



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

## Palm Sunday

March 29, 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. 197      Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

**Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.**

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

From Matthew and Luke

One:      When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And as he rode along, most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying:

All:      **Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!**

One:      And the crowds that went before him  
and that followed him were shouting,

All:      **Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!**

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 196      All Glory, Laud, and Honor

REFRAIN:

**All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

**Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One. (Refrain)**

**The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. (Refrain)**

**To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. (Refrain)**

## CONFESSION

### ◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Merciful God, we wave our palms and cry “Hosanna,” yet our praise is fleeting. We welcome Christ as King but resist his rule and turn from his way of the cross. Forgive us for the ease with which our devotion becomes denial and our faith gives way to fear. Search our hearts, renew our spirits, and make us steadfast, that we may follow Jesus in faithful love; through Christ our Lord.

-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.  
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## WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER

### ◆ 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

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Administered to Patrick and Parker Nelson, sons of Alex and Joyce Nelson  
Dee Bee Wright, assisting Elder

### ◆ DECLARATION 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

## TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

Claire Winkles

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 19:23-30

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 114

## SERMON

The Sixth Word from the Cross  
“It is finished”

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### ◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 220

Go to Dark Gethsemane

## 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. 363

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

### SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

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◆ *Please stand, if able*

#### LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Priscilla Holtzclaw, Parish Associate;  
Janie Bruce, Director of Adult Discipleship;  
Claire Winkles, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries

Nancy Parrish, Pianist

Acolytes: Annie Robinson, Everett Daniels

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

### TODAY IS PALM SUNDAY!

All children (and young at heart) are invited to process and wave palm branches during the first hymn. It's a celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week! Palms are provided; kids will start in the pew and then be directed to the narthex for the beginning of the processional.

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

Today during the 9:00 service, we are glad to receive Johnathan "Blake" Rainwater into membership at Westminster. Blake is the fiancée of Emma Kerr; they are getting married in November. Welcome, Blake!

### 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



## NEW HERE? MAKE SOME CONNECTIONS AT WESTMINSTER

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@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org).

## 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&2 Kings. Class meets in Room 4 of Covenant Hall.
- The LIFE Class We're using the Lenten Devotional guide to work through the 7 Last Words of Jesus from the Cross. 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.

## GROUNDING 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.

This Sunday from 5:00-5:45 pm, we gather in the **PARLOR** for a time of prayer. Our time together 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. We meet this Sunday and then will gather again Sunday, April 26 for a discussion on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book on the Psalms.

## 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 be a catalyst for growth in discipleship. Read in preparation for the group discussion at 5:00 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.)

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP

### **Palm Sunday Worship**

9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday, March 29

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

### **Maundy Thursday Worship**

6:00 p.m. Thursday, April 2

*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**

7:00 p.m. Friday, April 3

*We gather in the sanctuary for worship that focuses on the final hours and final words of Jesus' life. Sermon on the 7<sup>th</sup> Word from the Cross: "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." Choir and Instrumentalists.*

### **Easter Sunday**

9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday, April 5

*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.*

## MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER MEAL DETAILS

Join us for a very special Seder Meal for Maundy Thursday. Those gathered will engage in the rituals associated with the Passover meal Jesus shared with his disciples, the traditional foods and the meanings behind them will be presented, and an ancient song of deliverance will be sung. The meal will end with Holy Communion, pointing to the Lamb who was slain for us on the cross.

When & Where : Maundy Thursday, April 2 @ 6:00 pm in Covenant Hall

Who: Everyone! There will be meals for adults & youth and elementary age students. There will be a nursery for children younger than 1st grade.

How much: Wonderful Wednesday prices. \$8 per person & \$24 family max

Menu: Baked chicken, salad, rice pilaf, green beans along with traditional Seder meal elements.

RSVPs will be necessary. This may be done on the church website, in the office, or on the bulletin board.



## 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)

- TODAY 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

## EASTER MISSION BREAKFAST

Join us on Easter morning at 10:00 in Covenant Hall for a delicious pancake breakfast. It is good FOOD, good FELLOWSHIP, and generous FUNDING for our Mexico mission partnership. In Mexico, we partner with Todd Luke and a group of Presbyterian leaders who have been serving their communities for more than 20 years by building water cisterns which address the dire need for usable water in that part of the Yucatan. The community leaders identify the need and work alongside families and mission teams to construct needed cisterns. A WPC team of adults went in February, and a team of youth and adults is going in June/July. A donation bucket will be out, and we encourage your support there or online on the church website (choose 2026 Mission Trips) \$3600 will fund a whole water cistern. \$260 will buy a pile of sand or rocks- a fitting gift since that's what our teams spend the week shoveling.)

