



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

VBS Sunday

June 21, 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. 137

He Came Down

**He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.**

### ◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

from 1 John 4

One: Beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God.  
Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

**All: God is love, and those who do not love do not know God.**

One: God showed his love among us by sending his only Son into the world so that we  
might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us  
and sent his Son for our salvation.

**All: Since God has loved us so fully, we also ought to love one another.**

One: God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God,  
and they abide in God.

**All: We know and trust the love that God has for us.**

**God is love, and those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.**

One: There is no fear in love, for perfect love casts out fear.

**All: We love because God first loved us.**

### ◆ PRAYER

### ◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

## CONFESSION

### ◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

**Gracious Lord, you have provided all we need to be reconciled to you and to our neighbor,  
and such love from you should surely melt our hearts with gratitude. Yet, we remain hard-  
hearted. We confess that we find it hard to forgive those who have hurt us and difficult  
to love unlovely people. Forgive us for the grudges we nurse and the memories of past  
wrongs to which we cling. We ask you to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves, and  
to give us hearts that are like yours: openly devoted to forgiveness and love. Amen.**

-Silent Personal Confession-



**LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:**

Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Lisa Hermann, guest liturgist;  
Janie Bruce, Director of Adult Discipleship;  
Claire Winkles, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries

Nancy Parrish, Pianist  
Acolytes: Jane Akery, Riley Gentry  
Ushers: Mark Friedrichs, Tracy Friedrichs, Matt Akery

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

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor  
of all of the men who have filled the role of fathers in our lives.*

**WELCOME (BACK) TO WESTMINSTER, THE REVEREND LISA HERMANN**

We're so glad to have Lisa here and leading worship today. Lisa was born and raised in Charleston, SC and is a child of Westminster Presbyterian Church, and a graduate of Middleton High School. Lisa (M.Div, BCC) is an ordained Minister of the Word and Sacrament, and Board-Certified Chaplain who currently resides in Morgantown, WV. Lisa serves as a Staff Chaplain at WVU Medicine and the Golisano Children's Hospital. She is a member of the Presbytery of West Virginia, and attended Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, graduating in 2009. Lisa speaks fluent Spanish having lived in Guatemala and Peru, loves the outdoors, good coffee, and tacos anywhere. Lisa is a novice puppeteer, and still deeply appreciates history and culture, having worked as a high school social studies teacher and women's soccer coach in the Carolinas. Her favorite aspect of ministry remains "The Accompaniment of God's people across generations."

**TODAY WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO WESTMINSTER!**

During 11:00 worship, we are glad to welcome Ryan and Lee Andrews along with their daughters, Amelia and Zoe. Welcome to the Westminster family!

**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



## 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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| ➤ TODAY    | 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               |

## SUNDAY FAMILY VBS LUNCHEON

VBS begins today with a luncheon after church from 12:00-1:30 in Covenant Hall, where we will eat a hotdog lunch, view VBS class lists, and spend time with congregation members and VBS volunteers and participants. We will also begin our Mission Partner Coin Collection by collecting pennies for WePack! This is a great opportunity to get excited for the week ahead and for your child to meet their Adult Shepherds and Youth Shepherds for the week. Please note that this is not a drop off event, and each child will need to be escorted by a parent or guardian. We encourage any VBS Participants and Families to attend.

## PRAYERS

- Remember in prayer our students and leaders who are participating in Vacation Bible School this week. The theme is "Called to Love: God's Mission, Our Hands!" We're growing in discipleship together.
- Remember in prayer members of the WPC choir who are in Montreat this week for the Worship and Music Conference. We're growing in discipleship together.

## 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](http://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.

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| • June 21 | (Season 2, Episode 3) | • July 12 | (Season 2, Episode 6) |
| • June 28 | (Season 2, Episode 4) | • July 19 | (Season 2, Episode 7) |
| • July 5  | (Season 2, Episode 5) | • July 26 | (Season 2, Episode 8) |

**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](http://www.lowcountrypastoral.org) and reach out to Pastor Daniel or Pastor Priscilla for a referral.

**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](http://churchoftheartspcusa.com)

**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.

**WANTED: EMPTY COPY PAPER BOXES!**

No, we're not moving, and we're not starting a cardboard fort-building club. Hands of Christ Ministry is simply in need of empty copy paper boxes (with lids) for its ongoing work. If your office or home goes through copy paper, we'd love to give those boxes a new purpose. Please drop off any boxes in the Church Office or Covenant Hall. Thank you for helping us share Christ's love in practical ways!

**THE NEXT WPC FAMILY BEACH DAY: JULY 19TH FROM 4:00-6:00 PM**

Join us as we gather together in fellowship this summer at Folly Beach County Park! Grab your chairs, towels, sunscreen, and beach essentials and come spend the afternoon by the water. Look for the Westminster flag to find where we're set up! We hope to see you there!

**S.T.E.P.S!**

S.T.E.P.S.- Studying + Teaching + Equipping + Praying + Serving: This presbytery-wide event is a wonderful opportunity for high school youth and adult church members, teachers, ministry teams, worship/music leaders, officers and staffs to enrich their faith and understanding of the church. S.T.E.P.S. will take place Saturday, August 29th at the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church. Check-in begins at 8:45, and the day will conclude at 12:40, with an optional lunch/workshop until 1:30. Participants may choose two workshops and have worship in between. The Rev. Tony Larson is preaching, and Natasha Akery and Pastor Daniel are leading workshops. Pre-registration deadline is August 12, and the registration fee is \$25. (\$20 if by 7/22) We encourage you to pre-register, but if your plans change and you can attend at the last minute, you may register at the event (\$35). Brochures are in the Admin hallway or check out [capresbytery.org](http://capresbytery.org) for more information.

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, June 21

9:00 am      Worship Service  
10:00 am      Sunday School  
11:00 am      Worship Service  
12:00 pm      VBS Kick off, Covenant Hall  
7:30 pm        AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Monday, June 22

9:00 am      VBS

### Tuesday, June 23

9:00 am      VBS

### Wednesday, June 24

9:00 am      VBS  
7:30 pm        AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Thursday, June 25

9:00 am      VBS  
6:30 pm        Troop 79 Pack Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Friday, June 26

### Saturday, June 27

### Sunday, June 28

9:00 am      Worship Service  
10:00 am      Sunday School  
11:00 am      Worship Service  
6:00 pm        Officer Training Session 4, Classroom 4  
7:00 pm        Stated Session Meeting, Classroom 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

## 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)  
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)  
Janie Hammersmith (WPC)  
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 JUNE 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	Mission of the Week	Student of the Week	Church Family
Robbie Yarnall 1355 Pinellas Bayway South Apt. 2 Tierra Verde, FL 33715	Metanoia 2005 Reynolds Ave. N. Charleston, SC 29405	Noelle Whitener 203 Kelly Rd., Apt. 434 Clemson, SC 29631	Debbie Van Deventer

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**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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