



Westminster  
Presbyterian  
Church

October 2025



# THE GOOD NEWS

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

## GREETINGS

**From Pastor Daniel**

Someone needs to hear this:

If you are feeling outmatched by the task before you, overwhelmed by the failures of your past, underappreciated by the people who should lift you up, burdened by the weight of illness or grief, or unsure of your place in the world, then there is good news.

*But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things--and the things that are not--to nullify the things that are. (1 Corinthians 1:27-28)*

*My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. (2 Corinthians 12:9)*

God does not need (or want) your perfection. He wants your heart.  
God does not need you to solve the problems. He can do that.  
God does not shun your weakness: he works through it to show his surpassing greatness.

Someone needs to hear it. Maybe it is you, but if not, start telling everyone until you find out who it is.

*Pastor Daniel*

## NEWS FROM THE APNC

Please remember your Associate Pastor Nominating Committee in your prayers. Here's where they are in the search process:

- **The APNC receives Personal Discernment Profiles (PDP's) from candidates through referrals and the CLC. Through prayer and interviews, the APNC narrows the field of candidates.**
- The APNC extends a call to a candidate.
- The candidate accepts the terms of call.
- The candidate is examined by the Commission on Ministry.
- The candidate is called by the congregation.
- The candidate is installed as the new Associate Pastor at WPC!

The APNC: Natasha Akery, Lindy Coleman (Chair), Andrew Hopkins, George McAbee, Mark Patrick, Sandy Pell.



## FROM THE PULPIT

### September 28

Colossians 2:8-12

*We Walk with Jesus:*

*Beware the Deceivers*

### October 5

*Guest: WPC Mission*

*Partner in Eastern Europe,*

*Ellen Smith*



### 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*

*Stewardship Dedication Sunday*

### 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*



## DISCIPLESHIP UPDATES

### New Members

**Michael & Elizabeth Souter**  
(sons, Thomas & Jacob)

**Joshua and Spencer Laing**  
(son, Ian and daughter, Willow)

**Bob and Sheryl Crosland**

**Justin and Kat Vosburgh** (son, Max)

**Matt and Riviere Moody** (daughter, Cora)

### Baptisms

**Sullivan Thomas and Michael Anthony Tompkins**, sons of Joe and Rae Tompkins  
Dee Bee Wright, assisting Elder

### Into the Church Triumphant

**Roy Nickles**  
Date of Passing: August 16, 2025

## FELLOWSHIP

### Save the Date: Westminster Presbyterian

**Women's Retreat**  
**March 6-8, 2026**

*More details coming soon.*

*Interested in planning or attending?*

**Contact:**

*Church Office*

[office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org)

## FELLOWSHIP

### Wonderful Wednesdays

**6:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall**

Join us every Wednesday for dinner for adults and children. \$4 kids, \$8 adults, \$25 for a family max. Follow the E-news and Bulletin for menus and special programs.

**October 1** W.E. Pack

**October 8** CAJM

**October 15** CYM with Janie Bruce

**October 22** TBD

**October 29** Fellowship

**November 5** W.E. Pack

**November 12** TBD

**November 19** TBD

**November 26** Annual Oyster Roast

### Second Sunday Social Potluck

**Sunday, October 12 & November 9**  
**following 11:00 a.m. Worship**

Every 2nd Sunday of the month, all are welcome to a fried chicken luncheon in Covenant Hall following 11:00 a.m. worship. We provide the chicken and drinks while sides are good ole fashioned pot luck. Please prepare enough to share; drop your dish off in Covenant Hall during the Sunday School Hour.

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

### Lunch & Learn

**Thursday, November 13**

**1:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall**

Speaker will be from the College of Charleston's Center for Creative Retirement. Lunch plans will be forthcoming!

