



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

Pentecost

May 24, 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

PRELUDE

Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart

LANI SMITH

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

From Acts 2

One: When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place,
and suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind.

All: Pour out your Spirit upon us, Lord!

One: It filled the entire house where they were sitting,
and tongues of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

All: Pour out your Spirit upon us, Lord!

One: And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them.

All: Pour out your Spirit upon us, Lord!

◆ INVOCATION

◆ HYMN OF PRAISE

Holy Spirit, Wind of Heaven

HYMN TO JOY

(Words by Stephen A. Murray)

Holy Spirit, Wind of Heaven, breathe on us your holy breath.
Fill us with your tender presence, with your joyful peace and rest.
You are here to guide and comfort, teacher of the truthful way.
Helping us to pray to Jesus, when we find words hard to say.

Holy Spirit, Wind of Heaven, thirsty hearts you come to fill.
Fill us more and more with Jesus, so we do God's perfect will.
By your Counsel, by your Comfort, by your Gifts you show the way,
How to glorify the Father, in all that we do and say.

Holy Spirit, Wind of Heaven, fill your Church with all your power.
We are dead without your presence, with us every day and hour.
Send us out in joyful mission, send us out with power and love.
Telling news of Christ our Savior, Son of God sent from above.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, praise your name in all the earth!
Alleluia to your greatness, awesome God of holy worth.
Alle-lu-ia! Alle-lu-ia! Grateful hearts to you we raise.
Alle-lu-ia! Alle-lu-ia! All our days are lived in praise!

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, your Holy Spirit is the source of our strength. Your Holy Spirit comforts us, guides us, and gives us the gifts we need for life and ministry. So forgive us, Lord, when we neglect your Spirit and try to operate on our own strength. Forgive us when we neglect to cultivate and use the gifts your Spirit has given us. Forgive us when we seek our own path instead of submitting the guidance of your Spirit. Forgive us, and teach us to rely wholly on you and walk in the power of your Spirit.

-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!

◆ 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

TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

Claire Winkles

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

Spirit, Come Down

MARK HAYES

Sanctuary Choir

Spirit, come down, like the days of old. Spirit, come down and fill my soul. Lord, I want to be used by You, to feel Your power in all I do. Spirit, come down and fill my soul. Now on the day of Pentecost the disciples of the Lord were in one place when suddenly from heav'n on high came the sound of a mighty wind. That mighty wind then filled the place, and the Spirit appeared like tongues of fire. It took control of everyone, filling them with power. Spirit, come down like the days of old. Spirit, come down and fill my soul. There were people there from every land yet they heard God's word in their native tongue, for the Spirit had helped them understand the mighty word of the Lord.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Galatians 5:16-26

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SERMON

The Fruit of the Spirit

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

See Insert

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Taken from A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)

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!

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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. 300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

◆ BENEDICTION

◆ POSTLUDE

Galleries Ancien

DENNIS JANZER

◆ *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;

Sarah Shayban, Director of Music

Acolytes: Clarkson Wade, Lizzie Wade

Children's Church: Margaret and James Head

Wee Church: Lindy Coleman, Paige Dadin

Ushers: Deb Brown, Rae Tompkins, Susana Comte-Walters, Dave Stanton, Randy Davis

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

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



FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

- TODAY Acts 2, Galatians 5 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 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.

A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

A meeting of the Congregation has been called for May 31 immediately following the 11:00 worship service. We will hear a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee and elect Elders, Deacons, and a Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC). Elder nominees: Rick Baturin, Lindy Coleman, Norman Hook, Andrew Hopkins, Joe Tompkins, Benjamin Whitener, Dee Bee Wright (2-year term). Deacon Nominees: Martha Adams, Kellie Apat, Beverly Baturin, Angelle Beaty, Bob Dadin, Shelby Earnst, Beth Janssen, Holly Martin, Kendall Ramsay, Melissa "Missy" Rutter, Elizabeth Souter. CNC nominees: Deb Brown, Brad Earnst, Laura Patrick, Graham Wade.

JOIN US FOR WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY!

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship at 6:00 p.m. This will be the last Wonderful Wednesday until school starts in the fall. Wear your pj's and join us for BREAKFAST with all the trimmings! Prizes will be awarded for pj's and games! Adults \$8, children \$4 and a family cap of \$25 via cash, card or check.

SAMS UPCOMING EVENT

Save the Date: Lunch and Learn June 4, 1 pm Covenant Hall. Speaker will be Ashley Edwards from The Village at Summerville, speaking on downsizing, selecting the right “next step” for you, costs/insurance, etc. Enjoy a Costco Sandwich lunch, \$7.00 - cash or check - exact amount appreciated.

