



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

September 27, 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. 399 God Welcomes All

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends. (2x)

◆ WORDS OF PRAISE from Psalm 29

One: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders over the mighty waters.

All: **The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic.**

One: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name.

All: **Come, let us worship the Lord, whose glory fills creation.**

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 37 Let All Things Now Living

CONFESSION

◆ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Heavenly Father, you loved us so deeply that you sent your only Son to dwell among us so that we might be with you forever. Yet we continue to sin. Jesus taught us to worship you, but we often fail to glorify you in our daily lives. He taught us how to pray, but we struggle to bring our hopes and sorrows before you. He taught us how to love, yet we often fail to reach out to those who are difficult to love. Forgive us, Lord. Give us hearts of flesh so that our lives may reflect who you are and who you have called us to be. Amen.

-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.

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◆ 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

TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

Claire Winkles

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 172

SERMON

Connected in Christ: We Do All to the Glory of God

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

◆ DECLARATION OF FAITH

from the Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION AND OFFERING

Moment for Mission

Offerings of Time, Talent, and Treasure

Bring your offering to the offering plates as we sing

◆ Song of Response (from Psalm 100)

O enter then his gates with praise;
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

◆ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING OUT

◆ SONG NO. 10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

◆ BLESSING

◆ *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

Nancy Parrish, Pianist

Acolyte: Evan Ford

Ushers: Nancy Dixon, Jill Lundgrin, Dan Klingshirn

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

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*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of my daughters,
Claire and Abby Terhune, and my grandson, Sam Simpkins, on their birthdays by Debbie Redmon.*

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 aisles) 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 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.

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 we will have a baked potato bar, garden salad, and dessert. \$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.**

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



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.



TRICK CAN TREAT FOR YOUTH GROUP! OCTOBER 11TH FROM 5:00-7:00

This is an ALL YOUTH event you do not want to miss! We will be driving around some neighborhoods in the Charleston area doing a little bit of "Trick Can Treating"! Kids will be driven by youth leaders to different houses where they will leave a bag (with information) to collect canned goods for the Lowcountry Food Bank. Please RSVP before October 9th to secure your youth a spot. We will be renting large vans for this event, so youth who are going to attend MUST rsvp. Scan the QR code to register your 6th-12th grader for this event!



TRUNK OR TREAT/CANDY COLLECTIONS: OCTOBER 25TH FROM 4:00-5:30

Join us in your Halloween costume from 4:00 to 5:30 for trunk or treating around the church campus. We need volunteers who are willing to decorate their trunk and pass out treats. If a couple families would like to share a trunk to allow time to go around with your children, that is also an option! The Westminster Youth Group will be leading a variety of games and activities inside the preschool playground as part of our Trunk or Treat Festival. If you would like to help us prepare for this fun event, please consider donating a bag of nut free Halloween candy to be used as prizes in the festival. You can leave the candy on the pew in Ms. Claire's office labeled, "Trunk or Treat Candy". If you would like to sign up to host a trunk or volunteer as a youth (6th-12th graders) please scan the QR code or reach out to Ms. Claire at cwinkles@wpccharleston.org.



GLOBAL MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY IN 2027!

In **Mexico**, we're returning to share in the CISTERN MINISTRY of Todd Luke in the Yucatan. Todd works with local families in building rainwater cisterns so families can have a year-round supply of safe water. The church identifies the needs and works alongside families and mission teams to construct needed cisterns. There are two opportunities in 2027:

- o a team of adults February 15-20.
- o a team of High Schoolers June 28-July 3.

The total cost of each trip is about \$2100, and the cost will be divided in thirds between participant contribution, the church's Global Mission Fund, and group fundraising. These teams are intentionally small- no more than 8 people per team. Save your spot on the February team with a conversation with Pastor Daniel and a \$200 deposit payable to WPC by October 31.

BETHELWOODS FAMILY RETREAT

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

CIRCLE 4 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS UNDERWEAR DRIVE

The Presbyterian Women's Circles will once again participate in the Christmas women's underwear drive for the Leeds Avenue Detention Center. Circle members are asked to participate by donating a new, unopened pack of **PLAIN WHITE** (no colors or designs), regular cotton briefs (in their own size so that we get a variety of sizes). Underwear can be dropped off at the church office until the 13th of December. If you have any questions please contact Barbara Lundy at (843) 607-2102.

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

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!

CONNECTED IN CHRIST: STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 18!

EVERY member of the Westminster Session, Diaconate, and Finance Committee have already completed their 2027 Estimate of Giving Cards, and now each WPC disciple can make a personal commitment to the Lord and the ministry at Westminster for the coming year. Look for information in the E-News and mail in the coming weeks. Bring your completed form (or fill one out online at wpccharleston.org) to worship on Sunday the 18th, and we'll dedicate our commitments to the Lord together in worship. Thank you for your participation: those who respond will have their family name added to the "Connected in Christ" display in the narthex during October. All responses are needed in our prayerful discernment in ministry planning for the coming year.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, September 27

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Youth Group Night Out at Ashley Lanes
5:00 pm	Bible as Literature Class, Parlor
6:00 pm	Read Good Books, Pastor Daniel's Office
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, September 28

Tuesday, September 29

10:00 am	Staff Meeting
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Wednesday, September 30

6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday, Covenant Hall
6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, October 1

Friday, October 2

Saturday, October 3

Sunday, October 4

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:10 pm	CE Committee Meeting, Library
12:15 pm	Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor
12:30 pm	WPC Book Club, T Bones
4:00 pm	Youth Leadership Team Meeting, Room 4
5:00 pm	Youth Group Night Out
5:00 pm	Mahjong Fellowship, Room 15
5:00 pm	Bible as Literature Class, Parlor
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)
Robin Carroll & Family (Becky Grafton)
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)
Carol & Price Jackson (Sara Dwyer)
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)
Nancy Plowden (WPC)
Powell Family (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
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504 Shem Butler Ct.
Charleston, SC 29414

Mission of the Week
Water Missions Int'l
1150 Molly Greene Way
Building 1605
N. Charleston, SC 29405

Student of the Week
Cole McLaughlin
Student Box 84602
1300 Wheat Street
Columbia, SC 29225

Church Family
Bobbie Whittington
Brody Braithwaite

ELDERS AND SESSION COMMITTEES

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