



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

July 5, 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

Spirit of God Descend

LANI SMITH

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 143

One: Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy.
In your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

All: Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

One: Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.

**All: Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,
for I have put my trust in you.**

◆ INVOCATION

◆ HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 25

O Lord, Our God, How Excellent

WINCHESTER OLD

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we say we belong to you, but our hearts still wander toward things that can't give us real life. We say you're in charge, but we keep putting our attention and trust in other things. We sing about trusting you, but we still try to control so much ourselves. We know following Jesus means letting go, but we often choose what feels safe and comfortable instead. Forgive us, Lord. Help us not only to hear your Word but to live it. Teach us to surrender to you each day, and to trust you to guide our lives.

-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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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SERMON

Famous and Forgotten: Ezekiel

◆ HYMN NO. 774

There is Now a New Creation

STUTT GART

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

◆ INVITATION TO THE TABLE

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Nicene Creed (381)

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**
**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**
**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**
**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Crowded Table

Spencer Bruce, Jillian Ramsay, Lauren Cook

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

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. 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

This hymn was generated by the 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution.

◆ BENEDICTION

◆ POSTLUDE

Hymnus

WILBUR HELD

◆ *Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

Priscilla Holtzclaw, Parish Associate;
Janie Bruce, Director of Adult Discipleship;
Sarah Shayban, Director of Music

Acolytes:

9:00 a.m. Annie Robinson, Everett Daniels
11:00 a.m. Aurora Davis, Alexis Davis

11:00 a.m. Children's Church and Wee Church: Amy Kuenzel, Lindy Coleman

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. Sandy Pell, Robinson Family, Sherry Niblock
11:00 a.m. Sandy Pell, Janie Daniels, Jack Daniels, Dave Stanton, Joe Tompkins

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

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to share in the bread and the cup. Elders will serve the congregation at the table by intinction. WPC is a safe place for those in recovery – we serve grape juice only. Gluten free is available. Children are invited to the table provided they've had instruction at home or in Westminster's worship prep class (1st grade).

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The 16 middle school students and 3 adults who are participating in Presbyterian College's Summer Middle School Mission Experience. They will spend the week in service and mission projects, worship, and meaningful faith formation.

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 | Ezekiel 37 | Ezekiel (and the dry bones) |
| ➤ July 12 | 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 |

YOU'RE INVITED! "HOLY GROUNDS" TODAY; 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.

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| • July 5 | (Season 2, Episode 5) | • July 19 | (Season 2, Episode 7) |
| • July 12 | (Season 2, Episode 6) | • 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!

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.

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

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

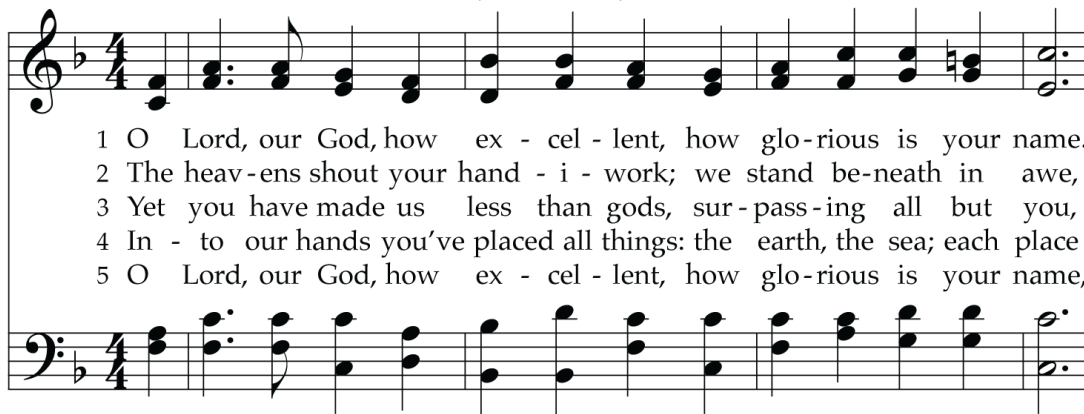
The need for quality mental, emotional, and spiritual care today is undeniable. Pastoral Counseling enables individuals, couples, and families to receive quality counseling that acknowledges the value of faith in the healing process. Whether you need someone to listen, help you process challenges, or 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.

S.T.E.P.S!

