



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

**August 24, 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

WePack

### ◆ SONG OF PREPARATION NO. 519      You Are My Strength When I Am Weak

You are my strength when I am weak; you are the treasure that I seek;  
you are my all in all.  
When I fall down, you pick me up; when I am dry, you fill my cup;  
you are my all in all.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name! Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!

### ◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

FROM 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

One: Rejoice always!  
All: We rejoice because we have an abundance of joy!  
One: Pray continually.  
All: We pray because we cannot do it by ourselves.  
One: Give thanks in all circumstances;  
All: We give thanks because nothing can separate us from God's love.  
One: This is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.  
All: We walk with Jesus in joy, in prayer, and in thanksgiving!

### ◆ PRAYER 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 OF PRAISE NO. 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

## CONFESSION

### ◆CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

O God, our Mighty Fortress, hear our confession. We worship idols of our own making; when temptation overtakes us, we submit to its charm. We find it easier to grumble at hardships than to praise you for the mercies we receive day by day. We test you in every way. Forgive us when we take advantage of your loving nature, and restore us to right fellowship with you and with others.

*-Silent Personal Confession -*

### ◆DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

### ◆SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 447

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

### ◆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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 1:1-14

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SERMON

We Walk With Jesus: Abounding in Thanksgiving

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### ◆HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 724

O Jesus, I Have Promised

### ◆DECLARATION OF FAITH

TAKEN FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (1983)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus! With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

◆ SONG NO. 634

To God Be The Glory

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, and 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 rosebud in the sanctuary is given to the glory of God  
in celebration of the birth of Charlotte Anne, born August 15, 2025, to the parents Brent and Kathy Garee.*

**FEED THE YOUTH**

Interested in providing a meal for our Youth Discipleship Group on Sunday Nights? Remember you don't have to have youth to feed the youth. They are happy with home cooked or hot-N-ready. Scan the QR Code for a list of dates to sign-up to feed the youth on Sunday Nights from 4:45 - 5:30 p.m. If you have questions, Clair Winkles [cwinkles@wpccharleston.org](mailto:cwinkles@wpccharleston.org)



### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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 is Sunday, September 14. Reserve your spot by reaching out to [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org).

### **WE ARE SCHEDULING SPECIAL MUSIC FOR THE 9:00 WORSHIP SERVICE.**

Do you sing or play an instrument? Young people and old, beginners and those with experience, we know you are out there with gifts to share. God is praised when you use your gifts and when the church intentionally develops worship leaders. If you'd like to be on the schedule for the coming months, please reach out to Pastor Daniel at [dsmoak@wpccharleston.org](mailto:dsmoak@wpccharleston.org)

### **AMAZING THINGS HAPPEN WHEN YOU SING WITH THE CHOIR!**

In 1973, inventor Arthur Fry attended a seminar given by 3M scientist Spencer Silver on an adhesive Silver had "accidentally" developed years earlier. In an attempt to create a strong adhesive to be used in the aerospace industry, Silver ended up creating a weak, temporary adhesive that had yet to be put to practical use. Fry was an avid singer in his church choir, and used bookmarks to organize his choir folder and hymnal. One Sunday, as his bookmarks clumsily slipped out of place, it occurred to Fry that Silver's weak, reusable adhesive could perfectly hold his bookmarks in place without damaging his music, and the Post-It was born. You never know what amazing things might happen if you join the choir. You may invent something that changes the world! At the very least, you will learn a lot, enjoy fellowship, and enhance the worship of all who attend WPC. We rehearse Wednesday at 7- make yourself a post-it!

### **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.

### **FOOD PANTRY/TOILETRY ITEMS**

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

## WE WALK WITH JESUS: DISCIPLESHIP IN COLOSSIANS

From the Westminster Pulpit

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|----------------|--------------------|---|
| • August 24    | Colossians 1:1-14  | We Walk with Jesus: Abounding in Thanksgiving |
| • August 31    | Colossians 1:15-20 | We Walk with Jesus: In Praise of Jesus Christ |
| • September 7  | Colossians 1:21-23 | We Walk with Jesus: Reconciled                |
| • September 14 | Colossians 1:24-29 | We Walk with Jesus: Christ in You             |
| • September 21 | Colossians 2:1-7   | We Walk with Jesus: Rooted and Built Up       |
| • September 28 | Colossians 2:8-12  | We Walk with Jesus: Beware the Deceivers      |

## NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

We will kick-off Wonderful Wednesday meals and programming on Wednesday, September 3. That night we'll share a great meal together at 6:00 and serve together by packing WePack food kits for area school children. Second Sunday Social Potluck meals will resume on September 14th. If you'd like to get involved with planning, hosting, and serving at Fellowship activities, please contact Jon Bazzle or the church office. [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org).

