



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

May 10, 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

Moment for Mission

Presbyterian Communities

◆ SONG OF PREPARATION NO. 408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us,
filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

From Psalm 66

One: Blessed is God, who hears our prayers.

All: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: Jesus, you promised your Spirit, who helps us to do your will.

All: **Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!**

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

CONFESSION

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, nor have we kept your commandments. You promised us the Spirit of Truth, yet we often live as if we are orphans, relying on our own strength instead of your ever-present spirit. Forgive us for our disobedience and our lack of faith. Because Jesus lives, help us to live also. By your Spirit, reveal yourself to us so that we may truly love you and live in accordance with your word.

-Silent Personal Confession-

◆ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE

We are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

◆ 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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:15-21

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 109

SERMON

Spirit of the Loving God

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from a Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

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!"

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.

SENDING OUT

◆ HYMN NO. 260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

◆ BLESSING

◆ Please stand, if able

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

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

Nancy Parrish, Pianist
Acolytes: Lydia Crosby, Elsie Crosby
Ushers: Joe Jeter, Laura Nunn, Sherry Niblock

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

*Pastor Daniel is on vacation and without connectivity until May 16.
For general information, please contact the church office.
For pastoral care, please contact Pastor Priscilla.*

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

Today 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 from 2021 to 2025 was \$1,004,851, covering 19 residents whose average age is 91. You may drop your offering in the plate this morning, mail it in to the church, or give online at wpccharleston.org. Make checks payable to Westminster, or choose "Presbyterian Home" on the online menu. Thank you!

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

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| ➤ TODAY | John 14:15-21 | Spirit of the Loving God |
| ➤ May 17 | Acts 1:6-14 | 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 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.

JOIN US TODAY for a roundtable discussion with Sonya Willemse reflecting on the **70th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70)**. We will hear personal reflections from CSW, including conversations about justice for women and girls, the realities facing women in Afghanistan, online safety and cyber harassment, and the role of faith communities in advocacy. Together, we will consider how this global work connects to our local call to prayer, justice, and faithful action. We will meet in the Parlor this Sunday, May 10 at 10:00am.

MAY 17 IS METANOIA DAY AT WESTMINSTER!

- CEO Bill Stanfield is preaching at both worship services.
- Join us at 10:00 in Covenant Hall for a "Pause and Refresh" Sunday School for all classes: Bill will share news about Metanoia and the good work they are doing in the community.

Metanoia is a nonprofit organization dedicated to community development through community-based leadership and goals as identified by North Charleston residents beginning in 2002. Their core focus areas, each encompassing various initiatives, are:

- Safe, nurturing after-school and summer enrichment spaces for children
- Quality, affordable housing
- Economic re-energizing of disinvested North Charleston neighborhoods

HANDS OF CHRIST "UNDIE SUNDAYS" UNDERWEAR COLLECTION TIME

From May 3 through May 18, we are asking for the following donations to be brought to the church and placed in the appropriate box in the narthex.

- NEW COLORFUL AND COTTON GIRLS' UNDERWEAR IN SIZES:
Girls Sizes: 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16
Ladies Sizes: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
- NEW COLORFUL AND COTTON BOYS' BOXER/BRIEFS UNDERWEAR IN SIZES:
Boys' and Men's Sizes small, medium, and large

Please No "Tighty Whities" or Nylon Underwear. Thank you for supporting Hands Of Christ!

NEWS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

In January, the Session approved a budget of \$1,035,805 for 2026, reflecting our shared commitment to worship, care, formation, mission, and outreach in Christ's name. At the time of the budget's approval, we projected a budget shortfall of \$143,609, based on anticipated giving, other income and our 2025 actual receipts. That is larger than what we typically face, yet Session approved this budget because we believe deeply in the mission and ministry it supports. When we shared this budget at our congregational meeting in February, we extended a prayerful invitation for pledges to help reduce the budget shortfall. While the church has savings to cover the gap if needed, our hope is not to rely on those funds. Through the congregation's faithful and generous response to this invitation, the projected budget shortfall was reduced by more than \$20,000 and now stands at approximately \$123,000. Our church savings are adequate to cover the gap for 2026. The Session is grateful for the congregation's commitment to the mission and ministry of the church. Thank you for your faithful giving.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON MAY 12

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). We have a guest leader this month! 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. This week's menu is chicken bog, green beans, garden salad, and dessert. Adults \$8, children \$4 and a family cap of \$25 via cash, card or check.

SAMS UPCOMING EVENTS

May 13 day trip to Swan Lake Iris Garden in Sumter, SC, home to the only public park in the US to feature all 8 species of swans and an intensive planting of Japanese Iris. There is also a butterfly garden, a sensory garden, talking trees and sculptures. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in admin hallway. Please indicate if you will ride in the van. Departure time will be 8:30 am on the 13th. There is no cost for this trip except your lunch!

Save the Date: Lunch and Learn June 4, 1pm 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. More details to follow.

NEW MEMBER GIFTS

If you joined the church in 2025, the Diaconate has prepared a small gift for you as a token of welcome. These are available in the church workroom, and we hope you'll stop by to pick yours up.

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)

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, May 10

9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
 No Second Sunday Social
7:30 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, May 11

10:00 am Hooks & Needles, Covenant Hall

Tuesday, May 12

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

Wednesday, May 13

8:30 am SAMS Swan Lake Iris Garden
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, May 14

10:00 am Lowcountry Smockers Guild, Covenant Hall

Friday, May 15

Saturday, May 16

Sunday, May 17

9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal , Sanctuary
5:00 pm Deacon's Meeting, Covenant Hall
6:00 pm Stated Session Meeting, Covenant Hall
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)
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)
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)
Bob Georgen (WPC)
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)
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)
Nancy Plowden (WPC)
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 MAY 2026

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

Friend of the Week	Mission of the Week	Student of the Week	Church Family
Heather MacInnes 504 Shem Butler Ct. Charleston, SC 29414	Mary Ford Early Learning Center 3180 Thomasina McPherson Blvd. N. Charleston, SC 29405	Molly Nida 2463 Flamingo Drive Charleston, SC 29414	Christine Towne Olivia, Chase, Faith

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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