

April & May 2026



THE GOOD NEWS

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

GREETINGS

From Pastor Daniel

In *The Hiding Place*, Corrie ten Boom recounts how she and her family sheltered Jewish refugees in their home during World War II. Living in Holland, their town lay along an escape route for Jews fleeing the advancing Gestapo. To protect those in danger, the ten Boom family constructed a hidden room behind a false wall in an upstairs bedroom—small, concealed, and capable of holding several people during a raid.

They practiced emergency drills with their guests so that, at the sound of a buzzer, everyone could disappear within seconds. Dishes would be cleared, beds reset, and any trace of their presence erased. In less than a minute, the refugees could reach the hiding place, where they were safe from discovery. Even when the Nazis were certain fugitives were present, they could not find them.

At any given time during 1943 and 1944, six or seven people were living secretly in the ten Boom home—some for days, others only for a few hours until a new safe house could be found. Through these courageous efforts, it is estimated that the ten Boom family helped save nearly 800 Jewish lives. For many, their home became a refuge—a place of safety in the midst of chaos, where they could rest, if only briefly, from the terror surrounding them.

Psalm 27 speaks of such a place: *“For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent.”*

The psalmist knew what it meant to have a hiding place—a refuge where, even as the world raged, one could find security and peace. Scripture offers us similar images: Noah and his family sheltered in the ark as the floodwaters rose; the infant Moses hidden safely among the reeds; the Hebrew spies protected in Rahab’s home; and the upper room where Jesus gathered with his disciples before his arrest.

To be hidden by God is, among other things, to be freed from fear: *“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Though evildoers assail me... they shall stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise against me, yet I will be confident.”*

Our prayer today is that we would grow in our understanding of God’s covering—trusting that no matter what storms rage around us, we are held securely in Him.

Much love,

Daniel



FROM THE PULPIT

April 2, 2026

*Maundy Thursday
Seder Meal in Covenant Hall*

April 3, 2026

*Good Friday
Luke 23:46
Seven Last Words: Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.*

April 5, 2026

*Easter: The Resurrection of Jesus
Matthew 28:1-10*

April 12, 2026

*Communion
Luke 24:13-25
The Road to Emmaus*



April 19, 2026

*John 20:19-31
Jesus and Thomas*

April 26, 2026

Youth Sunday

May 3, 2026

*Communion
John 14:1-14
The Way, the Truth, and the Life*



May 10, 2026

*Mother's Day
John 14:15-21
Our Helper, the Holy Spirit*

May 17, 2026

*Guest Pastor: Bill Stanfield
Metanoia Mission Partner*

May 24, 2026

*Acts 2
Pentecost*

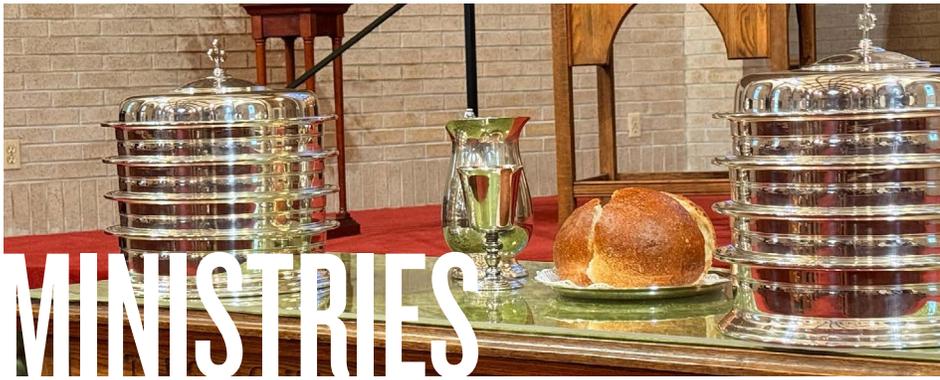
May 31, 2026

*Matthew 28:16-20
The Trinity*

June 7, 2026

Communion





MINISTRIES

DISCIPLESHIP UPDATES

New Members

Our Confirmands - see list on page 4.

Baptisms

Ella Caroline Daniels. March 8, 2026

Eliza Forsythe, daughter of Jay Forsythe and Julie Hughes. March 15, 2026

In Loving Memory

Carolyn Drose, February 19, 2026

Lynn Macpherson, February 21, 2026

Patricia "Pat" Coggins, March 4, 2026

NEW HERE?

Make Some Connections at Westminster

Sunday, April 26

10:00 - 10:40 a.m.

Pastor Daniel's Office

Connections: An opportunity for those visiting or new who want to meet others and learn more about LIFE at Westminster. The next Connections Class is April 26. 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. Save your spot at the April 26 Connections class by emailing office@wpcharleston.org.

