



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

September 13, 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. 240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE

from Psalm 96

One: O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

All: Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

One: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

All: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised!

Let us worship the LORD and declare his glory!

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 15 All Creatures of Our God and King

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Gracious and holy God, you alone are worthy of our praise and glory. Yet we confess that we too often seek glory for ourselves. We want to be noticed, admired, and affirmed. We measure our worth by what we accomplish, by what others think of us, and by how much we can control. We take credit for your gifts and forget that every good thing comes from you. Forgive us when our pride overshadows your grace, when our accomplishments become more important than your purposes, and when our lives point toward ourselves rather than toward you. Turn our hearts again to Christ. Teach us to live with humility and gratitude, to use our gifts for your glory, and to seek your praise rather than our own. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-Silent Personal Confession-

◆ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 35

Praise Ye the Lord, The Almighty (verse 3)

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

◆ 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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Administered to Charlotte Anne Garee, daughter of Brent and Kathy Garee
David Purcell, assisting Elder

◆ DECLARATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

Claire Winkles

SPECIAL MUSIC

Servant Song
Chris Dorsel

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 7:1-40

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SERMON

Connected in Christ: Married or Single, We Honor God

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

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

OFFERING

Moment for Mission

Offerings of Time, Talent, and Treasure

Bring your offering to the offering plates as we sing

◆ Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

◆ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING OUT

◆ SONG NO. 634

To God Be the Glory

◆ BLESSING

◆ *Please stand, if able*

LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:

Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Priscilla Holtzclaw, Parish Associate;

Claire Winkles, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries

Nancy Parrish, Pianist

Acolytes: Lydia Crosby, Elsie Crosby

Ushers: Joe Jeter, Laura Nunn, Sherry Niblock

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

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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.

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 center aisle.

Online: Click the "Give Now" button in the top right of our homepage wpccharleston.org. Text: "charlestonwpc" to 73256.

Thank you for giving.

TIME OF OFFERING

At WPC, we have a Time of Offering during worship. As followers of Christ, we are called to offer more than our financial gifts. In worship, we bring our whole selves—our time, talents, resources, prayers, and lives—to God in grateful response to his grace. Each week a brief Moment for Mission will highlight how Westminster is living out our mission in the community and around the world. You will then be invited to place your offering envelope, prayer requests, personal commitments, or kid's artwork in the offering plates (located in the center aisle) as we sing the Doxology and offer a Prayer of Dedication. Prayer requests will be shared with the staff and faithfully lifted in prayer throughout the week. Artwork will be posted on the bulletin board in Covenant Hall.

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. 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 Connections 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, October 18th. 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: CONNECTED IN CHRIST: A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS

TODAY	1 Corinthians 7:1-40	Connected in Christ: Married or Single: We Honor God
September 20	1 Corinthians 8:1-10:22	Connected in Christ: We Consider the Spiritual Needs of Others
September 27	1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1	Connected in Christ: We Do All to the Glory of God
October 4	1 Corinthians 11:17-34	Connected in Christ: Communion is Communal

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES THIS FALL AT WESTMINSTER:

- The Anchor Class: This class emphasizes fellowship, good discussion, and growth. Studying Psalm 23. This class meets in Room 4.
- The Cary Grayson Class: This class meets in the Parlor and is engaged in a study and reflection of the Bible. Studying 2 Chronicles.
- The LIFE Class: This class meets in the Library and is full of deep questions and deep answers. Currently using a study titled The Distorted Images of God.
- The Come As You Are Class: This class is designed to meet adults wherever they are in their journey with the Bible. If you're new, been studying for years, or anywhere in between, just come as you are. The class will read and discuss Jesus' parables. Participants don't need to prepare ahead. This class meets in Room 15 of the Education Building.

WHAT IF YOU COULD STUDY THE BIBLE LIKE A LITERATURE COURSE? Join Natasha Akery in reading the book of Jonah as a satirical text that critiques exclusionary grace. Participants will learn the basics of literary inquiry and how this approach to the Bible can expand theological depth and our appreciation of the world's most beautiful work of literature. This study starts today, but there are a few spots left. The session will run September 13 - October 18 on Sundays at 5 pm in the Parlor. Because of the limited number of spaces available, full participation in the class is expected and appreciated. Please reach out to Natasha Akery or Janie Bruce, jbruce@wpccharleston.org, for more information or to join the class.

TODAY IS A QUARTERS EVERY QUARTER SUNDAY!

