

October/November 2026



THE GOOD NEWS

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

From Pastor Daniel

One of the questions I've been pondering lately comes from James K. A. Smith's book *You Are What You Love*. It is a simple question, but one that reaches much deeper than we might expect: What do you love?

We often think of ourselves as people who are shaped primarily by what we believe. And certainly, what we believe matters. But Smith reminds us that we are also, and perhaps even more deeply, shaped by what we love. Our hearts are always being directed toward something. What we give our time to, what captures our attention, what we pursue, what we worry about, and what we treasure are all expressions of our loves.

That is an important thought for us as Christians. Following Jesus is not simply about learning the right things or believing the right doctrines. It is about becoming people whose hearts are increasingly turned toward God and toward the things God loves.

This is why worship matters so much. Every Sunday, as we gather, sing, pray, hear Scripture, share communion, and encourage one another, God is forming us. We are practicing the habits of a people who love God. And then we carry those loves with us into our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, and our community.

Perhaps the question for us is not simply, "What do I believe?" but also, "What is shaping my heart?" What am I learning to love?

My prayer is that our life together at Westminster Presbyterian Church will continually help us become people who love God more deeply and love our neighbors more faithfully. May our worship shape our hearts, and may our hearts shape the way we live.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Daniel



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FROM THE PULPIT

October 4, 2026

Communion

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Connected in Christ:

Communion is Communal



October 11, 2026

1 Corinthians 12:1-31

Connected in Christ:

We are the Body of Christ

October 18, 2026

Dedication Sunday

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Connected in Christ:

The Most Excellent Way

October 25, 2026

1 Corinthians 14:1-40

Connected in Christ:

*We Do Things Decently
and in Order*

November 1, 2026

Communion

All Saints

Worship Prep First Communion

1 Corinthians 15:1-58

Connected in Christ:

Our Forever Home



November 8, 2026

Children's Sunday

November 15, 2026

1 Corinthians 16:1-24

Connected in Christ:

We Are Generous Givers

November 22, 2026

1 Corinthians 11:2-16

Connected in Christ:

We Learn Together

November 29, 2026

Advent



MINISTRIES

DISCIPLESHIP UPDATES

New Members

Nancy Reading

Eric and Leah Fore

Ryan and Lee Andrews, daughters Amelia and Zoe

David Allen and Emma Herbert

Joan Leon

Greg Crenshaw

Brad Bryan

Baptisms

Zoe Claire Andrews, daughter of Lee and Ryan Andrews. Baptized June 21, 2026

Rowe Alexander Pennekamp, son of Alex and Lindley Pennekamp. Baptized August 2, 2026

Charlotte Anne Garee, daughter of Kathy and Brent Garee. Baptized September 13, 2026

In Loving Memory

Cary Alexandre, July 6, 2026

Peggy Inabinet, August 7, 2026

NEW HERE?

Make some Connections

Sunday, October 18

10:00 - 10:40 a.m.

Pastor Daniel's Office

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 18. 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.

WORSHIP

A Service for Lament, Hope, and Healing

Sunday, November 15, 5:00 p.m.

There are seasons when we simply need a place to come, be still, and remember that God is with us. On Sunday evening, November 15, we will gather for a special service of Healing, Hope, and Grace. We come carrying many different burdens: concerns about our nation and the world, anxiety about the days ahead, the approaching holidays, grief over those we have lost, strained relationships, personal struggles, or burdens that are difficult to put into words. This service is an opportunity to bring all of that before God-to pray, to listen, to lament, to receive God's grace, and to remember that we do not carry our burdens alone. Whether you are hurting, anxious, grieving, weary, searching for hope, or simply want to come and pray for others, this service is for you. Come as you are.

WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

9:00 a.m.

Worship

*Nursery Available
for 0-2's**

10:00 a.m.

**Children & Youth
Sunday School**

0-2's

*Nursery**

3-5K

Room 14, CE Building

1st-2nd Grade

Room 13, CE Building

3rd-5th Grade

Room 17, CE Building

Middle School (6th - 8th)

Room 1, Covenant Hall

High School (9th - 12th)

Room 3, Covenant Hall

Adult Sunday School

Cary Grayson Class

Church Parlor

Anchor Class

Room 4, Covenant Hall

Life Class

Church Library

Come As You Are

Room 15, CE Building

11:00 a.m. Worship

Scan QR Code for Livestream
*Children's Church, Wee Church
and Nursery Available*



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Commitment Sunday is October 18!

