morgan (Susie Cashion)	Betty Winter (Dee Bee Wright)
Harold Fountain (Henry Shepard)	Roy Nickles (WPC)	Robbie Yarnall (WPC)

Brazil Families: Cirleine, Rayssa, Samuel, Milo, Kathlyn, Wellington

## PRAYER LIST UPDATED JULY 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**

Ginnie Yarborough  
1600 Dickens St.  
Charleston, SC 29407

### **Mission of the Week**

Food Pantry

### **Church Family**

Harvey Rumph

## ELDERS AND SESSION COMMITTEES

**Administration:** Michael Patrick and Paul Patrick; **Buildings and Grounds:** Randy Davis and Tim Fox; **Christian Education:** Cathy Grills and Kevin Mikles; **Fellowship:** Jon Bazzle, Janie Bruce and Michael Scruggs; **Finance:** Sarah Schumann and Joshua Robinson; **Membership:** John Dounian and Cameron Baker; **Missions:** Mary McAbee and Natasha Akery; **Preschool:** Ashley Snider; **Worship:** Allyn Bruce and Deborah-Anne Ferguson; **Clerk:** Carole Russell; **Assistant Clerk:** Cathy Grills  
**Treasurer:** Tim Fox

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