



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

September 14, 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 Ministry

Fellowship

## SONG OF PREPARATION

He Is Exalted

Twila Paris

*Jordan Mae Bazzele, violin*

## ◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

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.**

## ◆ 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. 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

## CONFESSION

## ◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

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 -*

◆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 1:24-29

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 200

SERMON

We Walk With Jesus: Christ in You

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 702

Christ Be Beside Me

◆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

PEW BIBLE O.T. PAGE 494

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING OUT

◆SENDING SONG NO. 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

◆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, Pianist

Acolytes: Catherine Patrick, Riley Gentry

Ushers: Joe Jeter, Laura Nunn, Sherry Niblock

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

## **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).

## **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.

## **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 will 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every other month. Books may be purchased online or at church (\$10 for *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*)

- On October 26<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00a.m. 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!

## 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)  
Joyce Aydlette (Becky Grafton)  
Daryn Baker (Jane Acker)  
Mary Ashley Barbot (Lisa Couch)  
Ron Booth (WPC)  
Sissie Brigman (WPC)  
Diane Byers, (Deb Frasier)  
Susie Cashion (WPC)  
Lauren Choate (Sara Dwyer)  
Pat Coggins (WPC)  
The family of Rachel Crews  
Cherie Couche (Dana Tumbleston)  
Lydia Crosby (WPC)  
Martin Davis (Kevin Mikles)  
Rose Derrick (Brenda Clarey)  
Hosanna Eadie (Katie Baturin)  
Roxanne Eadie (Katie Baturin)  
The Earnst Family (WPC)  
Ann Farrar (Beth Georgen)  
Ellen Farrar (Beth Georgen)  
Julia Fletcher (Niblock Family)  
Edward Fitzgibbon (Joan Frye)  
Harold Fountain (Henry Shepard)

Debra Frasier (WPC)  
John Gilbert (WPC)  
Mona Gilbert (WPC)  
Keith Gordon (WPC)  
Janie Hammersmith (WPC)  
Megan Hatfield (Debbie McQueeney)  
Harter Family (Jennifer Binnicker)  
Hedgepeth Family (Abbie Mobley)  
Betsy Henson (Ashley Snider)  
Chris Huff (Gloria Purcell)  
Janssen Family (WPC)  
Lynn Koger (WPC)  
Mary Laird (Ashley Snider)  
Fran Ligon (WPC)  
Jane Livingston (Tom Livingston)  
Ray Long (Ellen Bollinger)  
John Martschink (WPC)  
Mary Martschink (WPC)  
Jay Massalon (Dana Tumbleston)  
David McEachern (Debra Luhn)  
Gavin McLeod (Dana Tumbleston)  
Love Moody (WPC)  
Jennifer Morgan (Susie Cashion)

Joe Nuchols (Debbie McQueeney)  
Patty O'Bryan (Becky Grafton)  
Nancy Plowden (WPC)  
Crystal Pluck (Jennifer Binnicker)  
Pratt Family (WPC Preschool)  
Donna Purcell (WPC)  
Charles Reeves (Carol Patrick)  
Kevin Ritzel (Neil Ritzel)  
Nita Rodemann (WPC)  
Liz Shelor (WPC)  
Cliff Shelor (WPC)  
Tradd Shepard (WPC)  
Rachel Singletary (Sara Bobo)  
Jerry Smoak (WPC)  
Dave Stanton (WPC)  
Towne Family (WPC)  
Gloria Underhill (Laura Nunn)  
Kathy Unger (Keith Gordon)  
Jacqueline Vance (Sara Dwyer)  
Mark Warner (Kendall Ramsay)  
Tom Whetstone (WPC)  
Aileen Wiese (WPC)  
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](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org)

Friend of the Week	Mission of the Week	Student of the Week	Church Family
Lynn Koger 129 Chadwick Drive Charleston, SC 29407	Metanoia 2005 Reynolds Avenue North Charleston, SC 29405	Emily Shelor Lees-McRae College 191 Main Street Banner Elk, NC 28604	Joe and Cylinda Scruggs

## 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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