Every member of the Westminster Session, Diaconate, and Finance Committee has completed a 2027 Estimate of Giving Card. Now, we invite every WPC disciple to prayerfully consider a personal commitment to the Lord and Westminster's ministry for the coming year.

Look for information in the mail in early October. Bring your completed form—or scan QR code to complete online—to worship Sunday, October 18, when we'll dedicate our commitments together. Thank you for participating!

Family names of those who respond will be added to the "Connected in Christ" display in the narthex during October.



Quarters Every Quarter

We are so glad to say the first Quarters Every Quarter offering brought in more than 40 pounds of change for WePack: \$544!

Collection banks are available in the narthex. Keep one at home, collect your spare change, and use it as a simple way to practice stewardship and generosity as a household. **Our next offering will be Sunday, December 13.** Collection banks are free and available to everyone.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Read Good Books in 2026

Sunday, October 25

Join Pastor Daniel for a year of books that stretch our minds, deepen our faith, and encourage us in discipleship. Each selection is chosen to 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. Smith explores how our lives are shaped not only by what we believe, but by what we love and the habits that form our hearts. From social media and shopping to Sunday worship, the practices of everyday life shape who we are becoming.

With warmth, humor, and theological depth, Smith invites us to consider how Christian worship can reorder our desires so that we love God and our neighbors more faithfully.

Next Meeting: October 25 at 6:00 p.m.
Discuss pages 83–188

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

MISSIONS

Charleston Area Justice Ministry House Meetings

Join WPC for our annual House Meetings in partnership with the Charleston Area Justice Ministry (CAJM). House Meetings are welcoming spaces to share your experiences, concerns, and hopes for our community. The stories and issues raised help guide CAJM's work toward meaningful change. Everyone is welcome, WPC membership is not required.

Upcoming House Meetings
Covenant Hall, Room 4:

- Sunday, October 11 at 12:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Global Missions Trip Opportunity in 2027

In 2027, Westminster will return to the Yucatan to support Todd Luke's Cistern Ministry, helping local families build rainwater cisterns for a year-round supply of safe water.

Two opportunities:

- Adults: February 15–20
- High Schoolers: June 28–July 3

Each trip costs approximately \$2,100, divided among participant contribution, the Global Mission Fund, and group fundraising. Teams are limited to 8 participants.

February team: Save your spot by talking with Pastor Daniel and submitting a \$200 deposit to WPC by October 31.

Women's Underwear Drive

Presbyterian Women are collecting white, regular cotton briefs in all sizes for the Al Cannon Detention Center Christmas ministry. **Please drop donations at the Westminster office by December 13.**

FELLOWSHIP

Book Club

Sunday, October 4

12:30 p.m. at TBones in West Ashley

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

For our first Sunday Meeting, we'll be discussing "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi.

Future selections & dates include "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans on Sunday, November 1 and TBD on Sunday, December 6.

Senior Adult Ministry

Lunch & Learn

Thursday, October 8

1:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall

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.

Table Talks with the Smoaks

Second Tuesday of each month

6:30 p.m. at The Garden by Charles

Towne Fermentory

Join Pastor Daniel and Amy Smoak for Table Talk, a casual evening of conversation where everyone is welcome. Come connect, ask questions, and enjoy good company.

October 13 | November 10 | December 8

Each evening will have a general topic, but the conversation is open to your questions and ideas. Drinks are available for purchase, and you're welcome to bring or order food. Kids are welcome, too!

WPC Annual Oyster Roast

Wednesday, November 25

Thanksgiving Worship 6:00 p.m.

Food & Fellowship 6:30 p.m.

We begin with Thanksgiving worship at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary, and at 6:30 we move to Covenant Hall and the lawn for food and fellowship. It is a great event for all ages.

Tickets are available for sale in person on Sunday mornings and online starting October 4 through November 8:

- **\$20 Adult** (12 & over) Oyster/Shrimp, Hotdog/Chili & Sides
- **\$10 Adult** (12 & over) Hotdog/Chili and Sides
- **\$10 Child** (4-11 years old) Oyster/Shrimp, Hotdog/Chili & Sides
- **\$5 Child** (4-11 years old) Hotdog/Chili and Sides
- **3 and Under FREE**

*Sides: Red Rice, Cole Slaw, Chips
S'Mores for dessert!*



WESTMINSTER MONTHLIES

Wonderful Wednesdays

6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Covenant Hall

Join for dinner and fellowship.

