



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

September 14, 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

Moment for Ministry

Fellowship

PRELUDE

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

FRANKLIN RITTER

◆CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM HEBREWS 11

One: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight
and the sin that clings so closely,
and let us run with perseverance
the race that is set before us.
Mindful of the gifts we receive
and confident of the grace the Lord provides,

All: Let us worship God.

◆INVOCATION 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

◆HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, You promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe.
You invite us to hope, but we fall back into fear.
You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have.
You call us to watch at all times for you, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.
Forgive us. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,
and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day.
For the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.

-Silent Personal Confession -

◆ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, 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.*

ANTHEM

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me
Sanctuary Choir

HAL H. HOPSON

*I want Jesus to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. In my trials,
Lord, walk with me. When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. When I'm in
trouble, Lord, walk with me. When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. When
storms are raging, Lord, walk with me. When I am sinking, save my soul. Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 1:24-29

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SERMON

We Walk With Jesus: Christ in You

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 702

Christ Be Beside Me

BUNESSAN

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE THEOLOGICAL DECLARATION OF BARMEN (1934)

One: Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

All: As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Lament with Psalm 13

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

◆ HYMN NO. 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

◆ BENEDICTION

◆ POSTLUDE

All' Offertorio

DOMENICO ZIPOLI

◆ *Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

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

Acolytes: Emma Camburn, Miles Chandler
Children's Church: Jennifer Binnicker and Sonya Willemese
Wee Church: Anne Camburn and Janie Bruce
Ushers: Henry Shepard, Deb Brown, Ben Whitener, Greg Ramsay

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

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.

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.

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.



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.

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.

WE WALK WITH JESUS: DISCIPLESHIP IN COLOSSIANS

From the Westminster Pulpit

- 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
- October 5 *World Communion Sunday WPC Mission Partner, Ellen Smith preaching*

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

- **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. Class meets in Room 15 of the Education Building.
- **The Cary Grayson Class:** 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. Class meets in Room 4 of Covenant Hall.
- **The LIFE Class:** We'll spend 7 weeks using Donald Griggs's *The Bible from Scratch: The Old Testament* for Beginners to review the basic themes and personalities of the Old Testament. Class meets in the library.
- **The After Party:** It is a 6-week video and discussion course designed to help Christians navigate today's challenging political environment, focusing on the "how vs. the "what" of politics. The class is full, but we will be offering it again soon!

SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH TODAY!

All are welcome to a fried chicken luncheon in Covenant Hall following 11:00 a.m. worship the 2nd Sunday of each month. Cash donations for fried chicken welcome, bring a pot luck side or dessert to the kitchen during the Sunday School hour to share. Be filled with fellowship!

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS ARE BACK!

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. This week is Taco Night! There will be a garden salad, and dessert as well. Adults \$8, children \$4 and a family cap of \$25 via cash, card or check. This week we'll learn a bit more about the WPC Blessing Box.

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

We have officially kicked 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 WEPack on the drop-down menu. Thanks!

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 (\$10 for *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*)

- On October 26th we'll discuss John Mark Comer's *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*. Philosopher Dallas Willard said "Hurry is the great enemy of spiritual life in our day, and we must ruthlessly eliminate from our lives." Carl Jung said "hurry is not of the devil; it is the devil." Corrie Ten Boom said, "If the devil can't make you sin, he'll make you hurry." In this popular title from recent years, Pastor Comer explores how to stay emotionally healthy and spiritually alive in the chaos of the modern world. He makes the case that love, joy, and peace are at the heart of all Jesus is trying to grow in the soil of your life, and all three are incompatible with hurry. If you are frustrated with and drained by the relentless pace of life, this is a book you need to read.
- In December (date TBD) we'll discuss Fleming Rutledge's *Advent*.

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!
- November 13, 2025 @ 1pm in Covenant Hall for Lunch and Learn. The speaker will be from the College of Charleston's Center for Creative Retirement. Lunch plans are forthcoming!

CIRCLE 4 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS UNDERWEAR DRIVE

The Presbyterian Women's Circles will once again participate in the Christmas women's underwear drive for the Leeds Avenue Detention Center. Circle members are asked to participate by donating a pack of **WHITE ONLY**, regular, cotton briefs (in their own size so that we get a variety of sizes). Underwear can be dropped off at the church office until the 15th of December. If you have any questions please contact Barbara Lundy at (843) 607-2102.