## Worship at Westminster

**9:00 a.m. Worship**

*Nursery available*

**10:00 a.m. Sunday School**  
**for Children, Youth & Adults**

*Nursery available*

**11:00 a.m. Worship**

*Children's Church*  
*& Nursery available*

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### Adult Sunday

### School Classes

**10:00 - 10:45 a.m.**

### Anchor Class

*Room 15, CE Building*

### Cary Grayson Class

*Room 4, Covenant Hall*

### The LIFE Class

*Library, Covenant Hall*

### The After Party

*Covenant Hall*



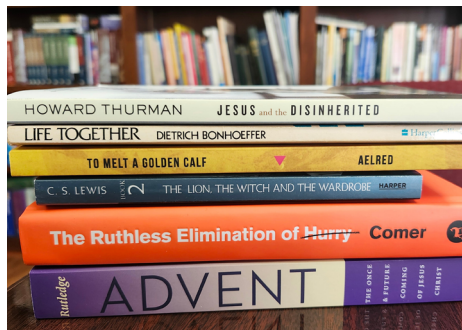
Scan for a full list of  
Sunday School Classes  
and descriptions.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### 2025 Book Study Series

**Group Discussions the 4th Sunday of every other Month, 5:00 p.m.**

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 at 5:00 p.m. on the 4th Sunday of every other month. Books may be purchased online or at church (\$10 for *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*)



- **October 26th, John Mark Comer's *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*. (Meeting at 6:00 p.m.)**
- **December (date TBD), Fleming Rutledge's *Advent*.**

## COMMUNITY MINISTRY

### WPC House Meetings with the Charleston Area Justice Ministry (CAJM)

At Westminster Presbyterian Church, we believe that you know our community best—because you live it every day. Your experiences, challenges, and hopes help paint the full picture of what justice looks like in real life.



That's why we're hosting House Meetings in partnership with the Charleston Area Justice Ministry (CAJM)—house meetings are safe, sacred spaces to share what matters most to you. These gatherings aren't about others talking at us—they're about all of us speaking honestly and listening deeply.

When you attend a house meeting, you're doing justice work by:

- Naming the issues that affect you and those you love
- Sharing your story in your own words
- Connecting with neighbors facing similar challenges
- Helping shape what meaningful change looks like
- Every voice matters. Every story leads us closer to justice.

**Join us at one of our upcoming House Meetings:**

- **Wednesday, October 8 at 6:30 PM (following Wonderful Wednesday)**
- **Sunday, October 19 at 12:15 PM (following worship)**

*Childcare available if needed.*

Scan QR Code to Sign Up for this free event. You don't need to be a WPC member to participate everyone is welcome!



### Save the Date!

Join us for the Community Problems Assembly on November 17 as Westminster is officially welcomed into the CAJM family!

This is one of the most important meetings of the year, where we vote on the key issues our community will address. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of Westminster's first CPA vote and learn more about the impactful work of this organization. Location TBA.



## WESTMINSTER MONTHLIES

### Hooks & Needles

**Monday, October 13 & November 10**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Classroom 4, Covenant Hall**

*We knit and crochet baby blankets for WPC baptisms among other projects. All are welcome to come (even just for the fellowship).*

### Men's Bible Study

**Tuesday, October 14 & November 11**

**8:00 a.m., Trotter's Restaurant**

*Men of all ages join us for Breakfast and Bible Study  
Pastor Daniel leading.*

### Circle 4

**Tuesday, October 14 & November 11**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Classroom 4, Covenant Hall**

### Circle 5

**Tuesday, October 14 & November 11**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Parlor, Admin Building**

### Circle 1

**Monday, October 20 & November 17**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Library, Covenant Hall**

*Please join us as we continue our study of *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* by Joanna Weaver.*



**Scan for Church Calendar.**



## PRESCHOOL

We've had a wonderful start to the school year, made even better by the beautiful weather. The children have loved spending time outside, playing on the playground, and making new friends.

This fall, our students have been learning all about the season—from apples to pumpkins! They've also been enjoying a variety of special activities:

- **Chapel** with Ms. Claire
- **Funnastics** (our version of Physical Education) with Ms. Karen
- **Spanish** basics with Ms. Amanda

Our four-year-olds went on their first field trip to James Island County Park in search of insects, and our three-year-olds are looking forward to visiting the fire station in October.

We're off to a great start and excited for all the fun and learning ahead!

Blessings,  
*The Preschool Team*

### Contact:

*Alicia Crosby, Director*  
(843) 571-0321

[preschool@wpccharleston.org](mailto:preschool@wpccharleston.org)

## CONFIRMATION 2025-2026

### Confirmation Class for 7th & 8th Graders

We look forward to guiding students as they affirm or reaffirm their faith through study, fellowship, and writing their statements of faith. Please save the following dates—attendance at all sessions is strongly encouraged, and the retreat is mandatory for confirmation.

