



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

September 7, 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. 468

In My Life

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

FROM THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

One: Suppose you are offering your gift at the altar.

All: **And you remember that your brother or sister has something against you.**

One: Leave your gift in front of the altar.

All: **First go and make peace with them. Then come back and offer your gift.**

One: God has given us a ministry of reconciliation.

All: **We are reconciled to God and to each other!**

◆ 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. 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Dear Lord, we confess the ways we cheapen the Good News of the Gospel by trying to save ourselves. We think we will be okay with you if we are smart enough or nice enough or generous enough. But, if it is up to us, then Jesus died for no reason, and his resurrection has no meaning for us. Forgive us for placing our hope in the wrong place; remind us of the reality of the Gospel.

-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 1:21-23

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SERMON

We Walk With Jesus: Reconciled

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

◆ SONG OF PREPARATION NO. 510 We Gather Here in Jesus's Name

◆ DECLARATION OF FAITH

FROM THE NICENE CREED (381)

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
All: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
One: This is the day that the LORD has made;
All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
One: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
All: We bless you from the house of the LORD.
One: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will praise you.
**All: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING OUT

◆ SENDING SONG NO. 310 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Laura Nunn, Liturgist;
Claire Winkles, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries;
Sarah Shayban, Director of Music

Acolytes: Thomas Robinson, Lydia Crosby
Ushers: Dee Bee Wright, John Wright, the Robinson Family

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 rosebud in the sanctuary is given to the glory of God
in celebration of the birth of Claire Jeanne Hendrickson, born August 18, 2025,
to parents Jake and Lindsey Hendrickson .*

*Today during the 11:00 service, we are so pleased to welcome new members Michael and Elizabeth Souter,
along with their sons, Thomas and Jacob. Welcome to the Westminster family!*

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.



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.

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.

WE WALK WITH JESUS: DISCIPLESHIP IN COLOSSIANS

From the Westminster Pulpit

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| • 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 |
| • October 5 | <i>World Communion Sunday WPC Mission Partner, Ellen Smith preaching</i> | |

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

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 Pastor Daniel.

NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Wonderful Wednesday meals and programming have begun! Second Sunday Social Potluck 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.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS ARE BACK!

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. The menu this week is Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, garden salad and dessert. Adults \$8, children \$4 and a family cap of \$25 via cash, card or check.

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!

FOOD PANTRY/TOILETRY ITEMS

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

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.

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*.

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

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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY MEETS TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 9

Men of all ages: Join us for Breakfast and Bible Study from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 9th. We are meeting for breakfast at Trotters Restaurant at Town and Country Inn and Suites (2008 Savannah Highway). Pastor Daniel will be leading-continuing our study of Revelation. Join us for the Fellowship and Encouragement!

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!

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, September 7

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:10 pm	CE Committee Meeting, Library
12:15 pm	Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor
4:00 pm	Club 345
5:00 pm	Youth Group
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, September 8

10:00 am	Hooks & Needles, Covenant Hall
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Tuesday, September 9

8:00 am	Men's Bible Study, Trotters Restaurant
10:00 am	Circle 4 Meeting, Covenant Hall
10:00 am	Staff Meeting
1:00 pm	Bridge Group, Library
5:30 pm	Exchange Club of Charleston Meeting, Covenant Hall

Wednesday, September 10

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 11

10:00 am	Lowcountry Smockers Guild, Covenant Hall
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Friday, September 12

Saturday, September 13

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

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

PostPartumsupportchase.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)
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

Friend of the Week	Mission of the Week	Student of the Week	Church Family
Tom Harvey	Neighbors Together	Lauren Smoak	Jairus and Sarah Schumann
Evergreen House Room 5	2105 Cosgrove Avenue	Student Box 50581	Teddy, Ruthie
201 W. 9 th North Street	North Charleston, SC 29405	207 E. Maple Street	
Charleston, SC 29414		Clinton, SC 29325	

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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