



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

November 23, 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. 647

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

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And now let the weak say, "We are strong;"
let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

And now let the weak say, "We are strong;"
let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks. Give thanks.

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

BASED ON PSALM 100

One: Shout with joy to the Lord!
Worship the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing with joy!
Know that the Lord is God!

All: He made us, and we are his.
We are his people,
The sheep of his pasture.

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him and bless his name.

All: For the Lord is good.
His unfailing love continues forever,
and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

◆ 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 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. 385

All People that on Earth Do Dwell

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace,
and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation. We repent of these hurtful ways.
Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace.
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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 4:7-18

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SERMON

We Walk with Jesus: Final Greetings

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 697

Take My Life and Let It Be

◆ 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING OUT

◆ SONG NO. 747

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

◆ BLESSING

◆ Please stand, if able

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Lindy Coleman, Liturgist;
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 Virginia and Norman Hook's 50th Wedding Anniversary.*

*The rosebud in the sanctuary is given to the glory of God in celebration of the birth
of Rowe Alexander Pennekamp, born November 14, 2025 to parents Alex and Lindley Pennekamp.
Tim and Sandy Pennekamp are proud grandparents. Tom Harvey and Kate Pennekamp are proud great grandparents.*

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.

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.

GOOD NEWS FROM SESSION

In the past two months, the Westminster Session has endorsed both Lindy Coleman and Janie Bruce for the Commissioned Lay Pastor track at the SC Lay School. They met with and have been approved by our Presbytery's Commission on Ministry, and in the spring they will start classes at the Lay School, engaging in courses on theology, pastoral care, biblical studies, worship, and polity to name a few. After they complete 8 courses over 4 years, they will be eligible to be commissioned by our Presbytery for service as Commissioned Lay Pastors (like Pastor Priscilla), serving any church in the Presbytery. This is a moment in the life of the church to celebrate God's good faithfulness to the church and to Lindy and Janie!

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT!

Starting next week, you are invited to pick up your Advent devotionals in the narthex. For adults, there is one that corresponds with the Sermon Series. For families, there is one that is age appropriate for children. Make a commitment to prepare your heart for Christmas!

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

What Do You Fear? An Advent and Christmas Sermon Series

November 30: The First Sunday of Advent

Luke 1:5-13 In the Time of Herod, We Long for God to Break in

December 7: The Second Sunday of Advent: The children hang the chrismons.

Matthew 11:1-11 Is it Hopeless? When We Are Running Out of Hope, God Is at Work

December 15: The Third Sunday of Advent : Lessons and Carols

Luke 1:26-39 The Angel Visits Mary: Even in Our Fear, We Are Called Forward

December 22: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Matthew 1:18-25 The Angel Visits Joseph: When You're Afraid, Give Me Your Hand

December 24: Christmas Eve

- 3:00 & 5:00 Two options to attend a Service for Families with Young Children. We recreate the nativity with help from the congregation and all the children who wish to participate. Costumes provided; it's wiggly and wonderful.
- 7:00 Carols and Candlelight. A more reverent service with traditional carols, a sermon, and candle lighting. *Luke 2:1- The Angels Declare a Good News that Is Louder Than Fear.*

December 28: One worship service at 10:00. No Sunday School.

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 Fleeing to Egypt: Let Fear Fuel a Fire for Justice

January 4: One worship service at 10:00. No Sunday School.

Matthew 2:1-12, 16-18 The Magi: Fear Doesn't Stop Us

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS: A SEMINAR ON GRIEF DURING CHRISTMAS

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading the holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated?

Our Griefshare Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. Whether ongoing or new grief, you'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to discover hope for your future

We're offering the seminar today, November 23 from 5-7. Please RSVP by contacting Pastor Daniel

dsmoak@wpccharleston.org

OYSTER ROAST THIS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26!

We begin with Thanksgiving worship at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary (Pastor Lissa is Preaching!), and at 6:30 we move to Covenant Hall and the lawn for food and fellowship. It is a great event for all ages. Tickets are available for sale on Sunday mornings and in the office during the week.

- \$20 Adult (12 & over) Oyster/Shrimp, Hotdog/Chili & Sides
- \$10 Adult (12 & over) Hotdog/Chili and Sides
- \$10 Child (4-11 years old) Oyster/Shrimp, Hotdog/Chili & Sides
- \$5 Child (4-11 years old) Hotdog/Chili and Sides
- 3 and Under FREE
- Sides: Red Rice, Cole Slaw, Chips and S'mores for dessert!

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 147 cards for a total of \$690,000.00. 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!!

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.

COLD WEATHER CLOTHING & RAIN GEAR DRIVE FOR MARY FORD STUDENTS

Westminster is collecting cold-weather and rainy-weather clothing for the students and families of Mary Ford Early Childhood Education Center. Most families at Mary Ford live at or below the poverty level, making it difficult to purchase warm or protective clothing. Students range in age from 2 to 6 years old and typically wear sizes XS-M.

A collection box will be placed in the Narthex through **May 1**. Each time the box is filled, items will be delivered to the school and distributed by the Parent Advocate.

Requested items include:

- *Cold weather:* long pants, sweaters, long-sleeve shirts, coats, jackets, hats, gloves, scarves, mittens, long socks
- *Rain gear:* raincoats, rain hats, rain boots

While new clothing is preferred, gently used items (clean, with no holes or stains) are welcome.

