



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

October 19, 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. 709

God We Honor You

God, we honor you. God, we trust in you. God, we worship and adore you.
Take what we bring, offered to you. Teach us to show your abundant blessings.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

FROM PSALM 19

One: Heavenly Father, we trust in you.
All: **We trust in you! We walk with Jesus!**
One: Today we renew our commitment to your Kingdom.
All: **We trust in you! We walk with Jesus!**
One: Today we renew our commitment to be your disciples.
All: **We trust in you! We walk with Jesus!**
One: Today we commit our heart, soul, mind, and strength.
All: **We trust in you! We walk with Jesus!**
One: Use our commitments to glorify your name!
All: **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. 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

CONFESSION

◆CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. Amen.

-Silent Personal Confession -

◆DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

◆SONG OF RESPONSE 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

Beloved
Mike Niblock, Soloist

Michael Burkhardt

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 3:1-17

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SERMON

We Walk With Jesus: Life in Christ

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

[You are invited to place your card on the Communion Table as we sing]

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

(Continued)

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PSALM 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
Come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

◆ SONG NO. 233

The Day of Resurrection!

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

◆ *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: Eleanor and 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

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

- 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

WE WALK WITH JESUS: STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS TODAY!

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. This morning, at both services, we will dedicate our commitments to the Lord together in worship (there are forms available in each pew). Thank you for your participation: your family name will be added to the "We Walk with Jesus" display in the narthex.



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

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.

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 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 15th of December. If you have any questions please contact Barbara Lundy at (843) 607-2102.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, November 23rd: 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Centerpiece Workshop. Scan the QR code to sign up!



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!

SUPPORT WPC MISSION PARTNERS AND LEARN MORE ABOUT MISSION AND MINISTRY

- 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.

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!

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.

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. Thank you so much for your support!



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. The last meeting is today in Covenant Hall at 12:15pm.



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*.

NEWS FROM THE APNC

Please remember you 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.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

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

Monday, October 20

6:30 pm	Circle 1 Meeting, Library
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Tuesday, October 21

Wednesday, October 22

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 23

6:30 pm	Scout Troop 79 Pack Meeting, Covenant Hall
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Friday, October 24

Saturday, October 25

Sunday, October 26

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
11:15 am	Worship Prep Class, Covenant Hall
4:00 pm	Trunk or Treat
6:00 pm	Book Study, Room 15
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)
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

Friend of the Week
Love Moody
1318 Newcastle Street
Charleston, SC 29407

Mission of the Week
EmpowerHer Campus
Ministries

Student of the Week
Stella Wood
101 S. Court Street
Athens, OH 45701-2902

Church Family
Cliff & Liz Shelor

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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