SAVE THE DATE

WPC Family Retreat in Bethelwoods

October 16-18, 2026

FELLOWSHIP

Wonderful Wednesdays

6:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall

Join us every Wednesday for dinner for adults and children. \$4 kids, \$8 adults, \$25 for a family max. Follow the E-news and Bulletin for menus and special programs.

April 8

April 15

April 22

April 29

May 6

W.E. Pack

May 13

May 20

May 27

Second Sunday Social Potluck April 12 (Not on May 10 due to Mother's Day)

following 11:00 a.m. Worship

Every 2nd Sunday of the month, all are welcome to a fried chicken luncheon in Covenant Hall following 11:00 a.m. worship. We provide the chicken and drinks while sides are good ole fashioned pot luck. Please prepare enough to share; drop your dish off in Covenant Hall during the Sunday School Hour.

Holy Grounds

First Sunday of the Month during the Sunday School hour

Join us for Holy Grounds, a monthly gathering during the Sunday School hour, hosted by the deacons! This casual time of coffee, conversation (and pastries!) is designed to welcome visitors, new members and existing members who want to meet others, get more involved in the life of the church, and build meaningful connections.

Worship at Westminster

9:00 a.m. Worship

Nursery available

10:00 a.m. Sunday School for Children, Youth & Adults

Nursery available

11:00 a.m. Worship

Children's Church

& Nursery available

Scan for Livestream



Adult Sunday School Classes

10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Anchor Class

Room 15, CE Building

Cary Grayson Class

Room 4, Covenant Hall

The LIFE Class

Library, Covenant Hall

The No Prep Class

Parlor, Admin Hall



Scan for a full list of Sunday School Classes and descriptions.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

2026 Book Study Series

Sunday, April 26

5:00 p.m.

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 be a catalyst for growth in discipleship. Read in preparation for the group discussion at 5:00 p.m. on the 4th Sunday of every other month.

On April 26 we'll discuss Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Psalms: The Prayerbook of the Bible.

"Jesus died with a psalm on his lips. For millennia, humans have been shaped by the Psalms. And before the Nazis banned him from publishing, German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer published this book on the Psalms. What comfort is found in the Psalter? What praise, and what challenge? What threat? Discover the richness this book of Scripture held for Bonhoeffer, and learn to pray psalms along with Christ. First published in 1940, this classic reveals how the Psalms are essential to the life of the believer and offers Bonhoeffer's reflections on psalms of thanksgiving, suffering, guilt, praise, and lament." (Books are \$15 and available online or in the Narthex.)

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&2 Kings. Class meets in Room 4 of Covenant Hall.

The LIFE Class Between Easter and Summer, we are studying lessons in leadership from the book of ACTS. Meets in the library. Pastor Priscilla and Lindy Coleman, leaders.

The No Prep Class. By "no prep" we mean no preparation on the part of the participants. During this class we will read and discuss Jesus' parables in a Bible study format. Participants don't need to prepare ahead, don't need to be experts, and don't need to make a commitment to being present every week. This class meets in the Parlor in the admin hallway.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Worship

Sunday, March 29

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday Worship

Thursday, April 2, 6:00 p.m.

Join us in Covenant Hall for a meaningful Seder meal as we remember and reflect on Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples.

Good Friday Worship

Friday, April 3, 7:00 p.m.

We gather in the sanctuary for worship that focuses on the final hours and final words of Jesus' life. Choir and Instrumentalists.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

The tomb is empty and death is defeated! Praise God for the victory we have in Jesus, and hear what difference the resurrection makes for us today. Special music and instrumentalists at both services.

Easter Mission Breakfast

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10:00 a.m. in Covenant Hall

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Thank you for your support.



WESTMINSTER MONTHLIES

Hooks & Needles

Monday, April 13 & May 11

10:00 a.m.

Classroom 4, Covenant Hall
We knit and crochet baby blankets for WPC baptisms among other projects. All are welcome to come (even just for the fellowship).

Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, April 14 & May 12

8:00 a.m., Trotter's Restaurant

Men of all ages join us for Breakfast and Bible Study
Pastor Daniel leading.

Circle 4

Tuesday, April 14 & May 12

10:00 a.m.

Classroom 4, Covenant Hall

Circle 5

Tuesday, April 14 & May 12

10:00 a.m.

Parlor, Admin Building

Circle 1

Monday, April 20 & May 18

6:30 p.m.

Library, Covenant Hall

Scan for Church Calendar.





PRESCHOOL

Spring has arrived, and the school year is quickly coming to a close. As teachers prepare to wrap up the year, they are assessing students and getting ready for parent conferences. Plans are underway for the four-year-old classes' Mother's Day celebrations, and classrooms are filled with the sounds of children practicing songs and Bible verses for end-of-year programs. Of course, we're also looking forward to special traditions like beach trips and class parties to celebrate all that's been accomplished.

