



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

January 25, 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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*Jordan Mae Bazzle, violin*

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!*

*Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.*

## ◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

One: The Lord is my light and salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

All: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?**

One: One thing I asked of the Lord,  
that I will seek after:

All: **to live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life.**

## ◆ PRAYER

### ◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

## CONFESSION

## ◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Lord, we come humbly before you, acknowledging the ways that we have fallen short of your glory. We have sinned by thinking the wrong things, speaking the wrong things, and doing the wrong things. We are trapped by our own inability to change, and we need your help. In your mercy, do not count our sins against us, but forgive us and transform our hearts to be obedient to you and your will for our lives. Free us from the grip of sin and death so we might live for you and experience the fullness of life found only in Christ. It is in his name that we pray.

-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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 4:12-23

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SERMON

Called to a New Vision

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 721              Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

◆ 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. 720                                      Jesus Calls Us

◆ BLESSING

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◆ *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, Eleanor Akery

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

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 rosebud in the sanctuary is given to the glory of God in celebration of the birth  
of Teague Charles Baskin, born January 21, 2026 to parents Abby and Thomas Baskin.  
Barry and Debbie Baskin are proud 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.

### 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.

### 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.



### FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

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| • 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.              |

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** has been called for Sunday, February 1 immediately following the 11:00 worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to review the financial reports from 2025, review the Session-approved budget for 2026, and in accordance with G-2.0804/G-1.0501 review and vote on changes in the terms of call for our pastor. We will also convene briefly for a **Meeting of the Corporation**. There is no business, but an annual meeting is required by SC law.

### **YOU'RE INVITED! ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- **The Anchor Class:** This class emphasizes fellowship, good discussion, and growth. Studying the book of ACTS. Class is led by David Jump and meets in Room 15 of the Education Building.
- **The Cary Grayson Class:** This class is facilitated by a team of leaders that engage in a study and reflection of the Bible. Studying 1 Chronicles. Class meets in Room 4 of Covenant Hall.
- **The Bible from Scratch: 4 weeks in Genesis:** This is a short tour of the first book of the Bible. God makes so many promises in Genesis- how are they fulfilled then, now, and in the time to come? If you would like a quick and accessible look into the foundations of our faith, join us for any or all of these sessions (1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15). Meets in the library with the LIFE Class. Pastor Priscilla and Lindy Coleman, leaders.
- **And Starting February 22:** Be on the lookout for 2 new options: a Lenten study on the 7 Last Words of Jesus from the Cross and a "No Prep Required" Bible study emphasizing good discussion around the biblical text.

### **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 is Wonderful Wednesday Campfire! Join us for hotdogs, s'mores, and all the trimmings. 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](http://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](http://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>

### **THE WESTMINSTER SOAP BOX**

We invite you to help support our food pantry clients by donating bars of soap each month for the grocery bags they receive. This small but meaningful gift helps families meet a basic need and reminds them they are cared for beyond just food. Donations can be placed in the collection box in the church foyer or in the workroom at any time. Thank you for helping us extend compassion and dignity to those we serve.

### **IT'S WOW RETREAT TIME!**

Please join the Women of Westminster (WOW) for a fun filled weekend or day at Edisto. The retreat will take place March 6th-8<sup>th</sup>; March 7th will be the day of the main program. You can either spend the weekend or just come for the day on Saturday. If you would like to stay for the weekend, the cost is \$75. This cost includes accommodations and meals, except for the dinner outing Saturday night. If you choose to just come on Saturday, the suggested cost is \$20. The cost does not include the dinner outing on Saturday night. The cost does include lunch, crafts, and goodies. Please sign up on the Sign-Up Genius link below. Please sign up for either a "Full Weekend Guest" slot or a "Saturday Only Guest" slot. Please make the check payable to WPC and mark it Women's Retreat, or you can drop off cash at the church. More info to come soon! Please contact Paige Dadin with any questions or concerns [paigedadin@yahoo.com](mailto:paigedadin@yahoo.com) or 843-270-0393.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44A4AB2AAAF5C52-61666376-wowretreat#/>

### **WESTMINSTER CAJM TEAM MEETING & OPEN HOUSE**

Sunday, February 8 (Second Sunday) | After worship in Covenant Hall | Second Sunday Lunch; childcare provided. Grab your lunch and join us for a casual, welcoming gathering to learn more about Charleston Area Justice Ministry (CAJM) and how Westminster is involved. This meeting is open to current CAJM team members and anyone curious about getting involved. We'll share what CAJM is, the issues we're working on, and concrete next steps for participation as we head toward the Rally and Nehemiah Action. All are welcome!