YOU'RE INVITED! "HOLY GROUNDS" JUNE 7TH; 9:45- 10:15AM IN COVENANT HALL

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

THE CHOSEN: Summer Sunday School for Adults

We're using Season 2 of the TV show *The Chosen* for summer Sunday School, and we're guessing this Bible study will be unlike others you've encountered. This Bible study is designed to be used in conjunction with *The Chosen*, the groundbreaking streaming television series about the life of Jesus. Each session works in tandem with an episode from the show, bringing the Old and New Testaments to life in a fresh way.

To get the most out of the study, watch the corresponding episode of *The Chosen* prior to Sunday School. BUT, even if you don't get the chance, you'll still enjoy the short clips of the episode we watch and discuss. You can watch *The Chosen* on the Amazon streaming service or here for free: watch.thechosen.tv

Join us for any or all dates. 10:00 – 10:45 in Covenant Hall. Here's the schedule for the first 8 episodes of Season 2.

- June 7 (Season 2, Episode 1)
- June 14 (Season 2, Episode 2)
- June 21 (Season 2, Episode 3)
- June 28 (Season 2, Episode 4)
- July 5 (Season 2, Episode 5)
- July 12 (Season 2, Episode 6)
- July 19 (Season 2, Episode 7)
- July 26 (Season 2, Episode 8)

CHURCH OF THE ARTS: OUR PARTNER NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT IN PARK CIRCLE

Church of the Arts is rolling! You can attend any Sunday to provide support, and if you know someone who might be a good fit for Church of the Arts, please spread the news. This church welcomes and includes the damaged, the outside-the-box people, the ones who don't fit in traditional worship styles. Every Sunday at 11:00 in Park Circle. 4701 Park Place W. churchoftheartspcusa.com

SPECIAL EVENT: You are Invited to an upcoming event on Wednesday, June 3 at 7:00pm! A Documentary Screening of *1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture*. Have you ever wondered why mainstream Christianity is so often opposed to homosexuality? The tide shifted when a new translation of the Bible in 1946 used the word homosexuality incorrectly when translating from the Greek. This documentary explores that moment and details some of the tragic aftermath of that decision. A must-watch for Christians who struggle with reconciling the Bible to a loving and inclusive way of being.

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, May 24

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, May 25

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, May 26

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
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Wednesday, May 27

5:30 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday, Covenant Hall
7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, May 28

6:30 pm	Troop 79 Pack Meeting, Covenant Hall
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Friday, May 29

Saturday, May 30

Sunday, May 31

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
10:50 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
11:00 am	Worship Service/Children's Choir Special Music
12:00 pm	Congregational Meeting
6:00 pm	Officer Training, Sanctuary
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

Cary Alexandre (WPC)
 Acker Family (WPC)
 Daryn Baker (Jane Acker)
 Mary Ashley Barbot (Lisa Couch)
 Bob & Angelle Beatty (WPC)
 Binnicker Family (WPC)
 Allyn Bruce (WPC)
 Diane Byers (Deb Frasier)
 Susie Cashion (WPC)
 Lauren Choate (Sara Dwyer)
 Lydia Crosby (WPC)
 Martin Davis (Kevin Mikles)
 Hosanna Eadie (Katie Baturin)
 Roxanne Eadie (Katie Baturin)
 Ann & Ellen Farrar (Beth Georgen)
 Art Fields (Gloria Purcell)
 Edward Fitzgibbon (Joan Frye)
 Randleson Floyd/Daniels (Gloria Purcell)
 Harold Fountain (Henry Shepard)
 Emma Fruth (WPC)
 Bob Georgen (WPC)
 Family of Keith Gordon (WPC)
 Margaret Ellen Hamman (Suzanne Fox)

WESTMINSTER PRAYS

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)
 Emerson Jones (Molly Griggs)
 Lynn Koger (WPC)
 Mary Laird (Ashley Snider)
 Fran Ligon (WPC)
 Ray Long (Ellen Bollinger)
 Joe Marchiney (Carole Russell)
 Susie Martin (Beth Georgen)
 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)
 Nancy Plowden (WPC)
 Pratt Family (WPC Preschool)
 Donna Purcell (WPC)
 Gloria Purcell (WPC)
 Joyce Reeves (Sue Smoak)
 Paula Ruth (Debbie McQueeney)
 Sarah Schumann (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)
 Peggy Winter (Dee Bee Wright)
 Eleanor Woodbury (Anna Kerr)
 Robbie Yarnall (WPC)

PRAYER LIST UPDATED MAY 2026

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

Friend of the Week
 Kate Pennekamp
 8840 Marsh Aire Lane
 Edisto Beach, SC 29438

Mission of the Week
 Boy Scout Troop 79

Student of the Week
 Emily Shelor
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 Charleston, SC 29414

Church Family
 Dana Tumbleston

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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