



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

July 12, 2026

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

*Please greet each other warmly as the congregation gathers for worship.  
Take a moment and sign the friendship register.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### ◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 147

One: How good to sing praises to our God!  
How delightful and how fitting!  
All: **The Lord counts the stars and calls them all by name.**  
One: God sends his orders to the world—how swiftly his word flies!  
All: **The Lord supports the humble,  
but he brings the wicked down into the dust.**  
One: God pays no mind to the strength of weapons or in human might.  
All: **The Lord's delight is in those who revere him,  
those who put their hope in his unfailing love.**

#### ◆ INVOCATION

#### ◆ HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

#### ◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you have called your church to be a community for all people, an ark of salvation to the ends of the earth. Despite this identity, we are content to self-segregate to our comfort zones. We are reluctant to reach out to people who are different from us. Instead of a diverse, messy, and faithful church, we would rather have a safe group that looks like us, believes like us, and votes like us. Forgive us, Lord. Renew in our hearts a vision for reaching out to and including those unlike ourselves so that we might be more faithful to the Gospel itself. We pray these things in Jesus' name, Amen.

-Silent Personal Confession-

#### ◆ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

#### ◆ RESPONSE OF PRAISE 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.**

#### ◆ SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.  
All: **And also with you.**

*Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbor*

## TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

*Following Children's Time at the 9:00 service, children may return to their pew.  
Following Children's Time at the 11:00 service, 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

Genesis 6-9

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SERMON

Famous and Forgotten: Noah (and the Ark)

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 175

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Heidelberg Catechism (1563)

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?  
All: **That I am not my own,  
but belong—  
body and soul,  
in life and in death—  
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.  
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.  
He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven;  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.  
Because I belong to him,  
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready  
from now on to live for him.**

## 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.

◆ HYMN NO. 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

◆ BENEDICTION

◆ POSTLUDE

◆ *Please stand, if able*

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## LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

Billy Wade, Guest Preacher;  
Janie Bruce, Director of Adult Discipleship;  
Sarah Shayban, Director of Music (11:00)

Nancy Parrish, Pianist (9:00)

Acolytes: Lydia Crosby, Elsie Crosby (9:00); Caroline Ferguson, Evie Tucker (11:00)

Children's Church and Wee Church: Dee Bee and John Wright (11:00)

Ushers: Joe Jeter, Laura Nunn, John Wright (9:00)

Henry Shepard, Dana Tumbleston, Ben Whitener, Dave Stanton, Greg Ramsay (11:00)

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

### TODAY WE WELCOME REV. BILLY WADE TO WESTMINSTER

Billy was the Associate Pastor here at Westminster from 1980 - 1986. He then took a call to First Presbyterian Church of Covington, Georgia, where he was the pastor for more than 32 years. Billy retired in 2018. He and Theodosia love to spend time with family and friends in Covington, Charleston, and Montreat. Billy's collection of sermons, In All My Remembering, is available on Amazon and in all the finest bookstores. He is a dear friend of Westminster. Welcome!

### 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.

- TODAY            Genesis 6-9            Noah (and the ark), Rev. Billy Wade, preacher
- 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

## 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.

- July 12            (Season 2, Episode 6)
- July 19            (Season 2, Episode 7)
- July 26            (Season 2, Episode 8)

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON JULY 14TH

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). Pastor Daniel will be leading; join us for the Fellowship and Encouragement!

## 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!

## 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!

## HANDS OF CHRIST HELP THE CHILDREN SHOP

Westminster's Hands of Christ distribution is Friday, August 7, 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM and Saturday, August 8, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM, and we need your help! Join us in Covenant Hall to assist families as they receive school clothing and supplies. Volunteers of all ages are welcome—children may volunteer alongside a parent. After serving, plan to stay for dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday!