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 and attend our informational meeting on September 28th from 12:15-1:00 in Covenant Hall.

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!

ACOLYTES-LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

If you are a rising third through rising sixth grader and are interested in serving as an acolyte, please call Miss Dee Bee at (843) 729-7005. Training will be Sunday, October 19 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. We will do our training in the Sanctuary after we have pizza in Covenant Hall. Your parents may leave you after church, or they may stay with us. We will need your parents back by 2:00 so that they may watch you practice and will know how to help you when you serve! The schedule will be distributed to you shortly after training, and you may switch with others as necessary. Please let me know if you are coming to training so I will have enough pizza! Please call me if you have any questions, and I look forward to working with each of you.

Previously trained acolytes do not need to be present for this training. I will be doing the schedule for November 2025-October 2026 and will email the new schedule to you. Thank you! Miss Dee Bee

ADOPT THE BLESSING BOX

Adopt the WPC Blessing Box located at the end of the carline loop by the bus stop. Adopt for two weeks at a time, making sure it's stocked and replenishing items as needed. This is a great opportunity for Circles, Sunday School classes, neighbors, and families. Use the QR Code provided to sign up.



FOOD PANTRY/TOILETRY ITEMS

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

CHARLESTON ATLANTIC PRESBYTERY MEETING

Westminster is honored to host a meeting of the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery on Saturday, September 20th at 9am. We are one of 45 churches in our presbytery. Member churches are racially diverse, vary in size, and may be located in rural, urban and suburban areas from Hilton Head to Orangeburg to Awendaw. The Presbytery meets quarterly for worship, fellowship, and to conduct the business of the larger Church. The meeting is open to anyone who would like to join us. Pastors and Elder commissioners, along with Presbytery staff and Mission partners are expected to attend. There will be a worship service beginning at 9:45 in the Sanctuary. A special thanks to Westminster folks who are helping out, showing hospitality to our guests on that day!

20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

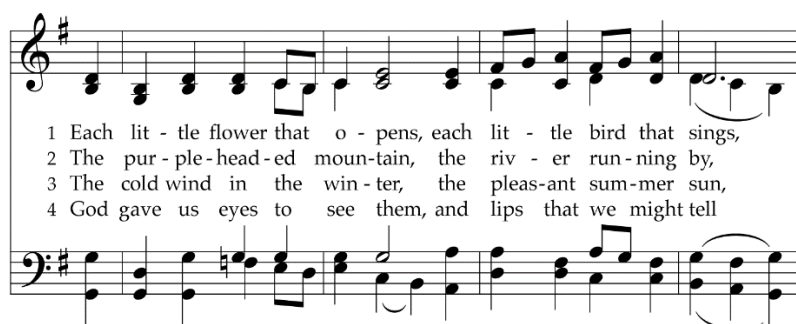
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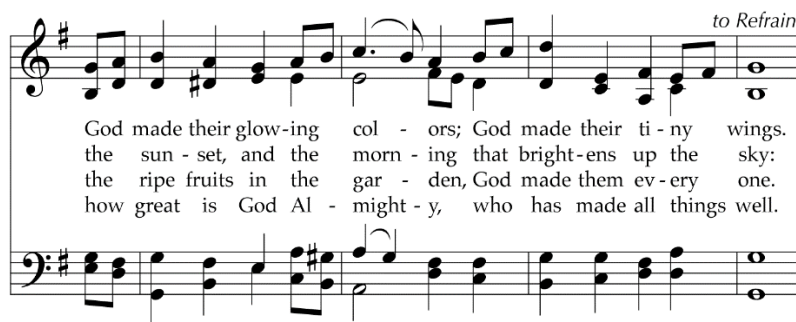
All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



to Refrain
 God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

One of a series of hymns the author wrote for children on the Apostles' Creed, this text (originally in seven stanzas) expands "Maker of heaven and earth." The first stanza became the refrain when the text was later set to a popular tune from the age of King Charles II.

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848, alt.
 MUSIC: English melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915; harm. *The Hymnbook*, 1955
 Music Harm. © 1955, ren. 1983 John Ribble (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

ROYAL OAK
 7.6.7.6 with refrain

Christ Be Beside Me

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1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -
 2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -
 3 Christ be in all hearts think-ing a - bout me; Christ be on



hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -
 round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my
 all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that



low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.
 sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.
 see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

This text adapts part of a traditional Irish prayer associated with St. Patrick (see also no. 6). Such a prayer for protection is known as a *lorica*, from a Latin word for "breastplate" or "armor." It is set to a Gaelic melody that gained wide popularity in the 1970s.

