



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 5, 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

PRELUDE

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

GILBERT MARTIN

◆CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Today we gather around God's table from near and far.

All: **We are the people of God!**

One: Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition,

All: **We are brothers and sisters in Christ!**

One: For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.

All: **We are one in God's Spirit!**

One: We are one, and together we remember our Lord Jesus.

All: **For we are the people of Redemption!**

One: He gave himself up for us, so we could be reconciled to God.

All: **Come, let us worship the God of our Salvation!**

◆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. 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, whose mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all our sin: Receive again your bewildered and broken people. Forgive our folly and our excess, our coldness to human sorrow, and our passion for things of the moment. Change our hearts, and turn all our desires to your way, that we may love what you love and do what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

-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

Christ Has Broken Down the Wall
Sanctuary Choir

MARK A. MILLER

*Christ has broken down the wall. Let us join our hearts as one. We're accepted as we are. Through God's love,
all is reconciled. Cast aside your doubts and fears. Peace and love freely offered here. We will tear down every
wall. God has called us, one and all. Christ has broken down the wall.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 18:1-8
Hebrews 13:2
Luke 10:25-37

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SERMON

Blessings from the Margins

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE

Oh How Good It Is

Oh how good it is, when the family of God,
dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love,
are the fruit of His presence, here among us.

REFRAIN

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord.
And with one heart we'll live out His word.
Till the whole earth sees, the Redeemer has come,
for He dwells in the presence of His people.

(Continued)

Oh how good it is, on this journey we share,
to rejoice with the happy, and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,
when we offer the blessing of belong-ing. (*REFRAIN*)

Oh how good it is, to embrace His command,
to prefer one another; forgive as He forgives.
When we live as one, we all share in the love,
of the Son with the Father, and the Spi-rit. (*REFRAIN*)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

◆ INVITATION

◆ 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

◆ HYMN NO. 747

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

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◆ BENEDICTION

◆ POSTLUDE

Toccata in G

DENNIS ELIOT

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

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

Acolytes: Gibbs Cowart, McCrae Cowart
Children's Church: Laura and Paul Patrick
Wee Church: Dee Bee and John Wright
Ushers: Sandy Pell, Janie Daniels, Jack Daniels, Tim Fox

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
by Debbie Redmon in honor of her daughters, Claire and Abby Terhune,
and her grandson, Sam Simpkins, on their birthdays.*

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.

FOOD PANTRY/TOILETRY ITEMS

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

PAUSE & REFRESH TODAY: SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH 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 and also leading an informative Sunday School time in Covenant Hall at 10:00am.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING IN THE CHURCH OFFICE?

We are looking for helping hands Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Our helpers assist with food pantry clients, answering phones, and other little "projects" necessary in order to keep our busy church running smoothly. If you would like to assist us, please contact the office at (843) 766-8311 or email office@wpccharleston.org.

WE WALK WITH JESUS: STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 19!

EVERY member of the Westminster Session, Diaconate, and Finance Committee have already completed their 2026 Estimate of Giving Cards, and now each WPC disciple can make a personal commitment to the Lord and the ministry at Westminster for the coming year. Look for information in the mail the beginning of October. Bring your completed form (or fill one out online by scanning the QR code) to worship on Sunday the 19th, and we'll dedicate our commitments to the Lord together in worship. Thank you for your participation: those who respond will have their family name added to the "We Walk with Jesus" display in the narthex during October. All responses are needed in our prayerful discernment in ministry planning for the coming year.



WE WALK WITH JESUS: DISCIPLESHIP IN COLOSSIANS

From the Westminster Pulpit

- October 5 *World Communion Sunday WPC Mission Partner, Ellen Smith preaching*
- October 12 Colossians 2:13-23 We Walk with Jesus: Jesus and the Law
- October 19 Colossians 3:1-17 We Walk with Jesus: A Higher Calling, Part 1
- October 26 Colossians 3:1-17 We Walk with Jesus: A Higher Calling, Part 2
- November 2 Colossians 3:18-4:1 We Walk with Jesus: The Christian Household
- November 9 Colossians 4:2-6 We Walk with Jesus: Prayer
- November 16 Colossians 4:7-18 We Walk with Jesus: Final Greetings

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. If you would like to drop your food and/or supplies off to the church office we are happy to stock the box for you! This is a great opportunity for Circles, Sunday School classes, neighbors, and families. Use the QR Code provided to sign up.



JOIN US FOR WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY!

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. This week is Chicken & Waffles along with garden salad and dessert. Adults \$8, children \$4 and a family cap of \$25 via cash, card or check.

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.

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!

TRUNK OR TREAT: OCTOBER 26TH FROM 4:00-5:30

Join us in your Halloween costume from 4:00 to 5:30 for trunk or treating around the church campus. Calling all Trunk or Treat Volunteers. We need volunteers who are willing to decorate their trunk and pass out treats. If a couple families would like to share a trunk to allow time to go around with your children that is also an option! If you would like to sign up to host a trunk please contact cwinkles@wpccharleston.org. Also, if you'd like to contribute candy for Trunk or Treat please bring it by it by the church office!

