Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

November 15, 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.647 Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (2x)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" (2x)

♦ WORDS OF PRAISE from Psalm 112

One: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who delight
in God's commandments and walk in God's ways.
All: We give thanks for God's abundant blessings and steadfast love.
One: It is well with those who are generous and give freely,
who conduct their lives with justice and compassion.
All: God calls us to open our hearts, loosen our grip,
and share what we have with others.
One: The righteous are gracious, merciful, and generous.
Their hearts are steady, trusting in the Lord.
All: Let us worship God with joyful hearts,
generous spirits, and lives ready to serve!

♦ PRAYER

♦ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 643 Now Thank We All Our God

CONFESSION

♦ CONFESSING OUR SIN AND BROKENNESS

Generous God, you have blessed us with so much, yet we confess we hold tightly to what we have, worrying about what we might lose. We measure our generosity by what is comfortable rather than by what is needed. We give of our resources, but sometimes withhold our time, our attention, and our compassion. Forgive us when our hearts are closed to the needs of our neighbors. Teach us to live with open hands and open hearts, trusting that all we have is a gift from you. May our giving reflect your generosity, and may our lives bear witness to the abundant grace of Jesus Christ. 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 Janie Bruce

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 16 PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 178

SERMON Connected in Christ: We Are Generous Givers

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

♦ SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 708 We Give Thee But Thine Own

♦ DECLARATION OF FAITH THE APOSTLE'S 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.

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

♦ 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

♦SONG Oh How Good It Is

Oh how good it is, when the fam-ily of God, dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love, are the fruit of His presence, here among us.

REFRAIN

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord. And with one heart we'll live out his word.
Till the whole earth sees, the Redeemer has come, for he dwells in the presence of his peo-ple.

Oh how good it is, on this journey we share, to rejoice with the happy, and weep with those who mourn. For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace, when we offer the blessing of belong-ing. (REFRAIN)

Oh how good it is, to embrace his command, to prefer one another; forgive as he forgives.
When we live as one, we all share in the love, of the Son with the Father, and the Spi-rit. (REFRAIN)

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: Jane Akery, Riley Gentry
Ushers: Mark Friedrichs, Tracy Friedrichs, Matt Akery

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

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. Want to know more? Sign up for the weekly E-News at wpccharleston.org or by using the QR code.

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

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT:

TODAY	1 Corinthians 16:1-24	Connected in Christ: We Are Generous Givers
	We close the letter with a plea for generosity.	
November 22	2 Timothy 4:6-22	Come Before Winter
	The time is short. Paul's instruction for Timothy to "Come before Winter" is a call for us to act quickly before we are out of time.	
November 29	Luke 1:26-38	Make Room
	"Let every heart prepare him room" Advent begins by making room for Christ–like Mary, we receive God's disruptive invitation with faith.	
December 6	Isaiah 11:1-10	Second Advent
	Matthew 24:36-44	
	"Joy to the earth, the Savior Reigns" We get ready for the promised return of Jesus: where all things will be made new.	
December 13	Romans 8:18-39	Far as the Curse is Found
	"He comes to make his blessings flow…far as the curse is found". The redemption provided in Jesus outdistances the effects of the curse he breaks.	

A SERVICE OF LAMENT, HOPE, AND HEALING **Tonight • 5:00 p.m.**

There are seasons when we simply need a place to come, be still, and remember that God is with us. This evening, 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 love, 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. Our General Presbyter, Rev. Becky Albright is preaching.

THE NARTHEX IS FILLING UP WITH WPC DISCIPLES WHO ARE CONNECTED IN CHRIST!

All the puzzle pieces are coming together as WPC disciples are making their commitments by returning their 2027 Estimates of Giving. For every card returned or online response we get, another puzzle piece will appear. So far, we have received 153 cards for a total of $800,308. Your gifts make a difference, and your participation strengthens our faithful response to God's call for our church. Make your commitment with the card in the Friendship Pad or on the WPC website. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!!

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 a Thanksgiving buffet. $10/person or $35/family via cash, card or check.

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.

POINSETTIAS

If you would like to help beautify our sanctuary for this year's Advent and Christmas season through the gift of one or more poinsettias, please complete a Poinsettia order form located in both the friendship pad and the narthex. The cost is $20 per poinsettia. Payment can be made on Realm by using the QR code or by attaching a check or cash to the completed form and placing it in the offering plate or dropping it by the church office. Poinsettias will be placed on the chancel for the December 6 service and may be picked up following the 7:00 Christmas Eve service. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 6, 2026.

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.

SAVE THE DATES:

- SAMS: Mepkin Abbey Creche Festival November 18 or December 3. Sign-up is posted in Admin. Building.
- SAMS: Christmas Drop-In and Caroling: December 6, 3-5pm at Pastor Priscilla's home 43 South Hampton, Charleston SC 29407. Please bring your favorite holiday treat to share!

OYSTER ROAST TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

The highly anticipated and much-loved Annual Oyster Roast is Wednesday, November 25. 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 on Sunday mornings and online (Realm) anytime through November 22.

- $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!

