



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

September 21, 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. 399

God Welcomes All

God welcomes all, strangers and friends.
God's love is strong, and it never ends.

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

FROM PSALM 52

One: I am like the olive tree that flourishes in the house of God.
All: I trust in the steadfast love of God forever.
One: I will thank you forever because of what you have done.
All: I will proclaim your name, for it is good.
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. 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Heavenly Father, you are the creator of our world, giving life to each of your creations and providing all that we need. Yet we struggle to stay focused on your plans for us, taking control of our lives and desiring gifts and riches that others have acquired. We are easily tempted by the shiny things in our lives and look away from those who need our care. Have mercy on us, and help us to live our lives in your light, praying always that your will be done. Teach us to do what is right and be rich in good works. Through your grace, open our hearts to you. 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lord, Here Am I
Mark Burckhalter, vocalist

JAY ALTHOUSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 2:1-7

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SERMON

We Walk With Jesus: Rooted and Built Up

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 417

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

◆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.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 40:1-4

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING OUT

◆SENDING SONG NO. 826

Lift High the Cross

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Priscilla Holtzclaw, Parish Associate

Music: Nancy Parrish, Pianist

Acolytes: Eleanor Akery, Jane Akery

Ushers: Taffy Tamblyn, Robert Tamblyn, Matt Akery

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 celebration of Dee Bee Wright, on her birthday, from her confirmation partner Spencer Bruce.*

*The flowers in the Narthex are given to the Glory of God
and in celebration of the baptisms of Sullivan and Michael Tompkins.*

*Today during the 11:00 service, we are so pleased to welcome new members Matt and Riviere Moody, along with their daughter, Cora;
Justin and Katherine Vosburgh, and their son Max; Joshua and Spencer Laing, and their son Ian and daughter Willow,
and Bob and Sheryl Crosland.*

Welcome to the Westminster family! We look forward to worshiping and serving together in the family of faith.

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 will be held Sunday, December 7th.

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 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!

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!

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 the Fellowship Tailgate! There will be hamburgers and hotdogs and all the trimmings. Adults \$8, children \$4 and a family cap of \$25 via cash, card or check. We will play tailgate games and trivia! Don't forget to wear your favorite college team gear!

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*.

GLOBAL MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY IN 2026!

In Mexico, we're returning to share in the CISTERN MINISTRY of Todd Luke in the Yucatan. Todd works with local families in building rainwater cisterns so families can have a year-round supply of safe water. The church identifies the needs and works alongside families and mission teams to construct needed cisterns. There are two opportunities in 2025:

- adults February 23-28
- a team of High School Juniors and Seniors and Adults June 29-July 4

The total cost of each trip is about \$2100, and the cost will be divided in thirds between participant contribution, the church's Global Mission Fund, and group fundraising. These teams are intentionally small- no more than 8 people per team, so indicate your interest ASAP. Speak with Pastor Daniel dsmoak@wpccharleston.org or Pastor Priscilla.

PAUSE AND REFRESH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5: SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH WPC MISSION PARTNER, ELLEN SMITH

We are so glad to welcome (recently retired) PCUSA mission worker and long-time WPC mission partner, Ellen Smith, to Charleston. Ellen served as the regional liaison for Eastern Europe and helped coordinate our ministry partnership with the Church of the Transfiguration in Perm, Russia. She's helped us understand what is happening in that part of the world, most recently Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Ellen's husband Al is also a retired PCUSA mission worker. Ellen will be preaching on October 5th and also leading an informative Sunday School time in Covenant Hall at 10:00am.

Please join us for lunch following the 11 o'clock service at Ms. Rose's! If you'd like to be included in our reservation, please contact Dee Bee Wright or the church office office@wpccharleston.org.

SAVE THE DATE! SAMS LUNCH AND LEARN

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

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.

WPC HOUSE MEETINGS WITH CAJM: YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Join us for upcoming House Meetings with the *Charleston Area Justice Ministry*—safe spaces to share your stories, concerns, and hopes for our community. This is your chance to connect with neighbors, name the issues that matter most, and help shape what justice looks like—from the ground up. Childcare available if needed. Scan the QR Code to Register – all are welcome!

- Wednesday, October 8 at 6:30 pm (after Wonderful Wednesday)
- Sunday, October 19 at 12:15 pm (following Worship)



THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, September 21

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Special Session Meeting, Pastor Daniel's Office
11:00 am	Worship Service
11:15 am	Worship Prep Class, Covenant Hall
5:00 pm	Youth Group
5:00 pm	Deacons Meeting, Covenant Hall
6:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting, Covenant Hall
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, September 22

Tuesday, September 23

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
1:00 pm	Bridge Group, Covenant Hall

Wednesday, September 24

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 25

6:30 pm	Scout Troop 79 Pack Meeting, Covenant Hall
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Friday, September 26

Saturday, September 27

Sunday, September 28

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
11:15 am	Worship Prep Class, Covenant Hall
12:15 pm	Confirmation Informational Meeting, Covenant Hall
5:00 pm	Youth Group
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)
Allyn Bruce (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)
Anna Hewitt (Dee Bee Wright)
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)
Marley Miller (Dee Bee Wright)
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: Cirleine, 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
Robert Luhn 2290 Henry Tecklenburg Drive Ashley Gardens #30 Charleston, SC 29414	Thornwell Home for Children 302 S. Broad Street Clinton, SC 29325	Cole McLaughlin USC Student Box 84602 1300 Wheat Street Columbia, SC 29225-0112	Jim Seay

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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