



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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February 1, 2026

11:00 a.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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.

### 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](http://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](http://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.



### YOU'RE INVITED! ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **The Anchor Class:** This class emphasizes fellowship, good discussion, and growth. Studying the book of ACTS. Class is led by David Jump and meets in Room 15 of the Education Building.
- **The Cary Grayson Class:** This class is facilitated by a team of leaders that engage in a study and reflection of the Bible. Studying 1 Chronicles. Class meets in Room 4 of Covenant Hall.
- **The Bible from Scratch: 4 weeks in Genesis:** This is a short tour of the first book of the Bible. God makes so many promises in Genesis- how are they fulfilled then, now, and in the time to come? If you would like a quick and accessible look into the foundations of our faith, join us for any or all of these sessions (1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15). Meets in the library with the LIFE Class. Pastor Priscilla and Lindy Coleman, leaders.
- **And Starting February 22:** Be on the lookout for 2 new options: a Lenten study on the 7 Last Words of Jesus from the Cross and a "No Prep Required" Bible study emphasizing good discussion around the biblical text.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called for Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 11:00 worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to review the financial reports from 2025, review the Session-approved budget for 2026, and in accordance with G-2.0804/G-1.0501 review and vote on changes in the terms of call for our pastor. We will also convene briefly for a Meeting of the Corporation. There is no business, but an annual meeting is required by SC law.

### JOIN US FOR WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY!

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship at 6:00 p.m. This week join us for meatloaf, garden salad, and dessert. Adults \$8, children \$4 and a family cap of \$25 via cash, card or check.

## **READ GOOD BOOKS IN 2026!**

Join Pastor Daniel in reading books covering a variety of topics, authors, and genres. The choices are designed to stimulate the heart and mind and to be a catalyst for growth in discipleship. Read in preparation for the group discussion at 4:00 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every other month.

On February 22nd we'll discuss Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart*. With more than twenty million copies sold and translated into fifty-seven languages, *Things Fall Apart* provides one of the most illuminating and permanent monuments to African experience. The story follows the tragic life of a high-performing but deeply flawed African native inhabiting an exalted place within his traditional Umuofia society which is under threat from European imperialists. Themes covered are: Colonialism and Cultural Change, Masculinity and Identity, and Tradition vs. Change. (Books are \$10 and available online or in the Narthex.)

## **SUPPORT YOUR MEXICO MISSION TEAM**

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. Team 1, Daniel Smoak, George McAbee, Andrew Hopkins, Susanna Hopkins, Jerry Crites, Bob Georgen, Tommey Owen, Deb Brown, and Christine Bednarczyk, is preparing to head to Xpujil from February 23-28. You can support the team and the cistern ministry by making a gift. Checks payable to WPC and marked "Mexico Mission" or on the WPC website, choose "Give" and "2026 Mission Trips" Thank you for your support!

## **ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH W.E. PACK!**

We have officially kicked off another year of snacks (Weekend Eats) for students! After supper on the first Wednesday of every month, we take about 30-45 minutes to pack snack kits for Goodwin and Mary Ford students who are facing weekend food insecurity. We pack enough for 300 students a week to go home with a bag of nutritious snacks. It is a fun and meaningful mission opportunity for all ages. You can support this important ministry financially. The cost to send snacks home for one child for the month is \$10 or \$90 for the year! Make checks payable to WPC and marked "WePack" or on the WPC website. Click "Give" and choose WEPack on the drop-down menu. Thanks!

## **SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES (SAM'S) SOUP POTLUCK LUNCH AND LEARN**

Save the Date! Thursday, February 19 at 1:00 in Covenant Hall. Bring your favorite soup to share or bread, corn muffins, fruit, dessert. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Admin. Hallway. Our guest speaker is Chris Stinson, Chief Information Officer for the Charleston City Police Department, who will speak on scams occurring in the Charleston area, how to protect yourself and when to call the police. Join us for this important information and a time of fellowship.

## **THE WESTMINSTER SOAP BOX**

We invite you to help support our food pantry clients by donating bars of soap each month for the grocery bags they receive. This small but meaningful gift helps families meet a basic need and reminds them they are cared for beyond just food. Donations can be placed in the collection box in the church foyer or in the workroom at any time. Thank you for helping us extend compassion and dignity to those we serve.

