



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

April 19, 2026

11:00 a.m.

*Please greet each other warmly as the congregation gathers for worship.
Take a moment and sign the friendship register.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moment for Mission

CAJM

PRELUDE

He is Risen

HANS-DIETER KARRAS

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 113

One: Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.

All: Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.

One: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.

All: The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.

One: For there is no other like our God, the One who sits enthroned on high.

All: Let us worship the Lord our God.

◆ INVOCATION

◆ HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 246

Christ is Alive!

TRURO

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we approach you with humility because we are aware of the ways that we fall short of your will for our lives. We would rather rely on our strength than yours; we act like we have no need for your grace; we chase after wealth, power, and influence instead of discipleship; we only give thanks to you when things go our way; we seek to follow you on our terms; we hold onto the gifts that rightly belong to you. O Lord, show us your mercy. Do not treat us as our sins deserve, but instead set us free for faithful obedience to you. We ask in Jesus' name.

-Silent Personal Confession-

◆ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

◆ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

The Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Christ, all people here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

◆ SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbor

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Administered to Berit Mary Dickson and Samuel John Dickson,
daughter and son of James and Carrie Dickson. Sarah Schumann, assisting Elder

◆ 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

TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

Laura Patrick

Following Children's Time, children ages 2-3K (Wee Church) and 4-5 K (Children's Church) will gather in the narthex with adult leaders and then be led to the Children's Building. Parents may pick them up following the service.

ANTHEM

Hymn of Promise

NATALIE SLEETH

Sanctuary Choir

In the bulb, there is a flower. In the seed, an apple tree. In cocoons, a hidden promise butterflies will soon be free. In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. There's a song in every silence seeking word and melody. There's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future, what it holds, a mystery unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. In our end is our beginning. In our time, infinity. In our doubt, there is believing, In our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection. At the last, a victory unrevealed until its season something God alone can see.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20: 19-31

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SERMON

Jesus and Thomas

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

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

◆ HYMN NO. 269

Lead On, O King Eternal!

LANCASHIRE

◆ BENEDICTION

◆ POSTLUDE

Awake! The Dawn Appears

STEVEN SCOTT

◆ *Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Priscilla Holtzclaw, Parish Associate;
Janie Bruce, Director of Adult Discipleship;
Sarah Shayban, Director of Music

Acolytes: Caroline Ferguson, Jenna Kuenzel

Children's Church: Catherine Morgan, Caroline Christian

Wee Church: Missy Rutter, Leslie Krajewski

Ushers: Betsy McLaughlin, Derek McLaughlin, Martha Adams, Lou Bowers, Dave Stanton

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

TODAY WE ARE SO GLAD TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO THE WESTMINSTER FAMILY:

At 9:00:

Greg and Melanie Mixon

At 11:00:

James and Carrie Dickson along with their daughter, Berit and their son, Sam.

Jeff and Leigh Zupan along with their daughter, Hollis.

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



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.

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

- TODAY John 20:19-31 Jesus and Thomas
- April 26 Youth Sunday!
- May 3 John 14:1-14 The Way, the Truth, and the Life
- May 10 John 14:15-21 Our Helper, the Holy Spirit
- May 17 Bill Stanfield (Metanoia) Preaching
- May 24 Acts 2 Pentecost!
- May 31 Matthew 28:16-20 The Trinity

YOU'RE INVITED! TODAY IS A GREAT TIME TO HOP INTO ONE OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES

- 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 Chronicles. 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.

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 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.)

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 Taco Night! Adults \$8, children \$4 and a family cap of \$25 via cash, card or check.

ELEMENTARY CHOIR SAVE THE DATE!

Do you have a child in 1st-5th grade who loves to sing and worship the Lord? Then mark your calendars for the following Elementary Choir practices! Children are invited to come practice and sing on a variety of Wednesday nights in the month of April and May. Wednesday practices will be in the sanctuary from 5:30-6:00 and Sunday practice times will vary. Finally, on Sunday May 31st the children will lead special music and sing at the 11:00 service. The following practice dates are available. We encourage your children to participate in these fun practices as much as they can before singing for the congregation! If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Claire at cwinkles@wpccharleston.org. We hope to sing with your children soon!

Schedule:

Practice 1: Wed. 4/29 at 5:30 in the Sanctuary

Practice 2: Sun. 5/3 at 12:00 in the Sanctuary

Practice 3: Sun. 5/17 at 12:00 in the Sanctuary

Practice 4: Wed. 5/27 at 5:30 in the Sanctuary

Last Practice: Sun. May 31st from 10:50-11:00a.m. in the Sanctuary

Special Music will be sung at the 11:00 service on May 31st.