Thank you for your support!

## BRING A FLOWER ON EASTER SUNDAY!

Christ's resurrection brings new life to the whole world- it is the beginning of the restoration of all things! Even the terrible, rugged cross, the instrument of Jesus' death, can become an emblem of new life in Christ. On Easter Sunday, a cross will be located at the front of the sanctuary, and you are invited to bring a flower or use the flowers provided to decorate it.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: ADULT & YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Sunday, June 21 – Thursday, June 25, 2026.** Children ages 3K up to 5th grade are invited to join us for VBS.

This year's theme is **Called to Love: God's Mission, Our Hands.** "We love because God first loved us." -1 John 4:19. We are also inviting Youth and Adults to volunteer for this most special and fun week of worship! Scan the QR Code for all details, volunteering forms and registration.



**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.

**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, March 29

9:00 am Palm Sunday Worship Service  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Palm Sunday Worship Service  
5:00 pm Grounded in Prayer, Parlor  
5:00 pm Youth Group  
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Monday, March 30

### Tuesday, March 31

10:00 am Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, April 1

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Thursday, April 2

6:00 pm Seder Meal, Covenant Hall

### Friday, April 3

7:00 pm Good Friday Worship, Sanctuary

### Saturday, April 4

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, April 5

9:00 am Easter Worship Service  
10:00 am Easter Mission Breakfast  
11:00 am Easter Worship Service  
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)	Clara Hanger (Gloria Purcell)	Powell Family (WPC)
Daryn Baker (Jane Acker)	Megan Hatfield (Debbie McQueeney)	Pratt Family (WPC Preschool)
Mary Ashley Barbot (Lisa Couch)	Betsy Henson (Ashley Snider)	Donna Purcell (WPC)
Binnicker Family	Anna Hewitt (Dee Bee Wright)	Joyce Reeves (Sue Smoak)
Allyn Bruce (WPC)	Richard Holtz (WPC)	Paula Ruth (Debbie McQueeney)
Diane Byers (Deb Frasier)	The Hudson Family (Priscilla Holtzclaw)	Sarah Schumann (WPC)
Susie Cashion (WPC)	Huff Family (Gloria Purcell)	Cliff & Liz Shelor (WPC)
Lauren Choate (Sara Dwyer)	Emerson Jones (Molly Griggs)	Tradd Shepard (WPC)
Allen Croft (Gwen Croft)	Lynn Koger (WPC)	Rachel Singletary (Sara Bobo)
Lydia Crosby (WPC)	Mary Laird (Ashley Snider)	The Jerry Smoak Family (WPC)
Martin Davis (Kevin Mikles)	Fran Ligon (WPC)	Ray Thomas (Sara Dwyer)
Hosanna Eadie (Katie Baturin)	Ray Long (Ellen Bollinger)	Towne Family (WPC)
Roxanne Eadie (Katie Baturin)	Joe Marchiney (Carole Russell)	Gloria Underhill (Laura Nunn)
Ann & Ellen Farrar (Beth Georgen)	John Martschink (WPC)	Kathy Unger (Keith Gordon)
Edward Fitzgibbon (Joan Frye)	Mary Martschink (WPC)	Jacqueline Vance (Sara Dwyer)
Randleson Floyd/Daniels (Gloria Purcell)	Jay Massalon (Dana Tumbleston)	Aileen Wiese (WPC)
Harold Fountain (Henry Shepard)	David McEachern (Debra Luhn)	Janet Wilson (Gloria Purcell)
Keith Gordon (WPC)	Gavin McLeod (Pamela Roberts)	Betty Winter (Dee Bee Wright)
Margaret Ellen Hamman (Suzanne Fox)	Marley Miller (Dee Bee Wright)	Eleanor Woodbury (Anna Kerr)
	Jennifer Morgan (Susie Cashion)	Robbie Yarnall (WPC)

## PRAYER LIST UPDATED MARCH 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>
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## **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 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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