



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

January 18, 2026

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. 518

Lamb of God

Your only son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. (Refrain)

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

One: Come and see what God has done.

All: Here is the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world.

One: Come and see what God has done.

All: We have found the Messiah,
the anointed one of God.

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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.
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WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

◆ 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

John 1:29-42

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 92

SERMON

The Lamb of God

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 443 There is a Redeemer

◆ 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 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 NO. 442 Just As I Am, without One Plea

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

Acolytes: Jane Akery, Riley Gentry

Ushers: Taffy Tamblyn, Robert Tamblyn, Sherry Niblock

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
and in celebration of Joe and Rae Tompkins' 7th Wedding Anniversary.*

*The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the marriage of Kedo Wisseh and Saya Powell
on January 17, 2026 at Westminster Presbyterian Church.*

*The rosebud in the sanctuary is given to the glory of God in celebration of the birth
of Bennett Brooks Baskin, born January 10, 2026 to parents Jenna and Brett Baskin.
Barry and Debbie Baskin are proud grandparents.*

Today during the 9:00 service, we are pleased to welcome new members:

- *Jay Forsythe and Julie Hughes (daughter Eliza)*
- *Nick Causey*

Today during the 11:00 service, we are pleased to welcome new members:

- *Eric and Liz Boessneck (son Walden and daughter Ellie)*

Welcome to the Westminster family! We look forward to worshiping and serving together in the family of faith.

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.

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.

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.



FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

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| • January 18 | John 1:29-42 | Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. |
| • January 25 | Matthew 4:12-23 | Jesus begins his ministry and calls disciples. |
| • February 1 | Matthew 5:1-12 | The Beatitudes show the nature of the Kingdom of God. |
| • February 8 | Matthew 5:13-20 | We are called to be salt and light. |
| • February 15 | Matthew 17:1-9 | The mysterious transfiguration of Jesus. |

READ GOOD BOOKS IN 2026!

Join Pastor Daniel in reading books covering a variety of topics, authors, and genres. The choices are designed to stimulate the heart and mind and to be a catalyst for growth in discipleship. Read in preparation for the group discussion at 4:00 p.m. on the 4th Sunday of every other month.

On February 22nd we'll discuss Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart*. With more than twenty million copies sold and translated into fifty-seven languages, *Things Fall Apart* provides one of the most illuminating and permanent monuments to African experience. The story follows the tragic life of a high-performing but deeply flawed African native inhabiting an exalted place within his traditional Umuofia society which is under threat from European imperialists. Themes covered are: Colonialism and Cultural Change, Masculinity and Identity, and Tradition vs. Change. (Books are \$10 and available online or in the Narthex.)

SUPPORT YOUR MEXICO MISSION TEAM

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. Team 1, Daniel Smoak, George McAbee, Andrew Hopkins, Susanna Hopkins, Jerry Crites, Bob Georgen, Tommye Owen, Deb Brown, and Christine Bednarczyk, is preparing to head to Xpujil from February 23-28. You can support the team and the cistern ministry by making a gift. Checks payable to WPC and marked "Mexico Mission" or on the WPC website, choose "Give" and "2026 Mission Trips" Thank you for your support!

JOIN US FOR WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY!

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship at 6:00 p.m. This week we will be having pork loin with mashed potatoes, garden salad, and dessert. Adults \$8, children \$4 and a family cap of \$25 via cash, card or check.

CHURCH OF THE ARTS: OUR PARTNER NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT IN PARK CIRCLE

Church of the Arts is rolling! You can attend any Sunday to provide support, and if you know someone who might be a good fit for Church of the Arts, please spread the news. This church welcomes and includes the damaged, the outside-the-box people, the ones who don't fit in traditional worship styles. Every Sunday at 11:00 in Park Circle. 4701 Park Place W. churchoftheartspcusa.com

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.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES (SAM'S) SOUP POTLUCK LUNCH AND LEARN

Save the Date! Thursday, February 19 at 1:00 in Covenant Hall. Bring your favorite soup to share or bread, corn muffins, fruit, dessert. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Admin. Hallway. Our guest speaker is Chris Stinson, Chief Information Officer for the Charleston City Police Department, who will speak on scams occurring in the Charleston area, how to protect yourself and when to call the police. Join us for this important information and a time of fellowship.

