



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

October 26, 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

Sonatina in D Major
Emma Klingshirn, piano

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

FROM PSALM 84

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

All: **Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

One: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

All: **O Lord of Hosts, happy is the one who trusts in you!**

◆ 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. 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

One: O Lord, you have searched me and known me!
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
You discern my thoughts from afar.

You search out my path and my lying down
And are acquainted with all my ways.

All: **Search me, O God, and know my heart!**

Try me and know my thoughts!

**And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!**

-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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 3:1-17

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SERMON

We Walk With Jesus: A Higher Calling

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

◆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.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 84

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

We Walk with Jesus

Sarah Schumann

◆SONG NO. 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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

Nancy Parrish, Pianist

Acolyte: Evan Ford

Ushers: Nancy Dixon, Dan Klingshirn, Jill Lundgrin, Graham Wade

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
in celebration of Bob and Jackie Dadin's 50th Wedding Anniversary.*

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 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 Children's Sunday
- November 23 Colossians 4:7-18 We Walk with Jesus: Final Greetings

TRUNK OR TREAT: TODAY 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.

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*)

- **Today at 6:00 pm 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*

THE NARTHEX IS FILLING UP WITH WPC DISCIPLES WHO ARE WALKING WITH JESUS!

Jesus is over the entry into the sanctuary, and he's holding hands with everyone who has returned their 2026 Estimates of Giving. For every card returned or online response we get, another "person" will appear connected to and walking with Jesus. So far we have received 115 cards for a total of \$592,174.00 Your gifts make a difference, and your participation strengthens our faithful response to God's call for our church. Make your commitment with the card in the Friendship Pad or on the WPC website. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!!

JOIN US FOR A SPOOKTACULAR WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY!

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship at 6:00 p.m. This week we'll be having chili with toppings, salad, and a candy apple dessert bar! Everyone is encouraged to wear a costume as we celebrate Halloween with fun and games! Adults \$8, children \$4 and a family cap of \$25 via cash, card or check.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16TH. YOUNG LEADERS OF WORSHIP NEEDED!

On November 16th we will have our annual Children's Sunday Worship service at 11:00. We invite all Pre-K to 5th grade students to participate in leading music, liturgy, and prayer at this special service! Our theme of worship will come from Matthew 6:25-29, where we will spend time pondering God's care for us through uncertain times. If your child would like to participate in any of these leadership roles, please sign up using the QR code below! You may reach out to Ms. Claire with any questions you have!



COLLEGE MONTREAT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPEN!

We are excited to announce that Westminster is interested in taking a group to College Conference this year at Montreat! "College Conference @ Montreat invites college-aged young adults to spend three days in the mountains of Western North Carolina nurturing their faith and connecting with others as they engage in worship, recreation, and critical conversations" (Montreat.org). The conference will be held from Friday, January 2nd to Monday, January 5th- which is Winter break for most college students. The price per student is \$200 and will cover conference admission, housing, and meals because we will be staying in the Assembly Inn at Montreat College. Students must be registered by November 9th. Ms. Claire and other adults will be in attendance to guide the group and bring us all together as a church family. We hope you will register, and if you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Claire at 843-813-5206.

SUPPORT A WPC MISSION PARTNER AND LEARN ABOUT HOW METANOIA MATTERS!

Join the WPC table at Metanoia's "Live Well Luncheon". This is 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.

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 2026:

- 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. Save your spot on the February team with a \$200 deposit payable to WPC by November 9th. Speak with Pastor Daniel dsmoak@wpccharleston.org for more information.

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 at 3pm for the 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Centerpiece Workshop. Please bring payment, \$20 cash or check made payable to WPC, and your own pair of scissors to the event. Contact Carole Russell, the church office, or scan the QR code to sign up!



SAMS UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 13, 2025 @ 1pm in Covenant Hall join us for Lunch and Learn. The speaker will be from the College of Charleston's Center for Creative Retirement. Lunch will be a Thanksgiving theme with turkey and ham sandwiches, cranberry salad, pumpkin and apple pie! The cost is \$5 person. No sign up.
- Christmas Drop-In December 7, 2025 from 3-5pm at Pastor Priscilla's house (43 South Hampton Drive, Charleston, SC 29407 in Sandhurst neighborhood). Bring a sweet or savory treat to share. Christmas sing-along at 4pm!

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.



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.

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!

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

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

Monday, October 27

Tuesday, October 28

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
1:00 pm	Bridge Group, Covenant Hall

Wednesday, October 29

6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday, Covenant Hall
6:30 pm	Handbell Choir
6:45 pm	Endowment Committee Meeting, Parlor
7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, October 30

6:30 pm	Scout Troop 79 Pack Meeting, Covenant Hall
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Friday, October 31

Saturday, November 1

Sunday, November 2

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, Covenant Hall
12:15 pm	Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor
4:00 pm	Club 345
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)
Betsy Henson (Ashley Snider)
Anna Hewitt (Dee Bee Wright)
Charlie Howell (Debbie Baskin)
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)
Abbie Mobley (WPC)
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
Fran Morat
1623 Dickens Street
Charleston, SC 29407

Mission of the Week
Mary Ford Early Learning
Center

Student of the Week
Olivia Towne
USC Mail ID 99687
1300 Wheat Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Church Family
Trevor & Jackie Shelor
Caitlin, Emily

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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