CLUB 345 END OF THE YEAR EVENT

We hope all of our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will join us for our final Club 345 gathering of the school year for a special event at "iSmash Charleston"! We will be doing a splatter paint party, enjoying pizza and drinks, and honoring our rising 6th graders as they move on from 5th grade! Please RSVP below to let us know you are coming. This is a drop off event. We give thanks for this fabulous group of children, and look forward to celebrating together! Spots are limited so sign up fast! Link to RSVP:

<https://forms.gle/DdzooxxZXrGwL69i7>

BETHELWOODS SUMMER CAMP TRANSPORTATION!

Is your child or youth signed up to attend Bethelwoods Summer camp during Westminster's week from July 26th-July 31st? Would you like them to ride with other WPC kids to and from Bethelwoods? We will be renting vans and driving Westminster kids to and from Bethelwoods! If you are interested in the provided transportation, please sign up at the QR code listed. The deadline to register for transportation with Westminster is May 1st. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity!



CHARLESTON AREA JUSTICE MINISTRY: NEHEMIAH ACTION ASSEMBLY

Are You a Person Who Cares about Justice in Our Community? You should join us at the Nehemiah Action Assembly on April 27. Many people care and want to do something, but they are not sure what they can do. Come join fellow WPC and community justice-seekers for a one evening (two-hour) event. The Nehemiah Action Assembly is the Charleston Area Justice Ministry's (CAJM) big event for the year. Your presence with us on this one night can make a HUGE DIFFERENCE!

WPC is a partnering congregation with CAJM. CAJM is a local faith-based nonprofit dedicated to advocacy, social justice, and equality. The organization focuses on community issues like affordable housing, ethical governance in education, racial bias in police practices, and environmental protection, and food insecurity.

CAJM's largest annual event - the Nehemiah Action Assembly - is held on April 27 at Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church (7396 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston). At this event, CAJM members will present proposed solutions and ask local leaders to commit to work towards solutions.

Our Westminster delegation will be meeting at the church at 5:00pm on Monday, April 27 to carpool to the event, which starts at 6:30pm and lasts until 8:00pm. YOU ARE INVITED, and your presence makes a difference! Register at charlestonareajusticeministry.org or use the QR code.



Christ Is Alive!

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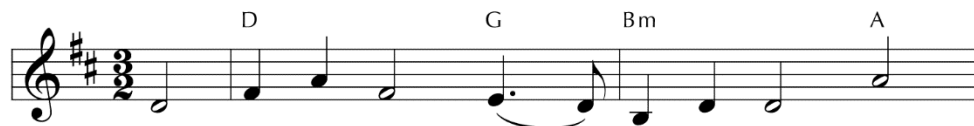
1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

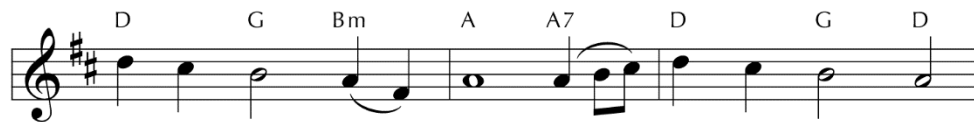
prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - jice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19–29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

269 Lead On, O King Eternal!

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents shall be our home.
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong,
 for not with swords' loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums;
 your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light.

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 with deeds of love and mer - cy the heaven-ly king-dom comes.
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Not everything that looks like a battle ends up being one. This text, written for a seminary graduation, works well with its martial tune in the first stanza; but later stanzas turn from such imagery and focus on "deeds of love and mercy" and courage for life's journey.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, April 19

9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
10:45 am Special Session Meeting
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Deacons Meeting & Feed the Youth, Covenant Hall Kitchen
5:00 pm Youth Group
6:00 pm Stated Session Meeting, Covenant Hall
7:30 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, April 20

6:30 pm Circle 1 Meeting, Library

Tuesday, April 21

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, April 22

6:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday, Covenant Hall
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
6:45 pm Endowment Meeting, Parlor
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, April 23

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

Friday, April 24

4:00 pm Maggie Boling Piano Recital, Sanctuary

Saturday, April 25

Sunday, April 26

9:00 am Youth Sunday Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Youth Sunday Worship Service
5:00 pm Youth Group
5:00 pm Grounded in Prayer/Book Group, Parlor
7:30 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 (WPC)	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 (John Dounian)
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)
Family of 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 APRIL 2026

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

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