## WE WALK WITH JESUS: GROWING IN STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP THROUGH SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

**Today: Pause and Refresh on "Sharing Power"**

What do the writers of the Creation Story want us to know about God's ways? Participants will be introduced to the literary features and narrative details in Genesis 1 that reveal a God who shares power. Participants will consider what power looks like in their lives, examine when it has been withheld or shared, and determine next steps for embodying ways of a creative and generous God. Led by Natasha Akery; for youth and adults. We meet in Covenant Hall from 10:00 - 10:45.

**August 31: Classes have organizational Meetings**

**September 7: Classes begin!**

- **The Anchor Class:** This class emphasizes fellowship, good discussion, and growth. They will be studying the book of Acts, using resources from Bible scholar N.T. Wright. Trace the development of the early church and the power of the Holy Spirit, drawing parallels to the ways we follow Jesus today. Facilitated by David Jump; Class meets in Room 15 of the Education Building.
- **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 2 Kings. A variety of outlooks are always welcome! Class meets in Room 4 of Covenant Hall.
- **The LIFE Class:** Want to know more about the Bible and how to study it? We'll spend 7 weeks using Donald Griggs's *The Bible from Scratch: The Old Testament for Beginners*. We'll review themes and people, explore the foundations of our faith, and learn how to study the Bible for ourselves. Class is facilitated by Lindy Coleman and Pastor Priscilla and meets in the library.
- **The After Party:** A 6-week video and discussion course designed to help Christians navigate today's challenging political environment. It's no secret that the church has been challenged by extreme polarization, entrenched tribal affiliations, and the broken relationships that often result. This course is both inspiring and practical and will help you reorient your heart and mind towards a Christ-centered political identity. We'll consider the "how vs. the "what" of politics, and explore what the Bible has to say about it all. Facilitated by Daniel Smoak and Natasha Akery. Limited enrollment; Sign up by calling or emailing [dsmoak@wpccharleston.org](mailto:dsmoak@wpccharleston.org). More info at [redeemingbabel.org/the-after-party](http://redeemingbabel.org/the-after-party).

## ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH W.E. PACK!

When we kick off Wonderful Wednesdays on September 3, we will also kick off another year of snacks (Weekend Eats) for students! After supper on the first Wednesday of every month, we take about 30-45 minutes to pack snack kits for Goodwin and Mary Ford students who are facing weekend food insecurity. We pack enough for 300 students a week to go home with a bag of nutritious snacks. It is a fun and meaningful mission opportunity for all ages. You can support this important ministry financially. The cost to send snacks home for one child for the month is \$10 or \$90 for the year! Make checks payable to WPC and marked "WePack" or on the WPC website. Click "Give" and choose WE Pack on the drop-down menu. Thank you!

### **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*)

- Today 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*.

### **ATTENTION PARENTS OF ELEMENTARY-AGED CHILDREN**

You will receive a letter soon about our Worship Preparation Classes which will be held September 14-November 2, 2025. The class will meet on Sunday mornings after the children are dismissed following the Time to Shine at the 11:00 a.m. service. While we are inviting first graders, older elementary aged children are welcome if they have not previously completed this class. One of the ways we keep the vows we make when our children are baptized is to give thought, effort and prayer to their participation in worship. Good worship experiences don't "just happen". If children feel loved, included and accepted in worship, it is because both the church and you have been faithful to their tasks. To that end, we will talk about where we worship, why we worship, how we worship and about prayer. We will also learn about both sacraments celebrated in the Presbyterian Church, Baptism and Communion. At least one parent or grandparent must attend class with your child. If you have any questions or do not receive the letter, please call Dee Bee Wright or the church office. Thank you!