#### **Informational Meeting**

*Sunday, September 28*  
12:15 - 1:00 p.m.

#### **Second Sunday Luncheon with Confirmands and Elders**

*Sunday, October 12*  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

#### **Confirmation Retreat**

**Camp Fellowship, Greenwood, SC**  
*January 23-25*

#### **Parent/Grandparent Bible Study**

*Sunday, February 22*  
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

#### **Confirmation Examination**

*Sunday, March 8*  
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

#### **Confirmation Sunday**

*Sunday, March 22*  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Each confirmand should choose a current or former church elder to be their confirmation partner—someone who can guide and support them in their faith journey. Please ask your chosen elder in person or by phone, and let Ms. Claire know your selection by October 10th. If you need help choosing, Ms. Claire is happy to assist.

**Children's  
Sunday School**  
10:00 - 10:45 a.m.  
*in the CE Building*

**Infants - 2T**  
*Nursery*

**3-5K**  
*Room 14*

**1st-2nd Grade**  
*Room 13*

**3rd-5th Grade**  
*Room 17*

**Youth  
Sunday School**  
10:00 - 10:45 a.m.  
*in Covenant Hall*

**Middle School (6th-8th)**  
*Room 1*

**High School (9th-12th)**  
*Room 3*



Scan for a full list of  
Sunday School Classes  
and descriptions.

**Sunday Night  
Youth Group**

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.  
*in Covenant Hall*

**All Youth Dinner**  
5:00-5:30 p.m.

**Peer Group Fellowship**  
5:30-6:30 p.m.

*Middle School & High  
School break into small age-  
appropriate groups for bible  
study, games and fellowship.*

## **Trunk or Treat**

**Sunday, October 26**

**4:00 - 5:30 p.m.**

Children, Youth, Family and Friends are invited for a fun afternoon of Trunks & Treating in your Halloween costumes at Westminster. We are inviting you to park in the front parking lot and walk the carpool loop along the back of the Church Campus to visit all the trunks along the way.

**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 would be great.

### **To Volunteer, Contact:**

*Claire Winkles, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries*

[cwinkles@wpccharleston.org](mailto:cwinkles@wpccharleston.org)

## **Feed the Youth!**

**Sunday Nights 4:45 - 5:30 p.m.**

Interested in providing a meal for our Youth Discipleship Group on Sunday Nights? Remember you don't have to have a youth to feed the youth. They are happy with home cooked or hot-N-ready.

Scan QR Code for a list of dates to sign up to feed the youth on Sunday Nights from 4:45 - 5:30 p.m.



**Scan to Sign Up to  
Feed the Youth!**

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

**All Youth Trick-Can-Treating**  
**Sunday, October 19**  
**Covenant Hall**

**Note special time: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

This is an ALL YOUTH event you do not want to miss! We will be driving around some neighborhoods in the Charleston area doing a little bit of "Trick-Can-Treating"!

Kids will be driven by youth leaders to different WPC households, where they will leave a bag (with information) to collect canned goods for the Lowcountry Food Bank! This is Trick or Treating with a twist, and a Westminster Presbyterian Youth Tradition.

### **Members of the Congregation:**

If you receive a bag, review the canned good list, fill up the bag with items and return to the front office. Thank you!

### **For More Info:**

*Claire Winkles, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries*

[cwinkles@wpccharleston.org](mailto:cwinkles@wpccharleston.org)

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

**Club 3,4,5**  
**Sunday, October 5 & November 2**  
**4:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall**

All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are invited for fellowship, bible study, games and a snack. We will meet once a month from 4:00 to 5:00 in Covenant Hall. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship!

Future dates: January 11, February 8, March 1, and May 3.

**Acolyte Training**  
**Sunday, October 19**  
**12:15 - 3:30 p.m.**

Third through Sixth graders interested in serving as an acolyte re invited to training will be Sunday, October 19 from 12:15 - 3:30 p.m. We will do our training in the Sanctuary after we have pizza in Covenant Hall. Parents may leave children after church or they may stay with us. We will need parents back by 2:00 to watch practice and know how to help when you serve!

\*Previously trained acolytes do not need to be present for this training.