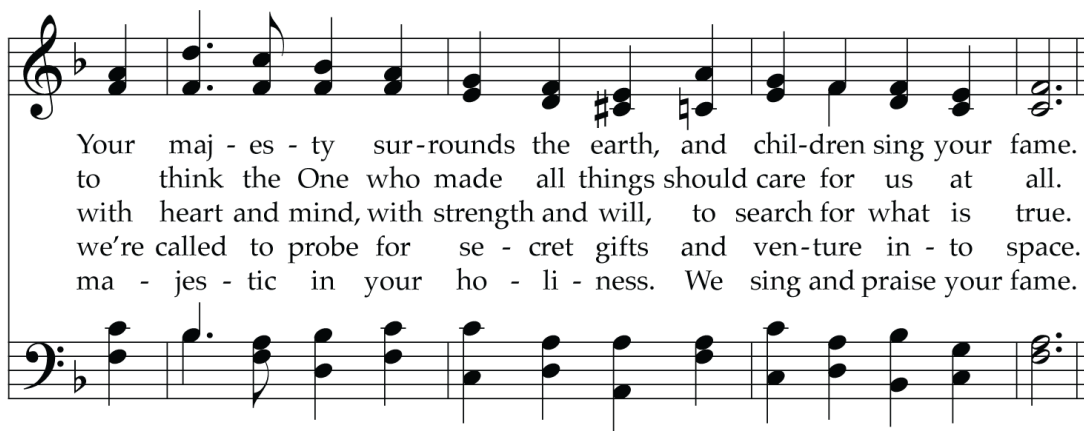
S.T.E.P.S.- Studying + Teaching + Equipping + Praying + Serving: This presbytery-wide event is a wonderful opportunity for high school youth and adult church members, teachers, ministry teams, worship/music leaders, officers and staffs to enrich their faith and understanding of the church. S.T.E.P.S. 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.

O Lord, Our God, How Excellent 25

(Psalm 8)



1 O Lord, our God, how ex - cel - lent, how glo - rious is your name.
2 The heav - ens shout your hand - i - work; we stand be - neath in awe,
3 Yet you have made us less than gods, sur - pass - ing all but you,
4 In - to our hands you've placed all things: the earth, the sea; each place
5 O Lord, our God, how ex - cel - lent, how glo - rious is your name,



Your maj - es - ty sur - rounds the earth, and chil - dren sing your fame.
to think the One who made all things should care for us at all.
with heart and mind, with strength and will, to search for what is true.
we're called to probe for se - cret gifts and ven - ture in - to space.
ma - jes - tic in your ho - li - ness. We sing and praise your fame.

The middle stanzas of this paraphrase of Psalm 8 probe the ancient but enduring paradox of declaring the grandeur of God's creation while realizing how small mortals are in the midst of it all. These words are set to one of the most durable 18th-century English psalm tunes.

TEXT: Fred R. Anderson, 1986

MUSIC: Este's *Psalmes*, 1592; harm. George Kirbye, 1592

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774 There Is Now a New Creation

1 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,
 2 Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the news to ev - ery - one:
 3 Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come; run to greet the way - ward child.
 4 Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion; come and join this hap - py feast;
 5 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ.

peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.
 now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun.
 All is fin - ished and for - giv - en; let us now be rec - on - ciled.
 Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion to the great - est and the least.
 Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, to the God of end - less life!

At the center of this text stands a reference to the well-known parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11–32), and the fourth stanza forms an effective bridge between that gospel story and the celebration of the Lord’s Supper. The first and last stanzas draw on 2 Corinthians 5:17.

331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

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
12:15 pm Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor
7:30 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, July 6

6:00 pm Mid High Youth Mission Trip
Troop 79 Leadership Meeting, Covenant Hall

Tuesday, July 7

Wednesday, July 8

1:00 pm Hands of Christ, Covenant Hall
6:00 pm Fellowship Mahjong Open Play, Room 15 (Preschool)
7:30 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, July 9

10:00 am Lowcountry Smockers Guild, Covenant Hall

Friday, July 10

10:00 am Hands of Christ, Covenant Hall

Saturday, July 11

10:00 am Charleston Area Multiple Myeloma Group, Preschool

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

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 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)
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)
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

| Friend of the Week | Mission of the Week | Student of the Week | Church Family |
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| Tom Harvey Evergreen House Room 5 201 W. 9 th North Street Summerville, SC 29483 | Water Missions International 1150 Molly Greene Way Bldg. 1605 N. Charleston, SC 29405 | Daniel Dounian 1437 Ashley Garden Blvd. Charleston, SC 29414 | Graham & Blair Wade Clarkson, Lizzie |

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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