It has been a year full of learning, growth, and joy. It's hard to believe the time has come to say goodbye to several families who have been part of our community for many years. We send them on with God's blessings, our love, and the spirit of Westminster to guide them in the next steps of their educational journey.

Blessings,
The Preschool

Contact:
Alicia Crosby, Director
(843) 571-0321
preschool@wpccharleston.org

2026 CONFIRMANDS

We give thanks to God for our Confirmation students and their elder partners, who have faithfully walked alongside them in faith, guidance, and encouragement throughout this journey. Their commitment to learning, growing, and supporting one another is a blessing to our church community.

Please join us in celebrating and praying over them:

- Eleanor Eisley Akery
- Elayna Grace Bobo
- Kathryn Dawn Bobo
- Spencer Allyn Bruce
- Emma Jeanne Camburn
- Mary Caroline Christian
- Lauren McGhee Cook
- Ella Caroline Daniels
- Jack McKewen Ferguson Jr.
- Grace Catherine Fulmer
- John Carl Griggs
- Griffin Stuart Maki
- Catherine Elizabeth Patrick
- Nicholas Dickson Patrick
- Sarah Beth Patrick
- Will Claussen Patrick
- Henry William Ramsay
- Jillian Jean Ramsay
- Leanora Elizabeth Richards
- Thomas Lee Robinson
- Matthew Morris Smoak
- Lucas Montgomery Ward

**Children's
Sunday School**
10:00 - 10:45 a.m.
in the CE Building

Infants - 2T
Nursery

3-5K
Room 14

1st-2nd Grade
Room 13

3rd-5th Grade
Room 17

**Youth
Sunday School**
10:00 - 10:45 a.m.
in Covenant Hall

Middle School (6th-8th)
Room 1

High School (9th-12th)
Room 3



Scan for a full list of
Sunday School Classes
and descriptions.

**Sunday Night
Youth Group**
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
in Covenant Hall

All Youth Dinner
5:00-5:30 p.m.

Peer Group Fellowship
5:30-6:30 p.m.
*Middle School & High
School break into small age-
appropriate groups for bible
study, games and fellowship.*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Westminster's Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Fair!

Saturday, March 28

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

We invite children from 0 to 5th grade to come celebrate Easter with us and enjoy Easter crafts, snack on delicious treats, hear the story of the resurrection, and, of course, join in the fun Easter Egg Hunt with exciting prizes and a special visitor!

We'll have age-specific groups to make sure every child has a safe and fun time. It's a great opportunity to see God's love in action as we celebrate this special season together. We hope to see you there for a day of joy, fellowship, and faith!

This is not a drop off event. This event is rain or shine.

Club 3,4,5

Sunday, May 3

12:45 - 2:00 p.m.

All 3rd-5th graders are welcome for the last Club 345 of the school year, Sunday May 3rd from 12:45-2:00 p.m. at Smash Charleston!

Elementary Choir

Do you have a child in 1st-5th grade who loves to sing and worship? Join us for Elementary Choir this spring! Children are invited to rehearse on select Wednesdays and Sundays in April and May, with Wednesday practices held from 5:30-6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary (Sunday times vary).

We encourage children to attend as many rehearsals as possible as they prepare to lead worship. For questions, contact Ms. Claire at cwinkles@wpccharleston.org. We'd love to sing with your children!

Rehearsal Schedule:

Wed., April 29 | 5:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Sun., May 3 | 12:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Sun., May 17 | 12:00 p.m.

Wed., May 27 | 5:30 p.m.

Sun., May 31 | 10:50-11:00 a.m. (final rehearsal)

Special Music:

Sunday, May 31 at 11:00 a.m. Worship

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Sunday

Sunday, April 26

at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Youth Sunday is an annual service where our 6th-12th graders lead worship, sharing their gifts, talents, and love for God. This year, they've been prayerfully preparing a service centered on the theme, "God Has Your Back!"

If your youth would like to participate, keep an eye out for a sign-up email from Ms. Claire.

End of Year Youth Party

Sunday, May 3

5:00-7:00 p.m.

All 6th-12th graders are invited to celebrate as we close out the 2025-2026 school year together! We look forward to seeing you for fellowship, food, and fun as we prepare for the summer ahead!

VBS Youth Volunteers

June 21-25th

We are always in need of Youth Helpers at Vacation Bible School! Look for the link in the e-news or reach out to Ms. Claire.



SUMMER 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!

Sunday, May 3

12:30 - 2:00pm

Club 345 End of Year Bowling Party

5:00 - 7:00pm

Youth Group End of Year Party

June 7-13

Montreat Youth Conference

June 21-25

Vacation Bible School

June 29 - July 4

Mexico Mission Trip for Sr. High Students in Grades 10-12. Limited spots available, so please reach out to Ms. Claire for more information!