BOOK CLUB: DECEMBER 6 AT 12:15PM

Join us for lunch as we discuss the book *A Red Bird Christmas* by Fannie Flagg. This will be a casual (dutch treat) lunch and chat about this month's book. We'll meet at TBonz West Ashley immediately following 11:00 worship. RSVP's are not required but are appreciated by the Friday before Book Club. Contact Janie Bruce for more information. jbruce@wpccharleston.org

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: 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!

QUARTERS EVERY QUARTER!

- Celebrate generosity: Our last collection brought in more than 40 pounds of change (that's $545!) for WePack!
- Get involved: Pick up a free collection bank in the narthex and collect quarters and other spare change throughout the quarter.
- Mark your calendar: Our next collection is December 13, and proceeds will support The Blessing Box**.**
- Practice stewardship at home: Use your collection bank as a simple way to talk about generosity and giving with your family.

WESTMINSTER FAMILY RETREAT AT BETHELWOODS: JANUARY 15-17, 2027

Families of all shapes and sizes are invited to join us at Bethelwoods Camp as we explore Building Faithful Families together. We will learn about what tools we need to help incorporate faith into our daily lives through a variety of different spiritual practices. Cost is $100 per person with a $400 maximum per family. Registration is limited. Please contact Claire Winkles cwinkles@wpccharleston.org or Janie Bruce jbruce@wpccharleston.org for more information.

HELP OUR YOUTH FIGHT FOOD INSECURITY!

Westminster Youth invites you to help assemble fall soup kits for our neighbors in need! Each participating household is asked to donate **one complete soup kit**. Please sign up by **November 22** and drop off your kit in **the Mid-High room (back countertop)**. Visit the link for details and to sign up. Link: https://forms.gle/qWwH7phGUaGwVRW79

Thank you for helping our youth share God's love and bring a little warmth to those in need this season!

JOIN US FOR THE 2027 SAMS RETREAT!

Mark your calendars for October18-21,2027, and join us for a wonderful time in beautiful Montreat, NC! Our SAMS Retreat is a special opportunity to enjoy fellowship, deepen our faith, and have some fun along the way. Pastor Daniel will lead us in a daily Bible study, and we'll have plenty of fun activities planned each day. Whether you've attended before or this will be your first time, we would love to have you join us! Come enjoy the beauty of the mountains, reconnect with old friends, make new ones, and enjoy a few days filled with faith, laughter, and friendship. Sign up and be part of this special getaway! To reserve your spot, please sign up by submitting $50 to Tommye Owen, or call Mary McAbee at 843-696-7352 by Nov.23rd.

WESTMINSTER PRESCHOOL IS HIRING A NEW DIRECTOR!

As we look ahead to the summer of 2027 and the retirement of our longtime, beloved Director, Alicia Crosby, we are actively searching for the next person to lead Westminster Preschool. We are grateful for Alicia's many years of dedicated service and the wonderful foundation she has built. We look forward to welcoming applications from those who feel called to lead, nurture, and serve our preschool community. More information about the position is available on the 'Hiring" tab at wpscharleston.org

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, November 15

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Youth Group (Senior Highs Only)
5:00 pm	Lament, Hope, & Healing Worship
6:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting, Room 4
7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, November 16

6:30 pm	Circle 1 Meeting, Library

Tuesday, November 17

10:00 am	Staff Meeting

Wednesday, November 18

10:00 am	Volunteer, Neighbors Together
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, November 19

10:00 am	Lowcountry Smockers Guild, Covenant Hall

Friday, November 20

Saturday, November 21

Sunday, November 22

9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
3:00 pm	3rd Annual Thanksgiving Centerpiece Workshop, Room 4
5:00 pm	Youth Group
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)
John Fishter (WPC)
Edward Fitzgibbon (Joan Frye)
Randleson Floyd/Daniels (Gloria Purcell)
Harold Fountain (Henry Shepard)
Emma Fruth (WPC)
Bob Georgen (WPC)
Margaret Ellen Hamman (Suzanne Fox)
Janie Hammersmith (WPC)
Megan Hatfield (Debbie McQueeney)
Betsy Henson (Ashley Snider)
Richard Holtz (WPC)
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)
David McEachern (Debra Luhn)
Charles Mikles (Kevin Mikles)
Jim Mobley (Mobley Family)
Family of Patti Moose (Lesa Grayson)
John & 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)
Gail Schier (WPC)
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)
The Weaver Family (Abbie Mobley)
Justin Welch (Kristin Dounian)
Aileen Wiese (WPC)
Janet Wilson (Gloria Purcell)
Betty Winter (Dee Bee Wright)
Peggy Winter (Dee Bee Wright)
Dee Bee Wright (WPC)
Robbie Yarnall (WPC)

PRAYER LIST UPDATED NOVEMBER 2026

If you need to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please email office@wpccharleston.org

Friend of the Week
Janie Hammersmith
1925 Essex Farms Drive
Unit 2015
Charleston, SC 29414

Mission of the Week
WePack

Student of the Week
Max Rose
1949 Wild Indigo Way
Hanahan, SC 29410

Church Family
Chris and Ann Wood
Stella, Sadie, Henry

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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