## 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.

## 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.

# 267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;  
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;  
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

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## Seek Ye First

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;  
 3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and its righ - teous - ness,  
 seek, and you shall find;  
 but by ev - ery word

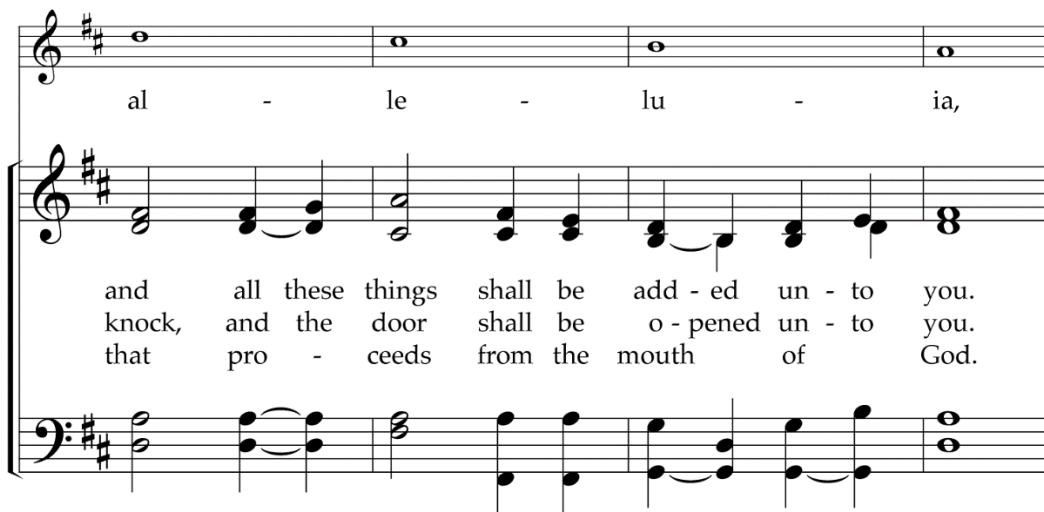
The author and composer wrote the first stanza and folk-style tune after attending a Bible study on Matthew 6:33. The later stanzas, based respectively on Matthew 7:7 and Matthew 4:4 emerged anonymously. Such meditative singing of scripture is an important form of sung prayer.

TEXT: Stanza 1, Karen Lafferty, 1971, alt.; stanzas 2-3, anon.; Spanish trans. anon.; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee

LAFFERTY  
 Irregular

MUSIC: Karen Lafferty, 1971

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al - le - lu - ia,  
 and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.  
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.  
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.



al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

SPANISH

1 *Busca primero el reino de Dios  
 y su perfecta justicia,  
 que lo demás lo añadirá el Señor.  
 Alelu, aleluya.*

KOREAN

1 너희는 먼저- 주의 나라와  
 그의를 구하-면  
 이모든것 내게 더하시리라  
 알렐-루 알렐루야

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and  
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

right - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but  
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
 him be found, dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

*Refrain*

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all  
 then is all my hope and stay.  
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24–27 / Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, July 12

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

### Monday, July 13

1:00 pm      Hands of Christ, Covenant Hall

### Tuesday, July 14

8:00 am      Men's Bible Study, Trotter's Restaurant  
10:00 am      Staff Meeting  
1:00 pm      Hands of Christ, Covenant Hall  
1:00 pm      SAMS Steering Committee Meeting, Parlor  
5:30 pm      Exchange Club of Charleston Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Wednesday, July 15

10:00 am      Volunteer, Neighbors Together  
1:00 pm      Hands of Christ, Covenant Hall  
7:30 pm      AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Thursday, July 16

### Friday, July 17

### Saturday, July 18

### Sunday, July 19

9:00 am      Worship Service  
10:00 am      Sunday School  
11:00 am      Worship Service  
4:00 pm      WPC Family Beach Day, Folly Beach  
6:00 pm      Examination of new officers, Covenant Hall  
6:00 pm      Stated Session Meeting, 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

## WESTMINSTER PRAYS

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Art Fields (Gloria Purcell)  
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Randleson Floyd/Daniels (Gloria Purcell)  
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Anna Hewitt (Dee Bee Wright)  
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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)  
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Paula Ruth (Debbie McQueeney)  
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Gloria Underhill (Laura Nunn)  
Kathy Unger (John Dounian)  
Jacqueline Vance (Sara Dwyer)  
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## PRAYER LIST UPDATED JULY 2026

If you need to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please email [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org)

<b>Friend of the Week</b>	<b>Mission of the Week</b>	<b>Student of the Week</b>	<b>Church Family</b>
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## **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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