



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

February 15, 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. 70      What Does the Lord Require of You?

What does the Lord require of you?  
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To seek justice and love kindness,  
And walk humbly with your God.

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

from Psalm 119

One: O Lord, teach me the way of your Law and I will obey it to the end. Give me understanding. Then I will listen to your Word and obey it with all my heart.

All: Make me walk in the path of your Word, for I find joy in it. Turn my eyes away from things that have no worth, and give me new life because of your ways.

One: Give me new life because of your right and good way.

All: May your loving-kindness come to me, O Lord. May you save me as your Word says. Let us worship God.

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 401      Here in This Place

## CONFESION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Heavenly Father, we admit our struggle with sin and pride, often resisting your guidance and choosing our own paths in life. Though you use what seems foolish, weak, or despised to humble worldly wisdom, strength, and values, we rely on ourselves and dismiss the gifts that others might bring. Forgive us for our pride and reshape us through the message of the cross. Help us boast only in Jesus Christ, so our lives reflect His grace and truth.

-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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## ◆ 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 5:13-20

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### SERMON

Salt & Light

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### ◆ SONG OF RESPONSE No. 749

Come! Live in the Light!

### ◆ DECLARATION OF FAITH

from a Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

## 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. 634

To God Be the Glory

## SENDING OUT

### ◆ BLESSING

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◆ Please stand, if able

### LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

Priscilla Holtzclaw, Parish Associate; Janie Bruce, Director of Adult Discipleship;

Claire Winkles, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries

Nancy Parrish, Pianist

Acolytes: Jane Akery, Riley Gentry

Ushers: Taffy Tamblyn, Robert Tamblyn, Matt Akery

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 in honor of our grandmother,  
Ellen Jordan, and in memory of our grandmothers, Jane Mitchell, Kathleen Daniel, and Doris Cowell by  
Adam, Sara, Ella Caroline and Everett Daniels.*

## **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.



## **2026 MEXICO MISSION TRIPS**

Pray for great trips for our team of adults (February 23-28) and our team of youth and adults (June 29-July 4) with Todd Luke and water cistern ministry in Xpujil, Mexico. Your generosity makes it possible for us to travel and experience what we are doing together with God and our mission partners. Take a donation envelope from the Buckets and Shovels Money Board in the Narthex. Return your envelope with cash or check to the office or the offering plate. Checks payable to WPC with 2026 Mission Trips in the memo line. You may also give online at the church website by choosing "2026 Mission Trip" on the dropdown menu. Thank you for your support.

## **GROUNDED IN PRAYER**

If events in your life, our community, our nation, or the world are stirring a desire for a more deeply rooted prayer life, you are not alone. You are invited to join others who feel the same way.

On Sundays from **5:00-5:45 pm**, we gather in the **WPC Sanctuary** for a time of prayer together. Each week will include:

- A brief devotional teaching from a pastor on the nature of prayer.
- Guided prayer shaped by the Psalms and the Lord's Prayer.
- Learning and practicing how biblical prayers can inform both personal and communal prayer.
- Taking steps to allow the Holy Spirit to lead us from prayer into action.

Whether you come as an active participant or a quiet observer, you are welcome. Join us any Sunday.

## **CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING**

Did You Know? In an effort to keep everyone safe, we have a Child Protection Policy. All staff, officers, and youth and children volunteers are required to have annual training and background checks at WPC. There are three upcoming opportunities for training:

- 12:00-12:15 in the Sanctuary on February 15
- 10:00-10:15 in the Sanctuary on February 22
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Ms. Claire leads the training. We appreciate your help in keeping our youth and children safe!

## **JOIN US FOR WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY!**

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship at 6:00 p.m. This week join us for chicken and waffles! Adults \$8, children \$4 and a family cap of \$25 via cash, card or check.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 18**

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. It's called Ash Wednesday because as a sign of repentance, believers through the centuries have received the mark of an ashen cross on their forehead. The ashes remind us of God's words to Adam when he sinned- "remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," and it reminds us of the Old Testament practice of wearing sackcloth and having ashes placed on the head as a sign of spiritual poverty. On February 18, there are several opportunities to gather.

- 8:00- 8:15a.m. & 12:15-12:30p.m. Brief gatherings in the sanctuary to pray and be marked with the ashes of repentance.
- 6:30 -7:15p.m. Ash Wednesday worship where we hear God's word of hope and are marked with the ashes of repentance. In Covenant Hall following 6:00 supper.