TEXT: James Quinn, SJ, 1969
 MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985
 Music Arr. © 1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources

BUNESSAN
 5.5.5.4.D

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es - en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for “armor” or “breastplate”). Many such petitions for God’s presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, September 14

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Connections Class, Pastor Daniel's office
11:00 am	Worship Service
11:15 am	Worship Prep Class, Covenant Hall
12:00 pm	Second Sunday Potluck, Covenant Hall
4:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall
5:00 pm	Youth Group

Monday, September 15

6:30 pm	Circle 1 Meeting, Library
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Tuesday, September 16

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
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Wednesday, September 17

10:00 am	Volunteer, Neighbors Together
6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday, Covenant Hall
6:30 pm	Handbell Choir
7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, September 18

12:00 pm	Montreat Meeting, Covenant Hall
1:00 pm	SAMS Lunch & Learn, Covenant Hall

Friday, September 19

Saturday, September 20

Presbytery CAP Meeting

Sunday, September 21

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
11:15 am	Worship Prep Class, Covenant Hall
5:00 pm	Youth Group
5:00 pm	Deacons Meeting, Zoom
6:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting, Covenant Hall
7:00 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)	Crystal Pluck (Jennifer Binnicker)
Ron Booth (WPC)	Janie Hammersmith (WPC)	Pratt Family (WPC Preschool)
Sissie Brigman (WPC)	Megan Hatfield (Debbie McQueeney)	Donna Purcell (WPC)
Diane Byers, (Deb Frasier)	Harter Family (Jennifer Binnicker)	Charles Reeves (Carol Patrick)
Susie Cashion (WPC)	Hedgepeth Family (Abbie Mobley)	Kevin Ritzel (Neil Ritzel)
Lauren Choate (Sara Dwyer)	Betsy Henson (Ashley Snider)	Nita Rodemann (WPC)
Pat Coggins (WPC)	Chris Huff (Gloria Purcell)	Liz Shelor (WPC)
The family of Rachel Crews	Janssen Family (WPC)	Cliff Shelor (WPC)
Cherie Couche (Dana Tumbleston)	Lynn Koger (WPC)	Tradd Shepard (WPC)
Lydia Crosby (WPC)	Mary Laird (Ashley Snider)	Rachel Singletary (Sara Bobo)
Martin Davis (Kevin Mikles)	Fran Ligon (WPC)	Jerry Smoak (WPC)
Rose Derrick (Brenda Clarey)	Jane Livingston (Tom Livingston)	Dave Stanton (WPC)
Hosanna Eadie (Katie Baturin)	Ray Long (Ellen Bollinger)	Towne Family (WPC)
Roxanne Eadie (Katie Baturin)	John Martschink (WPC)	Gloria Underhill (Laura Nunn)
The Earnst Family (WPC)	Mary Martschink (WPC)	Kathy Unger (Keith Gordon)
Ann Farrar (Beth Georgen)	Jay Massalon (Dana Tumbleston)	Jacqueline Vance (Sara Dwyer)
Ellen Farrar (Beth Georgen)	David McEachern (Debra Luhn)	Mark Warner (Kendall Ramsay)
Julia Fletcher (Niblock Family)	Gavin McLeod (Dana Tumbleston)	Tom Whetstone (WPC)
Edward Fitzgibbon (Joan Frye)	Love Moody (WPC)	Aileen Wiese (WPC)
Harold Fountain (Henry Shepard)	Jennifer Morgan (Susie Cashion)	Janet Wilson (Gloria Purcell)
		Betty Winter (Dee Bee Wright)
		Robbie Yarnall (WPC)

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

PRAYER LIST UPDATED SEPTEMBER 2025

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

Friend of the Week	Mission of the Week	Student of the Week	Church Family
Lynn Koger	Metanoia	Emily Shelor	Joe and Cylinda Scruggs
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Charleston, SC 29407	North Charleston, SC 29405	191 Main Street	
		Banner Elk, NC 28604	

ELDERS AND SESSION COMMITTEES

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