



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

May 3, 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

Hands of Christ

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

From Psalm 31

One: In you, LORD, I have taken refuge. Let me never be put to shame,
deliver me in your righteousness.

All: Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue. Be my rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save me.

One: Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

All: Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, LORD, my faithful God.

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Gracious God, you give us new life, but we choose the ways of death. You breathe peace upon us, yet we pursue conflict. You seek us out when we are afraid, yet we cling to our fears. Forgive us for turning away from you. Forgive us for believing only in ourselves. Help us to live in full relationship with you all our days. Help us to pray always in the name of Christ. Shine your light upon us and banish all shadows that we may live faithfully and joyfully for you.

-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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◆ 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

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14: 1-14

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 108

SERMON

Praying in the Name of Christ

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ HYMN NO. 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

◆ INVITATION TO THE TABLE

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Nicene Creed (381)

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PASTORAL PRAYER 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

◆ SONG NO. 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

◆ 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: Annie Robinson, Everett Daniels

Ushers: Dee Bee Wright, John Wright, Robinson Family

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

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 (1st 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. 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 14:1-14 | Praying in the Name of Christ |
| ➤ May 10 | John 14:15-21 | Our Helper, the Holy Spirit |
| ➤ 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 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.

YOU'RE INVITED! "HOLY GROUNDS" TODAY; 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.

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.

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.

ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH W.E. PACK!

We have officially kicked off another year of snacks (Weekend Eats) for students! After supper on the first Wednesday of every month, we take about 30-45 minutes to pack snack kits for Goodwin and Mary Ford students who are facing weekend food insecurity. We pack enough for 300 students a week to go home with a bag of nutritious snacks. It is a fun and meaningful mission opportunity for all ages. You can support this important ministry financially. The cost to send snacks home for one child for the month is \$10 or \$90 for the year! Make checks payable to WPC and marked "WePack" or on the WPC website. Click "Give" and choose WEPack on the drop-down menu. Thanks!

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>

END OF YEAR YOUTH POOL PARTY TONIGHT!

We're wrapping up an awesome year of youth group, and it's time to celebrate together! You're invited to our End of the Year Pool Party on May 3rd from 5:00-7:00 PM at Jill and Matthew Patrick's house (2 Fort Royal Ct, Charleston, SC 29407). A special thank you to the Patricks for welcoming us into their backyard and home! Dinner, dessert, and lots of swimming time will be provided. We hope your 6th-12th graders will join us!

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, more information to follow. Please indicate if you will ride in the van if one is available. 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.

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

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

On Sunday, May 10, 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 that morning, mail it in to the church, or give online at wpcccharleston.org. Make checks payable to Westminster, or choose "Presbyterian Home" on the online menu. Thank you!

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.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, May 3

9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Holy Grounds, Covenant Hall
11:00 am Worship Service
12:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
12:10 pm CE Committee Meeting, Library
12:45 pm Final Club 345, iSmash Charleston
5:00 pm Final Youth Group, Pool Party @ Jill & Matthew Patrick's
7:30 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, May 4

6:00 pm Troop 79 Leadership Meeting, Covenant Hall

Tuesday, May 5

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 6

6:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday, Covenant Hall
6:00 pm WE PACK, Covenant Hall
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, May 7

Friday, May 8

Saturday, May 9

10:00 am Troop 79 Car Wash
10:00 am Charleston Area Multiple Myeloma Group, Preschool

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

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 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
Lynn Koger 129 Chadwick Drive Charleston, SC 29407	EmpowHer Campus Ministries	Marin Morris USC Student Box 73904 1300 Wheat Street Columbia, SC 29225-0112	Herb & Leigh Throckmorton

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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