



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

August 2, 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

Welcoming a New Member

◆ SONG OF PREPARATION NO. 175

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

from Psalm 84

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

All: **Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

One: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

All: **O Lord of Hosts, happy is the one who trusts in you!**

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 664

Morning Has Broken

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Almighty and Everlasting God, as we bow in your holy presence, we see the awful depth of our sinfulness. We have fallen so far short of the holiness to which you call us. Forgive our stubborn waywardness, and empower us by your Holy Spirit to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, according to the example set for us by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

-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

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

WORDS OF SCRIPTURE

INTRODUCTION OF THE DEACONS AND ELDERS

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE DEACONS AND ELDERS

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER OF ORDINATION/INSTALLATION AND THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

◆ RESPONSE

The Doxology

All singing:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

Laura Patrick

SPECIAL MUSIC

How Can I Keep from Singing?
Mark Burckhalter and Nancy Parrish

ROBERT LOWRY

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jonah 2

PEW BIBLE O.T. PAGES 860

SERMON

Famous and Forgotten: Jonah

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE

When Trials Come

SEE INSERT

THE LORD'S SUPPER

◆ INVITATION

◆ DECLARATION 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.

PRAYER OF 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

SONG DURING COMMUNION

My Savior and My God

JAY ALTHOUSE

Mark Burckhalter and Nancy Parrish

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.

◆ SONG NO. 370

This is My Father's World

SENDING OUT

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Priscilla Holtzclaw, Parish Associate;

Janie Bruce, Director of Adult Discipleship

Nancy Parrish, Pianist

Acolytes: Annie Robinson, Everett Daniels

Ushers: Mark Friedrichs, Tracy Friedrichs, Jonathan Bazzle

11:00 Livestream at www.wpccharleston.org, YouTube (Westminster Presbyterian Charleston)

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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).

TODAY WE WELCOME A NEW MEMBER TO WESTMINSTER

During the 9:00 worship, we are glad to welcome Joan Leon 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. 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



NEW HERE? MAKE SOME CONNECTIONS AT WESTMINSTER

Connections: An opportunity for those visiting or new who want to meet others and learn more about LIFE at Westminster. The next Connections Class is Sunday, August 23. We meet from 10:00 – 10:40 in Pastor Daniel's office at the end of the Admin Hall. Kids are welcome or can go to Sunday School/Nursery. Email office@wpccharleston.org to reserve your place.

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.

- August 2 Jonah Jonah (and the big fish)
- August 9 Exodus 1 Shiphrah and Puah

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR IN AUGUST: JOIN US AT 10:00 EVERY SUNDAY!

- August 2 Holy Grounds: Coffee, Treats, and Fellowship for adults.
- August 9 The Mexico Mission Teams shares their experiences
- August 16 Kickoff Sunday: Ministry and Connections Fair for everyone.
- August 23 Adult Classes meet for the first time / Connections Class
- August 30 Friends from Thornwell and Presbyterian College share encouraging stories from our partnerships.

DO YOU SING OR PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?

We are scheduling special music for the 9:00 worship service. Young people and old, beginners and those with experience, we know you are out there with gifts to share. God is praised when you use your gifts and when the church intentionally develops worship leaders. If you'd like to be on the schedule for the coming months, please reach out to Pastor Daniel at dsmoak@wpccharleston.org.

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.

YOU'RE INVITED! "HOLY GROUNDS" TODAY; 10:00 AM IN COVENANT HALL

Join us for Holy Grounds, a special 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.

KICKOFF SUNDAY: CONNECTED IN CHRIST

Sunday, August 16th is Kickoff Sunday at Westminster. Covenant Hall will be transformed into a Ministry & Connections Fair 10:00 -10:45 a.m. with refreshments and varying informational tables for all of the different ways that we can connect with each other in ministry. There will be opportunities to learn about and sign up to participate or help with events, meals, music, Bible studies, and more! Children and Youth will promote up to their new Sunday School classes on this day. Sunday School students are invited to visit their new classrooms, meet their teachers, and get to know each other

SAVE THE DATE: CHARLESTON RIVERDOGS FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT AT THE JOE

Join us on Saturday, August 22nd for Faith & Family night at the Joe. Gates open at 5 pm with the first pitch at 6:05 p.m. Look for the link in this Tuesday's E-News to purchase your tickets (\$10 per ticket). We have reserved a block of 50 seats, first come, first serve!

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP PREVIEW NIGHT: AUGUST 16 | 4:00-5:00 P.M. | COVENANT HALL

All 6th-12th grade youth and parents are invited to join us as we kick off a new year of youth ministry! This gathering is for all participating families—new and returning—as we share our vision, schedule, and exciting opportunities for the year ahead. While parents learn more about what's coming, youth will enjoy games and time connecting with their youth leaders. Please RSVP to Ms. Claire at cwinkles@wpccharleston.org.

YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF NIGHT! AUGUST 30 | 5:00-6:30 P.M. | COVENANT HALL

All 6th-12th grade youth are invited to join us for Youth Group Kickoff Night as we begin the year exploring our theme "Connected in Christ!" Come enjoy dinner, fellowship, games, and a fun night of reconnecting with friends and youth leaders. In order for us to have an estimated head count please RSVP by emailing Ms. Claire at Cwinkles@wpccharleston.org. Bring your excitement and get ready for a great year ahead!

