



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

May 31, 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

◆ SONG OF PREPARATION NO. 623 I've Got Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.
I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain...

I've got love like an ocean...

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

From Psalm 5

One: In the morning, O Lord, you hear our prayers.

All: **In the light of this day we praise your name.**

One: Through the abundance of your steadfast love,
you have gathered us into your house.

All: **In the holiness of your presence,
we bow down to worship and adore you.**

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

God of justice and mercy,
we confess that we disobey your will.
We show neither justice nor mercy to others.
Christ our Savior, love incarnate,
we confess that we take your love for granted.
We do not give of ourselves,
nor do we rejoice in all the blessings we receive.

(Continued)

Holy Spirit, power and breath,
we confess that we block your movement.
We do not live holy lives
of sacrificial love.
Gracious Trinity, forgive us
and grant us your peace.
Help us to turn from our sins
so that we may love you
by joyfully caring for others. Amen.

-Silent Personal Confession-

◆ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 447 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

*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

Matthew 28:16-20

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 34

SERMON

The Trinity

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

◆ DECLARATION 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.

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

◆ SONG NO. 748

Go with Us, Lord

◆ BLESSING

◆ *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

Nancy Parrish, Pianist

Acolytes: Lydia Crosby, Elsie Crosby

Ushers: Nancy Dixon, Dan Klingshirn, Jill Lundgrin, Graham Wade

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

This summer, we embark on a new and fascinating series: Famous and Forgotten: Household Names and Hidden Heroes of the Old Testament. We'll cover some old favorites in a new way and some lesser-known stories that still speak today.

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| ➤ June 7 | Psalm 33 | The Way We Worship |
| ➤ June 14 | 1 Samuel 17 | David (and Goliath) |
| ➤ June 21 | Genesis 4 | Cain and Abel |
| ➤ June 28 | Daniel 3 | Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego |
| ➤ July 5 | Ezekiel 37 | Ezekiel (and the dry bones) |
| ➤ July 12 | Genesis 6-9 | Noah (and the ark) |
| ➤ July 19 | Joshua 2 & 6 | Rahab |
| ➤ July 26 | Numbers 27 | The Daughters of Zelophehad |
| ➤ August 2 | Jonah | Jonah (and the big fish) |
| ➤ August 9 | Exodus 1 | Shiphrah and Puah |

YOU'RE INVITED! "HOLY GROUNDS" JUNE 7; 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)

A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

A meeting of the Congregation has been called for today 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. Biographical information about the nominees is available in the Narthex.

SAMS UPCOMING EVENT

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.

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.

THE WESTMINSTER SOAP BOX

We invite you to help support our food pantry clients by donating bars of soap each month for the grocery bags they receive. This small but meaningful gift helps families meet a basic need and reminds them they are cared for beyond just food. Donations can be placed in the collection box in the church foyer or in the workroom at any time. Thank you for helping us extend compassion and dignity to those we serve.

AT WESTMINSTER, FREE COUNSELING SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH LOWCOUNTRY PASTORAL COUNSELING CENTER

The need for quality mental, emotional, and spiritual care today is undeniable. Pastoral Counseling enables individuals, couples, and families to receive quality counseling that acknowledges the value of faith in the healing process. Whether you need someone to listen, help you process challenges, or simply walk with you through a season of life, help is available. Westminster is partnering with Lowcountry Pastoral Counseling Center and can refer you for counseling, providing up to 5 sessions at no cost to you. Check out Lowcountry Pastoral Counseling Center at www.lowcountrypastoral.org and reach out to Pastor Daniel or Pastor Priscilla for a referral.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

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
12:00 pm Congregational Meeting
6:00 pm Officer Training, Sanctuary
7:30 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, June 1

11:00 am Hands of Christ Operations Committee Meeting, Covenant Hall
6:00 pm Troop 79 Leadership Meeting

Tuesday, June 2

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 3

7:30 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, June 4

1:00 pm SAMS Lunch & Learn, Covenant Hall

Friday, June 5

Saturday, June 6

2:00 pm Fran Morat Funeral Service, Sanctuary

Sunday, June 7

9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
9:45 am Holy Grounds, Covenant Hall
11:00 am Worship Service
12:10 pm CE Committee Meeting, Library
12:15 pm Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor
6:00 pm Officer Training, Covenant Hall (Room 4)
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	Mission of the Week	Student of the Week	Church Family
Jim Seay 937 Bowman Rd., Apt. 229 Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464	WePack	Ashleigh Smith 327 Clayton Drive Charleston, SC 29414	Bill Turner & Heather MacInnes

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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