



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

June 28, 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. 399 God Welcomes All

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

from Psalm 122

One: I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

**All: Our feet are standing
within your gates.**

One: Pray for the peace of the city.

All: May they prosper who love you.

One: Pray for the peace of every place.

All: May there be wholeness for all.

One: For the sake of all God's people
I will say, "Peace be with you."

**All: For the sake of the house of the Lord
I will seek your good.**

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 321 The Church's One Foundation

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Holy One, have mercy on us. You created us in your own image, but we hurt and dishonor one another. You planted us in a garden of good things, but we exploit and abuse the earth. You gave us your word to guide us, but we sin and fall short of your glory. Forgive us, God of grace. Clothe us in your righteousness, fill us with the fruit of your Spirit, and send us forth in your service that we may be a source of healing in this world you love so much; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

-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

SPECIAL MUSIC

He Will Hold Me Fast

Sarah Shayban, Lauren Smoak, Claire Winkles

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Daniel 3

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SERMON

Famous and Forgotten: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO.463

How Firm a Foundation

◆ DECLARATION OF FAITH

PC (USA) Book of Confessions (adapted)

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Heidelberg Catechism

All: **That I am not my own, but belong—
body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

One: What is the chief end of human life?

Westminster Catechism

All: **Our chief end is to glorify and enjoy God forever.**

One: Jesus Christ, attested for us in Holy Scripture,
is the one Word of God
we must hear, trust, and obey
in life and in death.

Barmen Declaration

All: **The church's commission,
upon which its freedom is founded,
consists in delivering the message
of the free grace of God to all people.**

One: The church confesses its faith
when it bears a present witness
to God's grace in Jesus Christ.

Confession of 1967

All: **God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ
is the heart of the gospel in any age.**

One: We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

Confession of Belhar

All: **We believe that God has entrusted the church
with the message of reconciliation
in and through Jesus Christ.**

One: In life and in death we belong to God.

A Brief Statement of Faith

All: **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 Jesus Christ our Lord.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: Lord in your mercy...

All: Hear our 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. 541

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

◆ BLESSING

One: Since we are surrounded *Heb. 12:1-2; Rev. 22:20*
by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

All: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, *2 Cor. 13:13; Rev. 22:21*
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with all the saints.

All: **Amen.**

◆ *Please stand, if able*

Portions of today's worship service (hymns, liturgy, and prayers) are the same as used in worship by the 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) as they gather in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Janie Bruce, Director of Adult Discipleship;
Claire Winkles, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries;
Sarah Shayban, Director of Music

Acolytes: Evan Ford

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

WE WELCOME WPC MISSION PARTNERS FELIPE AND LAURA MATIAS AND FAMILY

Today we are excited to welcome mission partners Felipe, Laura, and their four children to Westminster. They have welcomed WPC mission teams to São Paulo, Brazil, where they lead the Lighthouse Ministry. The ministry serves as a beacon of hope, offering children from the slums of São Paulo the opportunity to learn about Jesus and experience God's love. Laura and Felipe are currently living in the United States for a while to attend to family needs.

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



PRAYERS

- Remember in prayer the team of youth and adults leaving tomorrow for a week of mission with our partners in Xpujil, Mexico. They will be working alongside Todd Luke and the church leaders there, building water cisterns and sharing the love of the One who is Living Water. We're growing in discipleship together.

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 to fill two deacon spots. Nominees for 3-year terms are: Deb Brown and Mary McAbee.

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 | 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" JULY 5; 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 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)

MAHJONG FELLOWSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

Westminster, with the help of instructor Alissa Ferguson, is hosting an American Mahjong lesson and guided play on Wednesday, July 1, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall, Room 4.

The evening will begin with an introductory lesson followed by guided play led by Alissa. Whether you are brand new to Mahjong or looking to build confidence in your game, all are welcome! A \$10 donation is requested, space is limited to 12 so sign up soon using the QR code.

Tables, tiles, snacks, and drinks will be provided.



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.

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

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 for more information.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

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

Monday, June 29

Mission Trip/Cistern Ministry in the Yucatan

Tuesday, June 30

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 1

6:00 pm Fellowship Mahjong Lesson, Covenant Hall
7:30 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, July 2

Friday, July 3

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, July 4

Sunday, July 5

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
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)
Daryn Baker (Jane Acker)
Mary Ashley Barbot (Lisa Couch)
Bob & Angelle Beatty (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)
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)

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 & John 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)
Ottery Family (Sara Dwyer)
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)
Ray Thomas (Sara Dwyer)
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

Friend of the Week	Mission of the Week	Student of the Week	Church Family
Janie Hammersmith 1925 Essex Farms Drive Unit #2015 Charleston, SC 29414	Thornwell Home for Children 302 South Broad St. Clinton, SC 29325	Sadie Wood 1129 Southgate Drive Charleston, SC 29407	Steve Varn

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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