ATTENTION PARENTS OF ELEMENTARY-AGED CHILDREN

You will receive a letter soon about our Worship Preparation Classes which will be held September 13-November 1, 2026. The class will meet on Sunday mornings after the children are dismissed following the Time to Shine at the 11:00 a.m. service. While we are inviting first graders, older elementary aged children are welcome if they have not previously completed this class. One of the ways we keep the vows we make when our children are baptized is to give thought, effort and prayer to their participation in worship. Good worship experiences don't "just happen." If children feel loved, included and accepted in worship, it is because both the church and you have been faithful to their tasks. To that end, we will talk about where we worship, why we worship, how we worship and about prayer. We will also learn about both sacraments celebrated in the Presbyterian Church, Baptism and Communion. At least one parent or grandparent must attend class with your child. If you have any questions or do not receive the letter, please call Dee Bee Wright or the church office. Thank you!

YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM NOMINATIONS

This year, we are excited to launch our first-ever Youth Leadership Team for high school students! We invite congregation members to help us identify and encourage 9th-12th grade youth who have a passion for serving, sharing their ideas, and helping shape the future of our youth ministry. The Youth Leadership Team will work alongside youth leaders to plan events, provide feedback, and help create a welcoming, faith-filled community for all youth. Congregation members are encouraged to nominate youth they believe would be a great fit by emailing Ms. Claire at cwinkles@wpccharleston.org. Nominated students will then be invited to complete an application that includes a letter of recommendation from a member of the congregation. Please note that nominations and letters of recommendation should come from a congregation member that is not related to the nominated youth. Applications will be reviewed by Ms. Claire and other adults involved in youth discipleship. We are thrilled to see how God will use our 2026 Youth Leadership Team to point our youth and adults toward loving God and loving neighbor!

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.

SAMS MOUNTAIN RETREAT

The SAMs (Senior Adult Ministry) annual mountain trip is October 19 - 23. We go to Montreat, NC, stay in the South Carolina Inn, enjoy area activities, food, fellowship, and Bible study led by Pastor Daniel. It's a trip for anyone 50+, and there is space for YOU if you would like to join us! Please reach out to the Church Office for more information. Deadline for signup is Monday, August 3.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

It is a joy to worship God and ordain and install new leaders at the 9:00 service this morning. Here are the new deacons and elders, including the ones who were ordained and installed on July 26 at 11:00.

- New Deacons being ordained and installed are: Martha Adams, Angelle Beaty, Beth Janssen, Holly Martin, Kendall Ramsay, Missy Rutter, and Elizabeth Souter.
- New Deacons, previously ordained and being installed are: Kellie Apat, Deb Brown, Mary McAbee, and Shelby Earnst.
- New Elders being ordained and installed are: Rick Baturin, Andrew Hopkins, Joe Tompkins, and Ben Whitener.
- New Elders, previously ordained and being installed are: Lindy Coleman, Norman Hook, and Dee Bee Wright.

SPECIAL THANKS

A hearty thank you goes to these Deacons and Elders who are completing their terms of active service. You gave valuable leadership at Westminster, and you are to be commended for your service. Well done!

Deacons: Deb Brown, Jennifer Binnicker, Mark Burckhalter, Susana Comte-Walters, Liz Crosby, Alissa Ferguson, Annie Klingshirn, Meredith Boyd, Debbie McQueeney, Christine Towne, and John Wright.

Elders: Jon Bazzle, Allyn Bruce, Randy Davis, John Dounian, Mary McAbee, and Ashley Snider.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO OFFICER-SELECT:

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our Church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our Church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the Church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

(For Deacons) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

(For Elders) Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the Church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO CONGREGATION:

Do we, the members of the church, accept these men and women as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, August 2

9:00 am	Worship Service (Ordination & Installation of New Officers)
10:00 am	Holy Grounds, Covenant Hall
10:45 am	Special Session Meeting, Pastor Daniel's Office
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:15 pm	Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, August 3

6:00 pm	Troop 79 Leadership Meeting, Covenant Hall
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Tuesday, August 4

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
10:00 am	Hands of Christ, Covenant Hall

Wednesday, August 5

7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall
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Thursday, August 6

Friday, August 7

3:30 pm	Hands of Christ Clothing Distribution, Covenant Hall
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Saturday, August 8

9:30 am	Hands of Christ Clothing Distribution, Covenant Hall
10:00 am	Charleston Area Multiple Myeloma Group Meeting, Preschool

Sunday, August 9

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Mexico Mission Team Report, Covenant Hall
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

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

Ottery Family (Sara Dwyer)
Julie Pell (Sandy & Debbie Pell)
Powell Family (WPC)
Nancy Plowden (WPC)
Pratt Family (WPC Preschool)
Donna 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 AUGUST 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
Kate Pennekamp 8840 Marsh Aire Lane Edisto Island, SC 29438	Mary Ford Early Learning Center 3180 Thomasina McPherson Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29405	Madison Evans 2284 Ashley River Rd., Apt. 1220 Charleston, SC 29414	John Paul Walker

ELDERS AND SESSION COMMITTEES

Administration: Michael Patrick and Paul Patrick; **Buildings and Grounds:** Tim Fox and Ben Whitener; **Christian Education:** Natasha Akery and Kevin Mikles; **Fellowship:** Michael Scruggs, Andrew Hopkins, Joe Tompkins; **Finance:** Sarah Schumann and Norman Hook; **Connections:** Cameron Baker and Lindy Coleman; **Missions:** Dee Bee Wright and Joshua Robinson; **Preschool:** Rick Baturin; **Worship:** Deborah-Anne Ferguson and Cathy Grills; **Clerk:** Carole Russell; **Assistant Clerk:** Cathy Grills; **Treasurer:** Tim Fox

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