Bring your Quarters Every Quarter banks next Sunday, as we collect change for WPC Mission project WE Pack: food kits for school kids in need. Collection banks for our Quarters Every Quarter offering are available in the narthex. This simple practice is designed to help households cultivate stewardship and generosity at home. Place the bank in a visible spot, collect your spare change throughout the quarter, and use it as an opportunity to talk about giving as a family. Four times each year, we receive the Quarters Every Quarter offering during worship to support a designated Westminster mission or ministry. Whether you're a family with young children or an individual looking for a simple way to practice generosity, we invite you to pick up a collection bank and join us in this joyful act of giving. There is no charge for collection banks for the ones who participate.

SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH TODAY

All are welcome to a fried chicken luncheon in Covenant Hall following 11:00 a.m. worship the 2nd Sunday of each month. Cash donations for fried chicken welcome, bring a potluck side or dessert to the kitchen during the Sunday School hour to share. Be filled with fellowship!

PARENTS OF ELEMENTARY-AGED CHILDREN: WORSHIP PREP BEGINS TODAY

The class meets 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. Every Sunday through November 1, 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 please call Dee Bee Wright or the church office. Thank you!

JOIN US FOR WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY!

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. This week the menu is breakfast for dinner! \$10/person or \$35/family via cash, card or check.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES-SAMS-LUNCH AND LEARN-OCTOBER 8 AT 1:00

Join us for a **salad potluck lunch**. Bring your favorite salad to share (potato, chicken, pasta, tuna, vegetable, congealed, etc.). Beverages/Desserts will be provided. Our speaker is Tim Fox who will share Smart Tax Savings Strategies for Seniors.

No sign-up needed.

FEED THE YOUTH

Sunday Nights , 4:45 - 5:30 p.m.

Interested in providing a meal for our Youth Discipleship Group on Sunday Nights? Remember you don't have to have a youth to feed the youth. They are happy with home cooked or hot-N-ready. Click link below for a list of dates to sign up to feed the youth on Sunday Nights August - May from 4:45 - 5:30 p.m.



YOUTH GROUP SERVICE PROJECT: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

On September 20, our youth will host their first "In House" Service Project, creating birthday cake kits for food pantry participants celebrating a birthday that month! We're collecting: 48 9x13-inch rectangular foil cake pans, 48 cake mixes (chocolate or vanilla), 2 24-packs of Sprite, 48 containers of frosting, and 48 packs of birthday candles. Donations can be dropped off in Ms. Claire's office or the church workroom on or before the morning of September 20th. Any extra supplies will be saved for a future cake kit service project night. Thank you for helping our youth spread a little birthday joy!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44A4AB2AAAF5C52-65667767-food>

ACOLYTES-LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

If you are a rising third through rising sixth grader and are interested in serving as an acolyte, please call Miss Dee Bee at (843) 729-7005. Training will be Sunday, October 11 from 12:15-3:30 p.m. We will do our training in the Sanctuary after we have pizza in Covenant Hall. Your parents may leave you after church, or they may stay with us. We will need your parents back by 2:15 so that they may watch you practice and will know how to help you when you serve! The schedule will be distributed to you shortly after training, and you may switch with others as necessary. Please let me know if you are coming to training so I will have enough pizza! Please call me if you have any questions, and I look forward to working with each of you.



Previously trained acolytes do not need to be present for this training. I will be doing the schedule for November 2026-October 2027 and will email the new schedule to you. Thank you! Miss Dee Bee

BETHELWOODS FAMILY RETREAT

Due to some scheduling conflicts, we have rescheduled the Bethelwoods Family Retreat from October 16-18 to January 15-17, 2027

BREAKING BREAD GROUPS

Breaking Bread Groups will be comprised of individuals, couples, and families looking for an opportunity to meet and get to know others in the Westminster family through the act of dining together. There will be four categories of groups to offer opportunities for everyone. This fall, Breaking Bread Groups will meet once a month October through December. There will be a new round of groups in early 2027. Once you've registered via the link in the weekly E-News, the Connections Team will be in touch with details about your group. The deadline for signing up is TODAY!

Group choices are:

- Dining out WITH kids
- Dining out WITHOUT kids
- Dining in homes WITH kids
- Dining in homes WITHOUT kids

BOOK CLUB - Interested in reading fiction books and chatting with others in an informal setting? Join us!