Mary Ford also maintains a clothing closet for siblings and parents. Donations of clean adult clothing—as well as shoes and belts—are also appreciated.

Help support these families during difficult times by donating new or gently used items. Thank you for your generosity!

POINSETTIAS

If you would like to help beautify our sanctuary for this year's Advent and Christmas season through the gift of one or more poinsettias, please complete a Poinsettia order form located in both the friendship pad and the narthex. The cost is \$20 per poinsettia and payment can be made by attaching check or cash to the completed form and placing it in the offering plate or dropping it by the church office. Poinsettias will be placed on the chancel for the December 7 service and may be picked up following the 7:00 Christmas Eve service. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 7, 2024.

JOIN THE CHOIR FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS!

As we prepare our hearts for the Advent and Christmas season, we invite you to be part of the choir and help lead our congregation in worship through music. Whether you've sung in a choir for years or simply enjoy lifting your voice in praise, we would love for you to join us! We'll be preparing a selection of special music for Advent and Christmas services, and all voices are welcome—no audition required. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the season, build community, and share the joy of Christ's birth through song. Contact Sarah Shayban sshayban@wpccharleston.org or come to rehearsal on Wednesday nights at 7:15.

COMBINED ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING ADVENT: IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE!

We'll view and discuss portions of the classic movie *It's a Wonderful Life*.

It's a Wonderful Life is one of the most popular and heartwarming films ever made. Its near universal appeal and association with Christmas has provided a rich story of redemption that has inspired generations for decades. Set on Christmas Eve in a post-World War II small town, it tells a story of the likable and selfless George Bailey, a small-town banker who suffers scandal and ruin not of his own making only to be saved in the final act through intervention by God, family, and friends. There's no better time than Christmas to be reminded that every human life has value, and that true wealth - spiritual wealth- comes from a right relationship with God and selfless love toward others.

Everyone is invited. November 30, December 7, 14, and 21 in Covenant Hall at 10:00.

SAMS UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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!

YOU'RE INVITED! "HOLY GROUNDS" SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7; 9:45- 10:15AM IN COVENANT HALL

Join us for Holy Grounds, a new monthly gathering during the Sunday School hour, hosted by the deacons! This casual time of coffee, conversation (and pastries!) is designed to welcome new members and invite existing members who want to meet others, get more involved in the life of the church, and build meaningful connections. Our next session is Sunday, December 7 just prior to It's a Wonderful Life adult Sunday School. Come for the coffee, stay for the fellowship!

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.

READ GOOD BOOKS IN 2025!

On December 21, we'll discuss Fleming Rutledge's *Advent*. In her collection of writings and sermons, Rutledge will help us get ready. As the midnight of the Christian year, the season of Advent is rife with dark, gritty realities. In this book, with her trademark wit and wisdom, Rutledge explores Advent as a time of rich paradoxes, a season celebrating at once Christ's incarnation and his second coming, and she masterfully unfolds the ethical and future-oriented significance of Advent for the church. We'll read prescribed portions of the book in preparation for discussion on Sunday December 21 at 4:00. Books are \$25 and available in the narthex.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Attention Parents! Save the date for our annual "Parent's Night Out" on December 7th from 5:00-7:00. Please bring your children to the church for a night of fun and fellowship and head out for a date night or just simply relax for a few hours at home! There will be a sign up with limited spots, so be sure to sign up today using the QR Code below!



GIFT MAKING WORKSHOP

On December 13th we will have our annual gift making workshop in the Covenant Hall from 9:00-11:00a.m.! First through fifth graders are invited to sign up and join us to create and wrap Christmas gifts for their loved ones. There is only room for 25 children, so sign up quickly using the QR code below. We look forward to seeing you there!



Volunteer Opportunity- If you would like to host a gift making station, please email Claire Winkles at cwinkles@wpcccharleston.org



THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, November 23

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
11:00 am	Church of the Arts Grand Opening Worship Service, Park Circle
3:00 pm	Thanksgiving Centerpiece Workshop, Covenant Hall
5:00 pm	Grief Workshop, Parlor
5:00 pm	NO YOUTH GROUP
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, November 24

Tuesday, November 25

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
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Wednesday, November 26

6:00 pm	Annual WPC Oyster Roast
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Thursday, November 27

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 28

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 29

10:00 am	Sandhurst Annual Neighborhood Meeting, Covenant Hall
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Sunday, November 30

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Youth Group, JI Festival of Lights
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)
Daryn Baker (Jane Acker)
Mary Ashley Barbot (Lisa Couch)
Ron Booth (WPC)
Sissie Brigman (WPC)
Allyn Bruce (WPC)
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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)
Randleson Floyd (Gloria Purcell)
Harold Fountain (Henry Shepard)
Joan Frye (WPC)
Keith Gordon (WPC)

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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)
Moody Family (WPC)
Jennifer Morgan (Susie Cashion)
Joe Nuchols (Debbie McQueeney)

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)
The Jerry Smoak Family (WPC)
Ray Thomas (Sara Dwyer)
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 NOVEMBER 2025

If you need to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please email office@wpccharleston.org

Friend of the Week
Ginnie Yarborough
1600 Dickens Street
Charleston, SC 29407

Mission of the Week
Healing Farms
703 Yew Street
Charleston, SC 29407

Student of the Week
Lincoln Gilbert
8036 Thoroughbred Rd.
Pensacola, FL 32526

Church Family
Roberta Shepard

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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