



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

July 27, 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 NO. 616          Awesome God

Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!

#### ◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

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.

#### ◆ PRAYER

#### ◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 439          O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

## CONFESSION

#### ◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

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 -*

#### ◆ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

◆ 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.

◆ 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

One Day Soon  
*Bobbie Whittington*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:14-21

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 119

SERMON

Evidence of the Kingdom: Shared Leadership

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE No. 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

◆ DECLARATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

◆ SONG NO. 697

Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated

### SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

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◆ Please stand, if able

#### LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Priscilla Holtzclaw, Parish Associate;  
Claire Winkles, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries

Music: Nancy Parrish

Acolyte: Evan Ford

Ushers: Nancy Dixon, Dan Klingshirn, Graham Wade

11:00 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 and in honor of our church leaders: Deacons and Elders who are coming to an end of their terms of service, Deacons and Elders who are continuing their terms of service, and Deacons and Elders who are beginning their terms of service with today's ordinations and installations. Thank you for using your gifts in service to the Lord and the church. You are valued and appreciated.*

### SPECIAL THANKS

A hearty thank you goes to these Deacons and Elders who are completing their terms of active service. You gave valuable leadership at Westminster, and you are to be commended for your service. Well done!

Deacons: Liliya Davis, Brenda Haile, Jennifer Smith, Ben Whitener, Ruth Marie Embler, Debby Ferguson, Laura Patrick, Ashleigh Patrick, Gloria Purcell, Kristin Dounian, and Kay Hudson.

Elders: Tom Whetstone, Matt Teitsort, Lindy Coleman, Betsy McLaughlin, Mike Niblock, and Matthew Patrick.

## **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)

## 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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