### **SAM'S BROOKGREEN GARDEN'S NIGHT OF A THOUSAND CANDLES**

Join us Thursday, December 11 from 1:30 - 9:30 for a trip to Murrells Inlet for an early dinner and evening at Brookgreen Gardens for a walking tour of the lights display. Board passenger vans at 1:30 at church. Tickets are \$40 and must be reserved in advance. Sign-up deadline is August 27 with payment (cash/check only) due by September 3 to the church office. Sign-up sheet is in the Admin. Hallway until August 27. Only 27 spots are available.

### **SAVE THE DATE! SAMS LUNCH AND LEARN**

September 18 @ 1pm in Covenant Hall for light lunch, \$5 per person. Dr. George Dickinson, Sociology Professor from the College of Charleston, will speak on "The American Way of Dying". No sign-up required!

### **CHURCH OF THE ARTS: A NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT IN PARK CIRCLE**

On August 31, we are so glad to welcome the Organizing Pastor of Church of the Arts, Rev. Tricia Petraven, to the Westminster pulpit. In the Presbyterian Church (USA), as new worshipping communities and new churches are developed, it is important that they remain connected to existing congregations and presbyteries for support, encouragement, and accountability. As an NCD (New Church Development) of the Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery, meeting primarily in presbytery space in Park Circle, The Church of the Arts will be primarily supported through the work of the presbytery. In addition, Westminster also agrees to be a partner church until such time as Church of the Arts should be deemed ready to become an organized congregation. In doing so, Westminster commits to pray, share resources, financially support, promote, and partner in ministry together. Join us on the 31<sup>st</sup> to learn more and hear ways you can be part of this exciting new mission.

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2025-2026!**

It is time once again for us to have a confirmation class for our current 7th and 8th graders. We are looking forward to helping these students either affirm or re-affirm their faith through study, fellowship, and writing their statements of faith. If your youth would like to be confirmed this year, please reach out to Ms. Claire at [cwinkles@wpccharleston](mailto:cwinkles@wpccharleston) and attend our informational meeting on September 28th from 12:15-1:00 in Covenant Hall.

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, August 24

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
3:00 pm	Troop 79 Court of Honor
4:00 pm	Narnia Book Discussion, Preschool Building
5:00 pm	Youth Group
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Monday, August 25

### Tuesday, August 26

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
1:00 pm	Bridge Group
6:00 pm	WPS Parent Open House

### Wednesday, August 27

10:00 am	WPS Meet the Teacher
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Thursday, August 28

10:00 am	WPS Meet the Teacher
6:30 pm	Troop 79 Pack Meeting

### Friday, August 29

### Saturday, August 30

### Sunday, August 31

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
4:30 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)	Debra Frasier (WPC)	Joe Nuchols (Debbie McQueeney)
Joyce Aydlette (Becky Grafton)	John Gilbert (WPC)	Patty O'Bryan (Becky Grafton)
Daryn Baker (Jane Acker)	Mona Gilbert (WPC)	Nancy Plowden (WPC)
Mary Ashley Barbot (Lisa Couch)	Keith Gordon (WPC)	Pratt Family (WPC Preschool)
Ron Booth (WPC)	Janie Hammersmith (WPC)	Donna Purcell (WPC)
Sissie Brigman (WPC)	Megan Hatfield (Debbie McQueeney)	Charles Reeves (Carol Patrick)
Diane Byers, (Deb Frasier)	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)
The family of Rachel Crews	Janssen Family (WPC)	Tradd Shepard (WPC)
Cherie Couche (Dana Tumbleston)	Lynn Koger (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)	Mark Warner (Kendall Ramsay)
Ellen Farrar (Beth Georgen)	David McEachern (Debra Luhn)	Tom Whetstone (WPC)
Julia Fletcher (Niblock Family)	Gavin McLeod (Dana Tumbleston)	Aileen Wiese (WPC)
Edward Fitzgibbon (Joan Frye)	Love Moody (WPC)	Janet Wilson (Gloria Purcell)
Harold Fountain (Henry Shepard)	Jennifer Morgan (Susie Cashion)	Betty Winter (Dee Bee Wright)
Brazil Families: Cirleline, Rayssa, Samuel, Milo, Kathlyn, Wellington		

## PRAYER LIST UPDATED AUGUST 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**

Keith Gordon  
1759 River Front Drive  
Charleston, SC 29407

### **Mission of the Week**

WePack  
1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.  
Charleston, SC 29407

### **Church Family**

Kyle & Annie Scanlin  
Graham, Emory

## 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  
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