



# 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

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. 288 Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
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Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

### ◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

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!**

### ◆ 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. 515 I Come With Joy

## CONFESSION

### ◆CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

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 -*

### ◆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

This is My Father's World  
*Anna Kerr (flute) & Nancy Parrish (piano)*

Cindy Blevins

SCRIPTURE LESSON

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

PEW BIBLE O.T. PAGE 14  
PEW BIBLE N.T PAGE 227  
PEW BIBLE N.T PAGE 71

SERMON

Blessings from the Margins

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### ◆SONG OF RESPONSE      O How Good It Is

Oh how good it is, when the fam-ily 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.

(Continued)

*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.

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 belonging. (*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 Spirit. (*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

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING OUT

◆ SENDING SONG NO. 747

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

◆ BLESSING

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◆ Please stand, if able

### **LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:**

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

Music: Nancy Parrish, Pianist  
Acolytes: Thomas Robinson, Lydia Crosby  
Ushers: Dee Bee Wright, John Wright, Robinson Family

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

*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 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.

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

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

### **PAUSE AND 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 today 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](mailto: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. Only canned goods that can be opened WITHOUT the use of a can opener please!



### **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 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!

### **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](mailto:cwinkles@wpccharleston.org). Also, if you'd like to contribute candy for Trunk or Treat please bring 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 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 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 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*.

### **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)



## 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)  
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)  
Sondra Metzger (Dave Stanton)  
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 & Liz 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)

Friend of the Week	Mission of the Week	Student of the Week	Church Family
Lynne MacPherson c/o Heather Parrott 2 Queens Street Huntington, NY 11743	Hooks & Needles	Marin Morris U of SC Mail ID 73904 1300 Wheat Street Columbia, SC 29225-0112	Robert Seiber

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