Holy Grounds

Sunday, October 4

& November 1

**Covenant Hall during the
Sunday School hour.**

Mahjong Open Play

Sunday, October 4 and

November 1

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

CE Building, Room 15

Second Sunday

Social Potluck

October 11 & November 8

**Bring a potluck side and
join us for a Fried Chicken
Luncheon following 11:00am
Worship in Covenant Hall.**

Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, October 13 &

November 10

8:00 a.m., Trotter's Restaurant

**Men of all ages join us for
Breakfast and Bible Study
Pastor Daniel leading.**

Circle 4

Tuesday, October 13 &

November 10

10:00 a.m.

Classroom 4, Covenant Hall

Circle 5

Tuesday, October 13

& November 10

10:00 a.m.

Parlor, Admin Building

Circle 1

Monday, October 19

and November 16

6:30 p.m.

Library, Covenant Hall



FAMILY EVENTS

Trunk or Treat & Candy Collection

Sunday, October 25
4:00–5:30 p.m.

Your families are invited to join in your Halloween costume for an afternoon of trunk or treating around the church campus.

We need volunteers to decorate their trunks and pass out treats. Families are welcome to share a trunk so everyone has time to enjoy the festivities with their children.

The Westminster Youth Group will lead games and activities on the preschool playground as part of our Trunk or Treat Festival.

Candy Collection: Please consider donating a bag of nut-free Halloween candy to be used as prizes. Place donations on the pew in Ms. Claire's office, labeled "Trunk or Treat Candy."

Contact Ms. Claire at cwinkles@wpccharleston.org to host a trunk or volunteer as a youth (6th–12th grade).

WPC Family Retreat "Building a Faithful Family Toolkit" Bethelwoods January 15–17, 2027

Registration will be open 10/18–12/6. Follow the e-news for more details. Registration is \$100/person up to \$400 max/family. Limited spots available.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Acolyte Training

Sunday, October 11
12:15 – 3:30 p.m.

Third through Sixth graders interested in serving as an acolyte are invited to training 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. Parents may leave children after church or they may stay with us. We will need parents back by 2:00 to watch practice and know how to help when you serve!

*Previously trained acolytes do not need to be present for this training.

Club 345

Sunday, October 18
& **Sunday, November 1**
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

All 3rd–5th graders are welcome for bible study, games, snack, and more! This Club 345 will be extra special, because our 3rd–5th graders will help with planning for Children's Sunday!

Children's Sunday Worship

Sunday, November 8
11:00 a.m. Worship

Children in Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to help lead worship on Children's Sunday! A variety of speaking and non-speaking roles are available. Please talk with your child about how they would like to participate, and let Ms. Claire know.

Parent's Night Out

Sunday, November 29
5:00–7:00

We want to invite children up to 5th grade for a night of fun led by our youth group! 0–2's will be in the nursery, and 3K–5th will be with our youth participating in fun activities and enjoying dinner. Sign up for this event will be available in the e-news in November.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Trick Can Treating

Sunday, October 11
5:00–7:00 p.m.

All Youth Event: 6th–12th graders are invited to join us for "Trick Can Treating" around Charleston.

Youth will ride with adult youth leaders to local neighborhoods and deliver bags with information to homes.

We'll return to collect the bags filled with canned goods, which will be donated to the Lowcountry Food Bank.

RSVP required by October 9. Large vans will be rented for this event, so youth must register in advance to reserve a spot. Email Ms. Claire at cwinkles@wpccharleston.org.

Mid-High Bethelwoods Retreat

November 13–15

Our Middle Schoolers will be heading to Bethelwoods for the yearly Charleston Atlantic Presbytery conference! If you have a middle school student who is interested in joining us, please contact Ms. Claire.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

We are back! The 2026–2027 school year began the day after Labor Day, and we are off to a wonderful start. Our two- and four-year-old classes are full, but we still have a few spots available in our three-year-old class. Please share the news with your friends and neighbors!

We are excited to welcome three new teachers this year: Ms. Maura Buck and Ms. Liz Phung in the twos, and Bonnie Munn in the threes. They have already been wonderful additions to our preschool family.

We look forward to a year filled with fun, learning, laughter, and new adventures as our students explore, create, make friends, and grow together. We can't wait to celebrate all the milestones along the way!

*Blessings,
The Preschool*

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SUNDAY WORSHIP



9:00 a.m.

WORSHIP

Nursery available

10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

for Children, Youth & Adults

Nursery available

11:00 a.m.

WORSHIP

*Children's Church
& Nursery available*

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