July 6 - 9

Mid High Mission Trip at Presbyterian College

Week of July 25

Westminster Presbyterian's Bethelwoods Week!*

**Did You Know? Westminster offers scholarships for our children who register for Bethelwoods Summer Camps. We will pay for 1/2 of the Tier 1 price for each registered child. Here's how it works: get registered through the Bethelwoods website and then submit a scholarship request form to Westminster for reimbursement. Forms are available by contacting the Church Office or Ms. Claire.*

**kids can go to Bethelwoods anytime during the summer. Westminster families traditionally register for the week of July 25.*



VOLUNTEER

W.E. Pack Wednesday
Wednesday, May 6
Wonderful Wednesday Supper
6:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall
The first Wednesday of the month
"W.E. Pack" weekend food kits for
students with food insecurities.
People of all ages can participate
in a fun and meaningful
mission project together.

Neighbors Together
Wednesday, April 15 & May 20
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Serve a hot meal to our neighbors
in need the third Wednesday
of every month at Neighbors
Together; 2105 Cosgrove Ave,
North Charleston, SC 29405.

Adopt the Blessing Box
Adopt for two weeks at a
time, making sure it's stocked
and replenishing items as
needed. Great opportunity for
Circles, Sunday School classes,
neighbors, and families.

Sign Up/More Info:
 Church Office
 (843) 766-8311
office@wpccharleston.org

Scan for additional
 opportunities & to sign up!



METANOIA

May 17 is Metanoia Day at Westminster

CEO Bill Stanfield will preach at both worship services.

Join us at 10:00 AM in Covenant Hall for a combined "Pause and Refresh" Sunday School. Bill will share updates on Metanoia and the impactful work they are doing in the community.

Metanoia is a nonprofit organization dedicated to community development through resident-led leadership and goals in North Charleston since 2002. Their core focus areas include:

- Safe, nurturing after-school and summer enrichment programs for children
- Quality, affordable housing
- Economic revitalization of disinvested North Charleston neighborhoods.

CAJM

Nehemiah Action Assembly

Monday, April 27

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist

Who Attends: Team Leaders, Clergy, Network Members & their guests

Description: The centerpiece of our year — thousands gather to call for justice, present solutions, and stand with one voice for change.

YOU ARE INVITED! Your Presence makes a difference.

Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist 7396 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston, SC

MEXICO MISSIONS

Easter Mission Breakfast

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10:00 a.m. in Covenant Hall

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MEMORIALS

In Memory of

Robert Luhn
Chuck Towne
Jerry Smoak
Jerry Acker
Meg Powell

Given By

Wilbur & Sue Wise
Norman & Virginia Hook
Don & Nancy McVicker
Lynn McFall
Ann Wild
Sandy Pell
Joyce Blackburn
Yuki & Philieppe Huber
Miki & Tomooki Minato
Ebony City Family
John & Fran Ligon
Jane Acker
Stacey Parker Austell
Mike, Billy, & Andy Moore
Alice Shayna Howell
Allison El Koubi
Dick & Carol Patrick
Debbie Redmon
Andrew Powell
Sandra Boozer
Allyn Bruce
Howard & Jenny Fulwiler
Dr Peter Cahn
Sue Smoak
Joan Leon
Rick Bamberger
Steve & Karen Polansky & Family
Debbie Pell
Jim & Pam Gill
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SPECIAL OFFERING

Mother's Day Offering

On Sunday, May 10, we will collect the Mother's Day Offering for the benefit of Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina. For over 60 years, this offering has been an important act of support for this unique ministry of SC Presbyterians to older adults. The proceeds are used solely to support residents at Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina who have outlived their life savings through no fault of their own and now depend on the kindness of others. The average cost of Charitable Care in from 2013 to 2023 was \$1,212,000, cover 19 residents whose average age is 90. You may drop your offering in the plate that morning, mail it in to the church, or give online at wpccharleston.org. Checks payable to Westminster, or choose "Presbyterian Home" on the online menu. Thank you!

WPC ART

Give the Gift of Westminster

Christmas is just around the corner, and Westminster art by our own Patrick Grills is available. Prints, mugs, stationery, etc is available for purchase, and proceeds from every sale benefit the mission of the church. Check out the virtual storefront by scanning the QR Code below.

Westminster Presbyterian Church
1157 Sam Rittenberg Boulevard
Charleston, South Carolina 29407

Westminster Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP



9:00 a.m.

WORSHIP

Nursery available

10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

for Children, Youth & Adults

Nursery available

11:00 a.m.

WORSHIP

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