## **SAVE THE DATE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Mid High CAP Retreat at  
Bethelwoods**

**November 7-9**

**Children's Sunday**

**Sunday, November 16**

**11:00 am Service**

**Parent's Night Out\***

**Sunday, December 7**

**5:00 - 7:00pm**

**Children's Christmas Gift  
Making Workshop!**

**Saturday, December 13**

**9:00 - 10:30am**

**Family Friendly  
Christmas Eve Worship**

**December 24**

**3:00 & 5:00 pm**

**High School CAP Retreat  
at Bethelwoods**

**February 20 - 22, 2026**

**All Youth Oscars Party**

**Sunday, March 15**

**5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Easter Egg Hunt\***

**March 28, 2026**

**10:00 - 11:30am**

**Easter**

**April 5, 2026**

**Youth Sunday**

**April 19, 2026**

**Save the Dates**

**June 7-13: HS Montreat**

**June 21-25: VBS\***

**July 12-17 MS Youth Mission**

**\*Youth Volunteer**



## GLOBAL MISSIONS

### Be Part of a 2026 Mission Trip to Mexico!

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:

- a team of 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](mailto:dsmoak@wpccharleston.org) or Pastor Priscilla.

## HELP WITH MARY FORD

### Mary Ford Early Learning and Childhood Center

Mary Ford is one of our Mission Partners and there are a variety of ways to dip your toes in a little or a lot.

#### If you can be involved regularly:

- **Adopt a Classroom:** Individuals or groups can sponsor a classroom, Helping provide supplies, encouragement, and support to teachers and students.
- **Tutoring:** Helping students from 1:15- 2:15 with flash cards and reading to them.

#### If you can be involved occasionally:

- **Work in the Library:** Help shelve books, help students pick out books, and/or donate books to the school library.
- **Food Pantry:** Help shelve donated items, donate items, help shoppers in the Mary Ford food Pantry.
- **Garden Volunteers:** Volunteers are needed to help clean out beds, planting new plants, watering, and cleaning of the green house.

#### Sign Up/More Info:

Church Office  
(843) 766-8311  
[office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org)



## VOLUNTEER

### W.E. Pack Wednesday

*Wednesday, October 1*

*& November 5*

**Wonderful Wednesday Supper  
6:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall**

*The first Wednesday of the month  
"W.E. Pack" weekend food kits for  
students with food insecurities.*

*People of all ages can participate  
in a fun and meaningful  
mission project together.*

### Neighbors Together

*Wednesday, October*

*15 & November 19*

**10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

*Serve a hot meal to our neighbors  
in need the third Wednesday  
of every month at Neighbors  
Together; 2105 Cosgrove Ave,  
North Charleston, SC 29405.*

### Donate Non-Perishable Items to the Food Pantry

*Our Food Pantry is  
always in need.*

### Adopt the Blessing Box

*Adopt for two weeks at a  
time, making sure it's stocked  
and replenishing items as  
needed. Great opportunity for  
Circles, Sunday School classes,  
neighbors, and families.*

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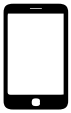


**Scan for additional  
opportunities & to sign up!**



# TITHES & OFFERINGS

## GIVE NOW



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1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.

## REALM CONNECT APP OR ONLINE

Schedule one-time and/or recurring gifts in the Realm Connect App OR online by scanning QR Code below.



## STEWARDSHIP

### 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 using the QR Code below) 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.

#### **More Info:**

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*(843) 766-8311*

*[office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org)*

*OR Scan QR Code below to donate online.*



## COUNSELING

**Counseling Services are available through Lowcountry Pastoral Counseling Center, in partnership with Westminster Presbyterian Church.**

The need for quality mental, emotional, and spiritual care today is undeniable. Pastoral Counseling enables individuals, couples, and families to receive quality counseling that acknowledges the value of faith in the healing process. Whether you need someone to listen, help you process challenges, or simply walk with you through a season of life, help is available. Westminster is partnering with Lowcountry Pastoral Counseling Center and can refer you for counseling, providing up to 5 sessions at no cost to you.

Check out Lowcountry Pastoral Counseling Center at [www.lowcountrypastoral.org](http://www.lowcountrypastoral.org) and reach out to Pastor Daniel or Pastor Priscilla for a referral.

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### SUNDAY WORSHIP



9:00 a.m.

#### WORSHIP

*Nursery available*

10:00 a.m.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

for Children, Youth & Adults

*Nursery available*

11:00 a.m.

#### WORSHIP

*Children's Church  
& Nursery available*

### WEEKLY E-NEWS

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