## **FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT**

What the Church calls "the seven last words" of Jesus are based on the final seven phrases Jesus said on the cross before his death. We study them because his identity, purpose, and depth of love becomes clear as we come to understand the meaning behind his last words. Join us for worship on for the 7 Last Words Sermon series. Listen online at [wpccharleston.org](http://wpccharleston.org)

- February 22 The First Word: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."
- March 1 The Second Word: "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."
- March 8 The Third Word: "Woman, behold your son; behold your mother."
- March 15 The Fourth Word: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
- March 22 The Fifth Word: "I thirst."
- March 29 The Sixth Word: "It is finished."
- April 3 The Seventh Word: "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."
- April 5 Easter: The Resurrection of Jesus

## **LENTEN DEVOTIONAL: THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS**

As we journey through Lent, we invite you to deepen your worship and discipleship with a Lenten devotional that follows our sermon series, *The Seven Last Words of Jesus*. These final words spoken from the cross-reveal Jesus' identity, purpose, and unfailing love. The devotional, created by WPC staff, is designed for individuals, families, and groups, with weekly prayers, Scripture readings, reflection questions, and suggested practices to use throughout the season. Pick up a copy and follow along each week for a more meaningful Lent.

Consider going deeper in community through the **Life Class**, Sundays from **10:00-10:45 a.m.** in the Church Library, where we'll use this devotional together.

*Devotionals are available in the narthex.*

## **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.)

## **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. There will be carpooling opportunities for those who wish. 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.



## **BUILD A LEGACY OF DISCIPLESHIP THROUGH THE WESTMINSTER ENDOWMENT**

Years ago, faithful disciples started the Westminster Endowment. Thanks to generous giving and wise investments with The Presbyterian Foundation, the Endowment has grown and is a source of support for Westminster mission and ministry. A gift to the Endowment today is a gift that keeps on giving, year after year.

Here's how it works: Every year, 3% of the General-Purpose Endowment goes to support the annual church budget. That means a legacy gift of \$100 to that fund will provide \$3 to the annual church operating budget in perpetuity. A legacy gift of \$10,000 will provide \$300. A gift of \$100,000 will provide \$3,000. Every year. It is a way you can continue to support the mission and ministry of the church forever.

A gift to the General-Purpose Fund is a great way to support ministry long into the future, but it is not the only way. You may also choose to give to other funds in the Endowment to support the specific areas of CE and Preschool, Mission, Worship, Capital Improvement, Senior Adults, and others (A complete list is available). Those funds are available, if needed, in support of those areas of the mission and ministry of the church.

For more information or to inquire about making a legacy gift, please contact the church office.

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, February 15

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Child Protection Training, Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Grounded in Prayer, Sanctuary
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Monday, February 16

6:30 pm	Circle 1 Meeting, Library
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### Tuesday, February 17

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
6:30 pm	Pack 79 Crossing Over Ceremony, Covenant Hall

### Wednesday, February 18

8:00 am	Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:00 am	Volunteer, Neighbors Together
12:15 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Sanctuary
4:45 pm	Acolyte Training, Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday, Covenant Hall
6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Sanctuary
7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Thursday, February 19

1:00 pm	SAMS Lunch & Learn, Covenant Hall
5:30 pm	Troop 79 Boy Scout Council Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Friday, February 20

High School CAP Retreat @ Bethelwoods

### Saturday, February 21

### Sunday, February 22

9:00 am	Worship Service/Scout Sunday
10:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Child Protection Training, Sanctuary
11:00 am	Worship Service/Scout Sunday
12:00 pm	Child Protection Training, Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Book Group, Pastor Daniel's Office
5:00 pm	Grounded in Prayer, Sanctuary
5:00 pm	Confirmation Parent/Grandparent Bible Study, Covenant Hall
5:00 pm	Youth Group, Covenant Hall
5:00 pm	Deacons Meeting, Covenant Hall
6:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting, Room 4
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)  
Clara Hanger (Gloria Purcell)  
Megan Hatfield (Debbie McQueeney)  
Betsy Henson (Ashley Snider)  
Anna Hewitt (Dee Bee Wright)  
Charlie Howell (Debbie Baskin)  
The Hudson Family (Priscilla Holtzclaw)  
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)

Julie Pell (Sandy & Debbie Pell)  
Powell Family (WPC)  
Pratt Family (WPC Preschool)  
Donna Purcell (WPC)  
Paula Ruth (Debbie McQueeney)  
Sarah Schumann (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 FEBRUARY 2026

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**  
Lynne MacPherson  
c/o Heather Parrott  
2 Queens Street  
Huntington, NY 11743

**Mission of the Week**  
WPC Food Pantry

**Student of the Week**  
Henry Earnst  
1727 Somerset Circle  
Charleston, SC 29407

**Church Family**  
Bryan & Lela Solomon  
George

## 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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