



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

April 12, 2026

9:00 & 11:00 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. 240      Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

### Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)

We have been crucified with Christ.  
Now we shall live forever. (Refrain)

## ◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
Through the resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ,  
we have been born anew into a living hope;  
we have been given an inheritance that will never pass away!

All: **Blessing and glory  
and honor and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever!**

One: Praise God!  
Because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
we have been given a brand-new life,  
and a glorious future!

All: **Come into his presence with praise and thanksgiving,  
with laughter and song.  
Give thanks to him, and praise his name!**

## ◆ OPENING PRAYER

◆ SONG NO. 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

## CONFESSION

### ◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that the cross and resurrection have too little impact on our daily lives. We live as though sin and death still hold power, and we find ourselves losing the spiritual, physical, and emotional battles we face. Lord, we do not want to remain captive. We long to live the abundant life you promise in Jesus—to share in his victory and rest in his triumph over every foe. Help us place our lives fully in his hands. Amen.

-Silent Personal Confession-

### ◆ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

### ◆ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

The Doxology

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!

### ◆ 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

(9:00) *Children may return to their pew*

(11:00) *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.*

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Take My Life and Walk with Me

DRENNAN

*Janie Bruce, Claire Winkles, Mike Niblock, Mark Burckhalter*

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

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### SERMON

The Road to Emmaus

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

◆ COMMUNION SONG NO. 500      Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER

SENDING OUT

◆ SENDING SONG NO. 547      Go, My Children, with My Blessing

◆ BLESSING

◆ POSTLUDE      St. Thomas (I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord)      AARON WILLIAMS

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◆ *Please stand, if able*

**LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:**

Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Janie Bruce, Director of Adult Discipleship;  
Claire Winkles, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries;  
Nancy Parrish, Pianist

Acolytes:

9:00 a.m. Lydia Crosby, Elsie Crosby  
11:00 a.m. Aurora Davis, Alexis Davis

11:00 a.m. Children's Church: Baillie and Andy Anderson  
11:00 a.m. Wee Church: Lexi and Corey Frazier

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. Joe Jeter, Laura Nunn, Sherry Niblock  
11:00 a.m. Henry Shepard, Dana Tumbleston, Ben Whitener, Dave Stanton, Joe Tompkins

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 WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to share in the bread and the cup. Elders will serve the congregation seated in the pews; please hold the elements until all are served and we will partake together. WPC is a safe place for those in recovery- we serve grape juice only. Gluten free bread is available in the center of the juice tray. Children are invited to the table provided they've had instruction at home or in Westminster's worship prep class (1<sup>st</sup> grade).

## 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).

## FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

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|------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ➤ TODAY    | Luke 24:13-35                       | The Road to Emmaus               |
| ➤ April 19 | 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                      |

## SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH TODAY!

All are welcome to a fried chicken luncheon in Covenant Hall following 11:00 a.m. worship the 2nd Sunday of each month. Cash donations for fried chicken welcome, bring a pot luck side or dessert to the kitchen during the Sunday School hour to share. Be filled with fellowship!

## SCOUT TROOP 79 FUNDRAISER & UPCOMING CAR WASH

The Scouts of Troop 79 will be outside today selling Camp Cards. These cards are filled with reusable coupons for local stores and restaurants, making them a great value for you while also supporting a great cause. Proceeds help fund summer camp experiences for our Scouts.

Also, mark your calendars for the Scout Car Wash here at Westminster on Saturday, May 9. Come out, get your car cleaned, and support our Scouts!

## 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 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.)

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON APRIL 14

Join us for Breakfast and Bible Study from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. on the Second Tuesday of every month. We are meeting for breakfast at Trotters Restaurant at Town and Country Inn and Suites (2008 Savannah Highway). Pastor Daniel will be leading; join us for the Fellowship and Encouragement!

## JOIN US FOR WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY!

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

## 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

April 27 @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

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

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! Mark your calendar and look for registration information soon. Your presence makes a difference.



# Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.  
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.  
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

# Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread 500

1 Be known to us in break-ing bread, but do not then de - part;  
2 Here share with us, in love di - vine, your bod - y and your blood,

Sav - ior, a - bide with us, and spread your ta - ble in our heart.  
that liv - ing bread, that heaven - ly wine be our im - mor - tal food.

Not all communion texts refer to the Last Supper: this brief hymn is based on the meal at Emmaus shared by the Risen Christ and his two companions on the road (Luke 24:13-35). It is set to a 16th-century psalm tune that carries the text with appropriate simplicity.

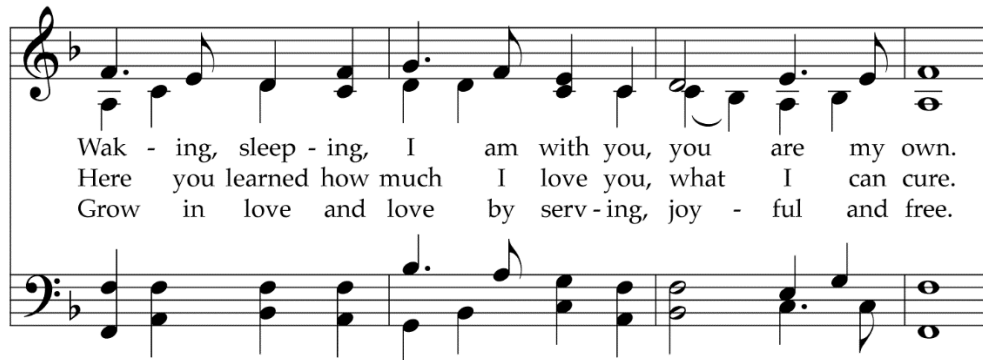
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MUSIC: Day's *Psalter*, 1562

