



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

July 19, 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

Psalm 103:1-5

One: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

◆ INVOCATION

◆ HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 49

The God of Abraham Praise

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◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, hear our prayer, for our hearts are heavy with sin.
We have trusted too much in our own strength.
We have hidden our faces from those who suffer.
We have turned away from neighbors in need.
We have given up hope instead of seeking your help.
Lord, be gracious to us.
Forgive our sin, heal our brokenness,
and fill our hearts with songs of joy. 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

*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

Joshua 2:1-24

PEW BIBLE O.T. PAGES 194

SERMON

Famous and Forgotten: Rahab

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Taken from A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

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 Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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.

◆ HYMN NO. 80

The Trees of the Field (Isaiah 55:12)

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap! clap!*)
the trees of the field will clap their hands; (*clap! clap!*)
the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap! clap!*)
while you go out with joy.

◆ BENEDICTION

◆ POSTLUDE

◆ 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;
Sarah Shayban, Director of Music (11:00)

Nancy Parrish, Pianist (9:00)

Acolytes: Jane Akery, Riley Gentry (9:00); Noemi Gentry, Cora Parrish (11:00)

Children's Church and Wee Church: Margaret and James Head (11:00)

Ushers: Mark Friedrichs, Tracy Friedrichs, Matt Akery (9:00);

Betsy McLaughlin, Martha Adams, Lou Bowers, Dave Stanton, Derek McLaughlin (11:00)

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

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of our grandfathers:

Dallas H. Cowell, Gene C. Daniels, William M. Mitchell, and Ben E. Jordan, Jr.

by Adam, Sara, Ella Caroline, and Everett Daniels

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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| ➤ TODAY | Joshua 2 | 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

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

THE NEXT WPC FAMILY BEACH DAY: TODAY 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!

HANDS OF CHRIST BENEFIT CONCERT

The Presbyterian Churches of James Island invite you to their annual Hands of Christ Benefit Concert on Sunday August 2 at 4:00 p.m. The concert will be held in the sanctuary of James Island Presbyterian Church, 1632 Fort Johnson Rd, James Island.

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 for more information.

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

49 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

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
7:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting, Room 4
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, July 20

Tuesday, July 21

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
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Wednesday, July 22

10:00 am	Hands of Christ Ops. Team, Covenant Hall
6:45 pm	Endowment Committee Meeting, Parlor
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, July 23

10:00 am	Hands of Christ Ops. Team, Covenant Hall
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Friday, July 24

10:00 am	Hands of Christ Ops. Team, Covenant Hall
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Saturday, July 25

Sunday, July 26

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
11:00 am	Ordination/Installation of New Officers
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

The Alexandre Family (WPC)
Daryn Baker (Jane Acker)
Mary Ashley Barbot (Lisa Couch)
Bob & Angelle Beaty (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)

Janie Hammersmith (WPC)
Megan Hatfield (Debbie McQueeney)
Betsy Henson (Ashley Snider)
Anna Hewitt (Dee Bee Wright)
Richard Holtz (WPC)
The Hudson Family (Priscilla Holtzclaw)
Perry Hunter (Kate Cowart)
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)
Justin Welch (Kristin Dounian)
Aileen Wiese (WPC)
Janet Wilson (Gloria Purcell)
Betty Winter (Dee Bee Wright)
Peggy Winter (Dee Bee Wright)
Robbie Yarnall (WPC)

PRAYER LIST UPDATED JULY 2026

If you need to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please email office@wpccharleston.org

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Student of the Week
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Church Family
Jerry and Annette Waldrop
Parker, Chad

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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