NEW YEAR, NEW CHILDREN AND YOUTH SAVE THE DATES!

We know that at the start of the new year comes lots of planning for the Summer! Please take a moment to write these dates on your calendar for 2026 and include them in your child's summer plans!

- 5-3-26 12:30-2:00 Club 345 End of the Year Bowling Party
5:00-7:00 Youth Group End of the Year Party. More details to come!
- 6-7-26 through 6-13-26 Montreat Youth Conference for Sr. High Youth.
- 6-21-26 through 6-25-26 Vacation Bible School
- 6-29-26 through 7-4-26 Mexico Mission Trip for Sr. High Students in Grades 10-12. Limited spots available, so please reach out to Ms. Claire for more information!
- 7-6-26 through 7-9-26 Mid High Mission Trip at Presbyterian College
- 7-25-26 Westminster Presbyterian's Bethelwoods Week!

HIGH SCHOOL BETHELWOODS RETREAT: FEBRUARY 20TH-22ND

It is time for our High School Bethelwoods Retreat once again! High School Youth are invited to **Bethelwoods from February 20th-22nd for the annual CAP High School Retreat**. This retreat is very special because it is planned by the Presbyterian Youth Council (PYC), which includes highschoolers from the various Presbyterian Churches in our area. This weekend is sure to be full of chances to connect with God, connect with nature, and connect with each other. Please take a moment to register and be on the lookout for some permission forms/registration info. The deadline to register here is by Monday, February 1st, and the cost is \$60 per youth in cash or check. Register at the link below!

<https://forms.gle/i3gPQo5fqUPJZt6K9>

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, January 18

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Session Meeting for New Member reception
10:45 am	Session Meeting for New Member reception
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Deacons Meeting, Covenant Hall
6:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting, Covenant Hall
5:00 pm	NO YOUTH GROUP
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, January 19

	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR MLK DAY
6:30 PM	Circle 1 Meeting, Library

Tuesday, January 20

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
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Wednesday, January 21

10:00 am	Volunteer, Neighbors Together
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, January 22

6:30 pm	Scout Troop 79 Pack Meeting, Covenant Hall
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Friday, January 23

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Saturday, January 24

Sunday, January 25

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	No Mid High Youth/Special Outing for Sr. High
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)
Acker Family (WPC)
Daryn Baker (Jane Acker)
Mary Ashley Barbot (Lisa Couch)
Binnicker Family
Allyn Bruce (WPC)
Diane Byers (Deb Frasier)
Susie Cashion (WPC)
Lauren Choate (Sara Dwyer)
Cherie Couche (Dana Tumbleston)
Allen Croft (Gwen Croft)
Lydia Crosby (WPC)
Martin Davis (Kevin Mikles)
Hosanna Eadie (Katie Baturin)
Roxanne Eadie (Katie Baturin)
Ann & Ellen Farrar (Beth Georgen)
Edward Fitzgibbon (Joan Frye)
Randleson Floyd/Daniels (Gloria Purcell)
Harold Fountain (Henry Shepard)
Keith Gordon (WPC)
Margaret Ellen Hamman (Suzanne Fox)

Janie Hammersmith (WPC)
Megan Hatfield (Debbie McQueeney)
Betsy Henson (Ashley Snider)
Anna Hewitt (Dee Bee Wright)
Charlie Howell (Debbie Baskin)
Chris Huff (Gloria Purcell)
Emerson Jones (Molly Griggs)
Lynn Koger (WPC)
Mary Laird (Ashley Snider)
Fran Ligon (WPC)
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)
Jennifer Morgan (Susie Cashion)
Joe Nuchols (Debbie McQueeney)

Julie Pell (Sandy & Debbie Pell)
Pratt Family (WPC Preschool)
Donna Purcell (WPC)
Cliff & Liz 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)
Aileen Wiese (WPC)
Janet Wilson (Gloria Purcell)
Betty Winter (Dee Bee Wright)
Robbie Yarnall (WPC)

PRAYER LIST UPDATED JANUARY 2026

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

Friend of the Week	Mission of the Week	Student of the Week	Church Family
Tom Harvey Evergreen House Room 5 201 W. 9 th North Street Summerville, SC 29483	Journey Campus Ministry charlestonjourney @gmail.com	Corbett Housley 3288 Plow Ground Rd. Johns Island, SC 29455	Sue Smoak

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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