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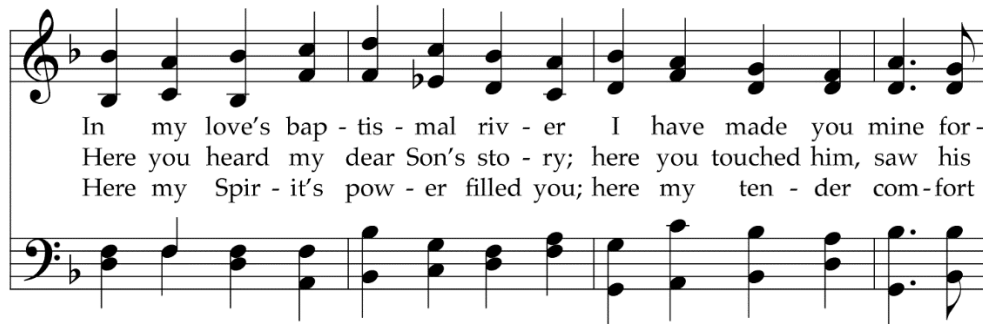
## Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547



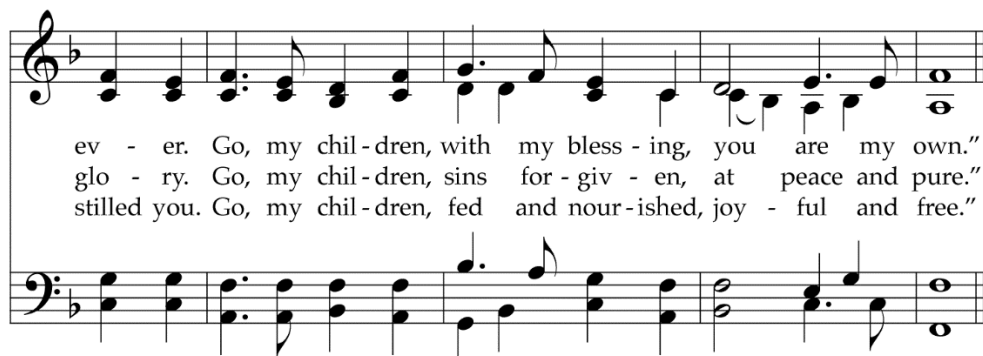
1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his  
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."  
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."  
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, April 12

9:00 am      Worship Service  
10:00 am      Sunday School  
11:00 am      Worship Service  
12:00 pm      Second Sunday Potluck, Covenant Hall  
12:30 pm      Mission Committee Meeting, Room 4  
5:00 pm      Youth Group  
7:00 pm      AA Meeting

### Monday, April 13

10:00 am      Hooks & Needles, Covenant Hall

### Tuesday, April 14

8:00 am      Men's Bible Study, Trotter's Restaurant  
10:00 am      Staff Meeting  
10:00 am      Circle 5 Meeting, Parlor  
10:00 am      Circle 4 Meeting, Library  
1:00 pm      Bridge Group  
5:30 pm      Exchange Club of Charleston Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Wednesday, April 15

10:00 am      Volunteer, Neighbors Together  
6:00 pm      Wonderful Wednesday, Covenant Hall  
6:30 pm      Handbell Rehearsal  
7:15 pm      Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 pm      AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Thursday, April 16

11:00 am      SAMS Steering Committee Meeting, Parlor

### Friday, April 17

### Saturday, April 18

### Sunday, April 19

9:00 am      Worship Service  
10:00 am      Sunday School  
11:00 am      Worship Service  
5:00 pm      Youth Group  
5:00 pm      Deacons Meeting, Covenant Hall  
6:00 pm      Stated Session Meeting, Covenant Hall  
7:00 pm      AA Meeting

## 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 (WPC)  
Allyn Bruce (WPC)  
Diane Byers (Deb Frasier)  
Susie Cashion (WPC)  
Lauren Choate (Sara Dwyer)  
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)  
Family of 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)  
Richard Holtz (WPC)  
The Hudson Family (Priscilla Holtzclaw)  
Huff Family (Gloria Purcell)  
Emerson Jones (Molly Griggs)  
Lynn Koger (WPC)  
Mary Laird (Ashley Snider)  
Fran Ligon (WPC)  
Ray Long (Ellen Bollinger)  
Joe Marchiney (Carole Russell)  
John Martschink (WPC)  
Mary Martschink (WPC)  
Jay Massalon (Dana Tumbleston)  
David McEachern (Debra Luhn)  
Gavin McLeod (Pamela Roberts)  
Marley Miller (Dee Bee Wright)  
Jennifer Morgan (Susie Cashion)

Julie Pell (Sandy & Debbie Pell)  
Powell Family (WPC)  
Pratt Family (WPC Preschool)  
Donna Purcell (WPC)  
Joyce Reeves (Sue Smoak)  
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 (John Dounian)  
Jacqueline Vance (Sara Dwyer)  
Aileen Wiese (WPC)  
Janet Wilson (Gloria Purcell)  
Betty Winter (Dee Bee Wright)  
Eleanor Woodbury (Anna Kerr)  
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](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org)

**Friend of the Week**  
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Charleston, SC 29414

**Mission of the Week**  
Hooks and Needles

**Student of the Week**  
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Williamsburg, VA 23185

**Church Family**  
Carlton and Selena Stoney  
Addison, Ellison, Piper

## 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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