ELEMENTARY CHOIR

Do you have a child in 1st-5th grade who loves to sing and worship the Lord? Then mark your calendars for the following Children's Choir practices! Children are invited to come practice and sing on a variety of Wednesday nights in the month of September and October. Wednesday practices will be from 5:30-6:00 and Sunday practice times will vary. Finally, on Sunday October 19th the children will lead special music and sing at the 11:00 service. The following practice dates are available. We encourage your children to participate in these fun practices as much as they can before singing for the congregation! If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Claire at cwinkles@wpccharleston.org.

Schedule:

Practice 1: Wed. 10/1 at 5:30

Practice 2: Sun. 10/5 at 12:00

Practice 3: Wed. 10/8 at 5:30

Practice 4: Sun. 10/12 at 12:00

Last Practice: Wed. 10/15 at 5:30

Special Music: October 19th at 11:00 service

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*.

WPC HOUSE MEETINGS WITH CAJM: YOUR VOICE MATTERS

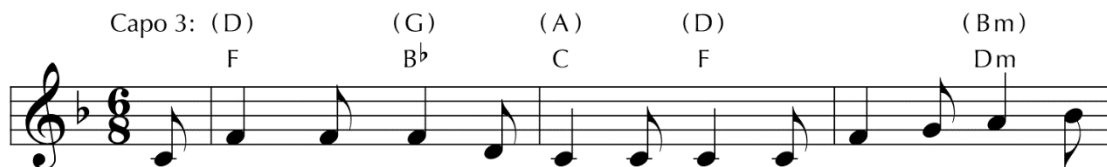
Join us for upcoming House Meetings with the *Charleston Area Justice Ministry*—safe spaces to share your stories, concerns, and hopes for our community. This is your chance to connect with neighbors, name the issues that matter most, and help shape what justice looks like—from the ground up. Childcare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

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



I Come with Joy

515



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1993
 MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977
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 Music Arr. © 1977 Hope Publishing Company

DOVE OF PEACE
 8.6.8.6.6

747 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Enviado soy de Dios

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to
En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá pa -

make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.

The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain to
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar un

do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name; that
mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor; me

falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help
ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad. A -

us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.
yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.

This text by a Cuban Pentecostal pastor is plural here in English and singular in the original Spanish version; singing both languages helps to show how the call to action in the world is both corporate and individual. The minor tune suggests the resolve needed to do God's work.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, October 5

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
11:15 am	Worship Prep Class, Covenant Hall
12:10 pm	CE Committee Meeting, Library
12:00 pm	Elementary Choir Practice, Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Club 345
5:00 pm	Youth Group, College Care Package Night
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, October 6

6:00 pm	Troop 79 Leadership Meeting, Covenant Hall
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Tuesday, October 7

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
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Wednesday, October 8

5:30 pm	Elementary Choir Practice, Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday, Covenant Hall
6:30 pm	WPC House Meetings with CAJM, Covenant Hall
6:30 pm	Handbell Choir
7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, October 9

10:00 am	Lowcountry Smockers Guild, Covenant Hall
1:00 pm	SAMS Steering Committee Meeting, Parlor

Friday, October 10

Saturday, October 11

Sunday, October 12

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
11:15 am	Worship Prep Class, Covenant Hall
12:00 pm	Second Sunday Potluck, Covenant Hall
12:00 pm	Youth Second Sunday Luncheon with Confirmands & Elders
12:00 pm	Elementary Choir Practice, Sanctuary
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)
Cherie Couche (Dana Tumbleston)
Lydia Crosby (WPC)
Martin Davis (Kevin Mikles)
Rose Derrick (Brenda Clarey)
Hosanna Eadie (Katie Baturin)
Roxanne Eadie (Katie Baturin)
Ann Farrar (Beth Georgen)
Ellen Farrar (Beth Georgen)
Edward Fitzgibbon (Joan Frye)
Harold Fountain (Henry Shepard)
John Gilbert (WPC)
Keith Gordon (WPC)
Janie Hammersmith (WPC)

Megan Hatfield (Debbie McQueeney)
Harter Family (Jennifer Binnicker)
Betsy Henson (Ashley Snider)
Anna Hewitt (Dee Bee Wright)
Chris Huff (Gloria Purcell)
Janssen Family (WPC)
Emerson Jones (Molly Griggs)
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)
Julie Pell (Sandy & Debbie Pell)

Crystal Pluck (Jennifer Binnicker)
Pratt Family (WPC Preschool)
Donna Purcell (WPC)
Nita Rodemann (WPC)
Cliff Shelor (WPC)
Tradd Shepard (WPC)
Rachel Singletary (Sara Bobo)
Jerry Smoak (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)

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
Lynne MacPherson
c/o Heather Parrott
2 Queens Street
Huntington, NY 11743

Mission of the Week
Hooks & Needles

Student of the Week
Marin Morris
U of SC Mail ID 73904
1300 Wheat Street
Columbia, SC 29225-0112

Church Family
Robert Seiber

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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