- Selection: *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi
- Meeting time: Sunday, October 4 @ 12:30pm
- Meeting place: TBones Restaurant West Ashley
- RSVP to Janie Bruce at jbruce@wpccharleston.org by Friday, October 2.
- Future selections & dates
 - *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans on Sunday, November 1
 - TBD on Sunday, December 6

WoW LUNCHEON: All Women of Westminster are invited to connect with each other before we enter the busy holiday season at a luncheon in Covenant Hall on Sunday, September 27 immediately following 11:00 worship. Main dish will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert to share. There is no additional cost for this event and childcare is available. Use the QR code to RSVP and find out more information. Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 23.



READ GOOD BOOKS IN 2026!

Join Pastor Daniel as we read books that stretch our minds, deepen our faith, and encourage us in the journey of discipleship. Throughout the year, we'll explore a variety of authors, topics, and genres, choosing books that spark meaningful conversation and help us grow as followers of Christ. Our current selection is **You Are What You Love** by James K. A. Smith. This is one of those rare books that changes the way you see everyday life. Smith argues that our lives are shaped less by what we think and more by what we love—and that our loves are formed by the habits and practices we engage in every day. Whether we're aware of it or not, everything from shopping malls to social media to Sunday worship is shaping our hearts. Written with warmth, humor, and theological depth, *You Are What You Love* invites us to rediscover Christian worship as God's way of reordering our desires so that we love God—and our neighbors—more faithfully. If you've ever wondered why it's so difficult to live out what you believe, or how spiritual growth really happens, this book offers fresh insight, practical wisdom, and plenty to discuss together. We'll meet at **6:00 p.m.** on **September 27** and **October 25**.

- September 27: Discuss pages 1–82
- October 25: Discuss pages 83–188

Books are \$15 and are available in the Narthex or through online booksellers. New readers are always welcome!

TABLE TALK WITH THE SMOAKS

Second Tuesday of each month; 6:30 p.m. at The Garden by Charles Towne Fermentory

Looking for a relaxed evening of good conversation? Join **Pastor Daniel and Amy Smoak** for **Table Talk**, a casual gathering where everyone is welcome. Whether you're new to the church, have been here for years, or are simply looking for a place to ask questions and connect with others, we'd love to have you. We'll gather on the **second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at The Garden by Charles Towne Fermentory** (1331 Ashley River Road).

Upcoming Dates: October 13, November 10, December 8

We'll have a general topic each night, but bring your thoughts and questions. The conversation is informal, and there's always room for whatever is on your mind. Drinks are available for purchase, there are tables for food you bring or have delivered, and plenty of space for kids to romp. We hope you'll pull up a chair and join us!

SERVE WITH NEIGHBORS TOGETHER

Join us this **Wednesday** as we partner with **Neighbors Together** to serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve, connect, and share God's love in a very practical way.

We serve on the **third Wednesday of each month**. We'll meet at the church at **9:30 a.m.** and travel together to Neighbors Together, returning to the church by **1:00 p.m.**

Our next opportunity to serve is this Wednesday! Come join us—no special experience is needed, just a willingness to serve.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, September 13

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Second Sunday Social, Covenant Hall
4:00 pm	Club 345
5:00 pm	Youth Group
5:00 pm	Bible as Literature Class, Parlor
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, September 14

Tuesday, September 15

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
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Wednesday, September 16

10:00 am	Volunteer, Neighbors Together
6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday, Covenant Hall
6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal
6:45 pm	Finance Committee Meeting, Parlor
7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, September 17

Friday, September 18

Saturday, September 19

Sunday, September 20

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Youth Group
5:00 pm	Bible as Literature Class, Parlor
5:00 pm	Deacons Meeting, 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

The Alexandre Family (WPC)
Daryn Baker (Jane Acker)
Mary Ashley Barbot (Lisa Couch)
Bob & Angelle Beaty (WPC)
The Boyd Family (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)
Marley Miller (Dee Bee Wright)
Jim Mobley (Mobley Family)
Carolyn Niblock (WPC)

Ottery Family (Sara Dwyer)
Powell Family (WPC)
Nancy Plowden (WPC)
Pratt Family (WPC Preschool)
Donna Purcell (WPC)
Joyce Reeves (Sue Smoak)
Paula Ruth (Debbie McQueeney)
Marlowe Schneider (D. Tumbleston)
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 SEPTEMBER 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
Tom Harvey	Metanoia	Izzy Justice	Tom & Mellany
Evergreen House Rm. 5	2005 Reynolds Avenue	2207 Dawn Hill Drive	Whetstone
201 W. 9 th North Street	N. Charleston, SC 29405	Charleston, SC 29414	
Summerville, SC 29483			

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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