



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

July 20, 2025

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 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 Long Expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

FROM PSALM 30

One: I will exalt you, Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths
And did not let my enemies gloat over me.

All: **O Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.**

One: You, Lord, brought me up from the realm of the dead:
You spared me from going down to the pit.

All: **Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.**

One: For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime.

All: **Weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.**

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Lord God, we lack a whole-hearted response to Jesus. We confess far too many daily moments of apathy, indifference, and distraction. Forgive us, Lord, for these patterns of passionless discipleship. Instead, plant in us a sense of adventure, and a growing excitement over Christ's call in our lives. May we be full of joy and faith even in this moment. This we pray in the merciful name of Jesus. Amen.

-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

Janie Bruce

At 9:00, Children may return to their seats.

*At 11:00 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 (11:00)

Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth
Ron Booth

MENDELSSOHN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 16
Philippians 1:1-5, 4:4

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 135
PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 196

SERMON

Evidence of the Kingdom: Joy in Hardship

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE

When Trials Come

INSERT

◆ WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 4 & 12

One: But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness."

All: **Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest on me. That is why, for the sake of Christ, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.**

One: Now we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this surpassingly great power is from God and not from us.

All: **We are hard pressed on all sides, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.**

One: Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, yet our inner self is being renewed day by day.

All: **For our light and momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal glory that is far beyond comparison. So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.**

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. 815

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

◆ POSTLUDE

Rise, Go Joyously into Life

LANI SMITH

◆ *Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Janie Bruce, Liturgist

Music: Sarah Shayban

Acolytes: 11:00 am Noemi Gentry, Harper Lewandowski

Children's Church: Anne Camburn, Janie Bruce

Ushers: 9:00 a.m. Taffy Tamblyn, Robert Tamblyn, George McAbee

11:00 a.m. Debby and Bob Ferguson, Lou Bowers

11:00 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 and in honor of William Mitchell and in memory of Gene C. Daniels, Dallas H. Cowell, Ben E. Jordan, Jr.
by Sara, Adam, Ella Caroline, and Everett Daniels.*

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 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.

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 for more information.

FOOD PANTRY/TOILETRY ITEMS

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

NO MID HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL!

There will not be Mid-High Sunday school on Sunday, July 20th due to our middle schoolers coming home from Middle School Montreat Conference. We will resume class on Sunday, July 27th!

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT:

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

- Sunday, July 20 Evidence of the Kingdom: Joy in Hardship Psalm 30, Acts 16, Philippians 1:1-5, 4:4
- 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 4th Sunday of every other month. Books may be purchased online or at church (\$5 for *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*)

- **On August 24th 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 26th we'll discuss John Mark Comer's *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*.
- In December (date TBD) we'll discuss Fleming Rutledge's *Advent*.

SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

Thank you for your generous support for the Summer Mission Trips to Xpujil, Mexico (July 7- 12) and Sao Paulo, Brazil (July 16-23). Your generosity makes it possible for us to travel and experience what we are doing together with God and our mission partners. The Mexico team returned last week, and the Brazil team is in Sao Paulo right now!

In addition to prayer, there is one more way you can support the Brazil effort. While they are there, they will purchase \$25 food kits and deliver them to families living in the slums near The Lighthouse ministry. If you'd like to purchase one (or more) of those food kits, here's how: Take a donation envelope from the Wall O Mission Money in Covenant Hall. Return your envelope and gift to the office or the offering plate, checks payable to WPC with Brazil 2025. You may also give online at the church website by choosing "2025 Mission Trip" on the dropdown menu. Thank you for your support.

ENCOURAGE A BETHELWOODS CAMPER

The week of July 27, 21(!) students from Westminster are attending Camp Bethelwoods in York, SC. You can pray for them and encourage them by sending them mail. Blank cards are available in the basket in the narthex; they are already addressed and stamped. All you have to do is take one, write a note to the camper, and get it in the mail so that it will arrive by July 30. There are 42 cards available- we'd like each camper to get 2.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP: MID YEAR REPORT

The Session wants to applaud the church for faithful stewardship and generous giving to support the mission and ministry of the church. We are growing together as disciples in stewardship. At the halfway point of the year, finances are healthy thanks to the generosity of the congregation.

- Total contributions are \$24,345 over budget YTD (we have received more than we thought we would so far)
- Total expenses are \$8,077 under budget YTD (we have spent less than we thought we would so far)
- We have not needed to use any of the contingency money set aside to balance the budget.
- We're also seeing a trend in more online giving: more than 50% of giving is online, and the rest is by dropping gifts in the collection plate on Sunday morning or bringing or mailing them by the church during the week.

We are called "to be and to make disciples who love God and who love our neighbors." The Session offers a simple "Praise God" and "Thank You" for your support of the mission through gifts of time, talent, and resources.

When Trials Come

Words and Music by
Keith and Kristyn Getty

Moderately, with hope (♩ = 88)

B^b7 E^b A^b6 E^b/B^b E^b A^b B^b E^b/G

1. When tri - als come, no long - er fear, for in the pain, our God draws near to
 2. With - in the night, I know Your peace; The Breath of God brings strength to me and
 3. I turn to wis - dom not my own, for ev - 'ry bat - tle You have known. My
 4. When I am wear - y with the cost, I see the tri - umph of the cross. So
 5. One day all things will be made new; I'll see the hope you've called me to and

5 A^b E^b/G (N.C.) Cm⁷ E^b/G A^bma⁷ B^b

fire a faith worth more than gold. And there His faith - ful - ness is
 new each morn - ing mer - cies flow, as trea - sures of the dark - ness
 con - fi - dence will rest in You; Your love en - dures, Your ways are
 in it's sha - dow I shall run, till You comp - lete the work be
 in Your King - dom paved with gold, I'll praise Your faith - ful - ness of

9 Cm⁷ E^b/G A^bma⁷ B^b7 E^b

told; And there His faith - ful - ness is told.
 grow; As trea - sures of the dark - ness grow.
 good; Your love en - dures, Your ways are good.
 gun; Till You comp - lete the work be - gun.
 old; I'll praise Your faith - ful - ness of old.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, July 20

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

Monday, July 21

Tuesday, July 22

10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Bridge Group

Wednesday, July 23

7:30 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, July 24

6:30 pm Pack Meeting, Covenant Hall

Friday, July 25

Church office is closed. The water will be turned off in all the buildings from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Saturday, July 26

Sunday, July 27

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

HANDS OF CHRIST BENEFIT CONCERT

The Presbyterian Churches of James Island invite you to their annual Hands of Christ Benefit Concert on Sunday, July 27 at 5:00 p.m. The concert will be held in the sanctuary of St. James Presbyterian Church, 1314 Secessionville Road, James Island.

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

PRAYER LIST UPDATED JULY 2025

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

Friend of the Week

Aileen Wiese
110 Ashley Villa Cir. Apt B
Charleston, SC 29414

Mission of the Week

Thornwell Home for Children
302 South Broad Street
Clinton, SC 29325

Church Family

Juanita Rodemann

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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