



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

October 12, 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. 443

There Is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

## ◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

FROM PSALM 19

One: The law of the Lord is perfect. It gives us new strength.

All: **The laws of the Lord can be trusted. They make childish people wise.**

One: The rules of the Lord are right. They give joy to our hearts.

All: **The commands of the Lord shine brightly. They give light to our minds.**

One: The law that brings respect for the Lord is pure. It lasts forever.

All: **The commands the Lord gives are true. All of them are completely right.**

One: They are more priceless than gold. They have greater value than huge amounts of pure gold.

All: **They are sweeter than honey that is taken from the honeycomb.**

One: Your servant is warned by them. When people obey them they are greatly rewarded.

## ◆ 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. 370

This is My Father's World

## CONFESSION

### ◆CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires so that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

*-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

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Joe Jeter, Guitar*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 2:13-23

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SERMON

We Walk With Jesus: Jesus and the Law

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### ◆SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 475

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

### ◆AFFIRMATION 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.

“Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel,  
I will testify against you. I am God, your God.  
Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.  
I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds.  
For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.  
I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.  
If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine.  
Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?  
Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High,  
and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

◆ SONG NO. 463

How Firm a Foundation

SENDING OUT

◆ 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.

### **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 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **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.



### **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](http://wpccharleston.org).

Text: "charlestonwpc" to 73256. Thank you for giving.

### **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!

### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY MEETS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14**

Men of all ages: Join us for Breakfast and Bible Study from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 14th. 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!

### **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 Taco Night! Adults \$8, children \$4 and a family cap of \$25 via cash, card or check.

### **FOOD PANTRY/TOILETRY ITEMS**

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

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

### **WE WALK WITH JESUS: DISCIPLESHIP IN COLOSSIANS**

From the Westminster Pulpit

- 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

### 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*.

### 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](mailto:dsmoak@wpccharleston.org) or Pastor Priscilla.

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

EVERY member of the Westminster Session, Diaconate, and Finance Committee has 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.

### AT WESTMINSTER, FREE COUNSELING SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH LOWCOUNTRY PASTORAL COUNSELING CENTER

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.

### 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.

### 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!

### SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Centerpiece Workshop. More details to follow!

### **DO YOU HAVE ANY EXTRA FLOWER VASES?**

The Flower Committee would love to use them to break down large arrangements into smaller ones for pastoral care calls. You can drop them off in the office or workroom!

### **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. 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! The Westminster Youth Group will be leading a variety of games and activities inside the pre-school playground as part of our Trunk or Treat Festival. If you would like to help us prepare for this fun event, please consider donating a bag of nut free Halloween candy to be used as prizes in the festival. You can leave the candy on the pew in Ms. Claire's office labeled, "Trunk or Treat Candy". If you would like to sign up to host, please contact [cwinkles@wpccharleston.org](mailto:cwinkles@wpccharleston.org). Thank you so much for your support!



### **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](mailto:cwinkles@wpccharleston.org).

#### **Schedule:**

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

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

Special Music: October 19th at 11:00 service

### **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!**

- Sunday, October 19 at 12:15pm (following Worship)



### **SUPPORT WPC MISSION PARTNERS AND LEARN MORE ABOUT MISSION AND MINISTRY**

- Join the WPC table at the Healing Farms "Believe in Possibility" Banquet on October 28 at 6:30 at Trident Technical College. Healing Farms helps young adults in Charleston with disabilities learn, grow, and find their place and value in the community.
- Join the WPC table at Metanoia's "Live Well Luncheon"—a chance to come together with 250+ neighbors, business leaders, and changemakers to lift up the spaces and people that make North Charleston home. We'll be diving into the heart of what it means to live well: gathering places that welcome us, homes we can afford, and local leadership that rises from within. The luncheon is set for Thursday, December 4, 2025, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at Trident Technical College. Contact the church office to sign up.

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### 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

### Monday, October 13

10:00 am	Hooks & Needles, Covenant Hall
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### Tuesday, October 14

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

### Wednesday, October 15

10:00 am	Volunteer, Neighbors Together
5:30 pm	Elementary Choir Practice, Sanctuary
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, October 16

### Friday, October 17

### Saturday, October 18

### Sunday, October 19

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	Acolyte Training, Sanctuary
12:15 pm	CAJM House Meeting, Covenant Hall
5:00 pm	Youth Group, Trick Can Treat
5:00 pm	Deacons Meeting, Covenant Hall
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)  
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)  
Stan Rich (Suzanne & Tim Fox)  
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](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org)

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Terri Shannon

## **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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