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### 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

### Monday, January 26

1:00 PM	Hands of Christ Board of Directors Meeting, Parlor
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### Tuesday, January 27

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

### Wednesday, January 28

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, January 29

### Friday, January 30

### Saturday, January 31

2:00 pm	Jean Binnicker Funeral Service, Sanctuary
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### Sunday, February 1

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Acolyte Training, Sanctuary
12:10 pm	CE Committee Meeting, Library
12:15 pm	Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor
5:00 pm	Souper Bowl of Caring Youth Bowling Event, Ashley Lanes
5:30 pm	Troop 79 Boy Scout Council Meeting, Covenant Hall
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)	Janie Hammersmith (WPC)	Julie Pell (Sandy & Debbie Pell)
Acker Family (WPC)	Megan Hatfield (Debbie McQueeney)	Powell Family (WPC)
Daryn Baker (Jane Acker)	Betsy Henson (Ashley Snider)	Pratt Family (WPC Preschool)
Mary Ashley Barbot (Lisa Couch)	Anna Hewitt (Dee Bee Wright)	Donna Purcell (WPC)
Binnicker Family	Charlie Howell (Debbie Baskin)	Cliff & Liz Shelor (WPC)
Allyn Bruce (WPC)	The Hudson Family (Priscilla Holtzclaw)	Tradd Shepard (WPC)
Diane Byers (Deb Frasier)	Chris Huff (Gloria Purcell)	Rachel Singletary (Sara Bobo)
Susie Cashion (WPC)	Emerson Jones (Molly Griggs)	The Jerry Smoak Family (WPC)
Lauren Choate (Sara Dwyer)	Lynn Koger (WPC)	Ray Thomas (Sara Dwyer)
Cherie Couche (Dana Tumbleston)	Mary Laird (Ashley Snider)	Towne Family (WPC)
Allen Croft (Gwen Croft)	Fran Ligon (WPC)	Gloria Underhill (Laura Nunn)
Lydia Crosby (WPC)	Ray Long (Ellen Bollinger)	Kathy Unger (Keith Gordon)
Martin Davis (Kevin Mikles)	John Martschink (WPC)	Jacqueline Vance (Sara Dwyer)
Hosanna Eadie (Katie Baturin)	Mary Martschink (WPC)	Mark Warner (Kendall Ramsay)
Roxanne Eadie (Katie Baturin)	Jay Massalon (Dana Tumbleston)	Aileen Wiese (WPC)
Ann & Ellen Farrar (Beth Georgen)	David McEachern (Debra Luhn)	Janet Wilson (Gloria Purcell)
Edward Fitzgibbon (Joan Frye)	Gavin McLeod (Dana Tumbleston)	Betty Winter (Dee Bee Wright)
Randleson Floyd/Daniels (Gloria Purcell)	Marley Miller (Dee Bee Wright)	Robbie Yarnall (WPC)
Harold Fountain (Henry Shepard)	Jennifer Morgan (Susie Cashion)	
Keith Gordon (WPC)	Joe Nuchols (Debbie McQueeney)	
Margaret Ellen Hamman (Suzanne Fox)		

## PRAYER LIST UPDATED JANUARY 2026

If you need to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please email [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org)

<b>Friend of the Week</b>	<b>Mission of the Week</b>	<b>Student of the Week</b>	<b>Church Family</b>
Lynn Koger	EmpowerHer Campus	Ashleigh Smith	John & Angie Smoak
129 Chadwick Drive	Ministries	821 Mallard Way 821-B	
Charleston, SC 29407		Seneca, SC 29678	

## **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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