## **IT'S WOW RETREAT TIME!**

Please join the Women of Westminster (WOW) for a fun filled weekend or day at Edisto. The retreat will take place March 6th-8<sup>th</sup>; March 7th will be the day of the main program. You can either spend the weekend or just come for the day on Saturday. There will be carpooling opportunities for those who wish. If you would like to stay for the weekend, the cost is \$75. This cost includes accommodations and meals, except for the dinner outing Saturday night. If you choose to just come on Saturday, the suggested cost is \$20. The cost does not include the dinner outing on Saturday night. The cost does include lunch, crafts, and goodies. Please sign up on the Sign-Up Genius link below. Please sign up for either a "Full Weekend Guest" slot or a "Saturday Only Guest" slot. Please make the check payable to WPC and mark it Women's Retreat, or you can drop off cash at the church. More info to come soon! Please contact Paige Dadin with any questions or concerns [paigedadin@yahoo.com](mailto:paigedadin@yahoo.com) or 843-270-0393.



## **GROUNDED IN PRAYER**

If events in your life, our community, our nation, or the world are stirring a desire for a more deeply rooted prayer life, you are not alone. You are invited to join others who feel the same way.

On Sundays from **5:00–5:45 pm**, we gather in the **WPC Sanctuary** for a time of prayer together. Each week will include:

- A brief devotional teaching from a pastor on the nature of prayer.
- Guided prayer shaped by the Psalms and the Lord’s Prayer.
- Learning and practicing how biblical prayers can inform both personal and communal prayer.
- Taking steps to allow the Holy Spirit to lead us from prayer into action.

We begin **Sunday, February 8**. Whether you come as an active participant or a quiet observer, you are welcome. Join us any Sunday.

## **WITH THANKSGIVING, WE WELCOME WESTMINSTER’S DIRECTOR OF ADULT DISCIPLESHIP: JANIE BRUCE**

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) began its work in April 2024 with prayerful hope and patience. Over eighteen months, God clarified not only the needs of Westminster, but also the kind of leader who would best serve our congregation. We sought someone who would partner well with Pastor Daniel, bring creativity and enthusiasm to adult discipleship, and help strengthen the spiritual foundation of our church. Over time, it became clear that God was already at work—right here among us.

Independent of the APNC’s search, Janie Bruce experienced a growing call toward adult ministry through her work with Charleston Atlantic Presbytery and Charleston Youth Mission. With the affirmation of Westminster’s Session, she will begin Lay School this spring, working toward commissioning as a Lay Pastor. As Janie’s journey came into focus, the committee recognized that God had been preparing someone who deeply loves Westminster, knows our people, works well with our pastoral staff, and is ready to step into leadership with vision and joy.

Janie has been a follower of Jesus for as long as she can remember, grounded in a faith nurtured by family and church. Her ministry has been shaped by a passion for foundation-building, mission, and justice, and by a desire to help others grow confident in who God has created them to be. She describes her call simply: when the Holy Spirit pushes, you jump. Janie is especially excited to invest in leader development, expand mission and justice work, and strengthen Westminster through adult discipleship—believing that faithful adults help form the next generation of disciples. Her guiding scripture is Matthew 6:33–34, a reminder to seek first God’s kingdom and trust God’s goodness in every season.

The APNC is deeply grateful for the Spirit’s guidance throughout this process and gives thanks for its members: Lindy Coleman (Chair), Mark Patrick, Andrew Hopkins, George McAbee, Sandy Pell, and Natasha Akery. We rejoice that God has led Janie Bruce to this role and look forward to the ministry ahead.

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, February 1

EVENTS CANCELLED

### Monday, February 2

6:00 pm Troop 79 Leadership Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Tuesday, February 3

10:00 am Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, February 4

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

### Thursday, February 5

### Friday, February 6

### Saturday, February 7

### Sunday, February 8

9:00 am Worship Service/Scout Sunday  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service/Scout Sunday  
12:00 pm Second Sunday Social, Covenant Hall  
12:00 pm CAJM Meeting, Covenant Hall (Room 4)  
4:00 pm Club 345  
5:00 pm Grounded in Prayer  
7:00 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

Cary Alexandre (WPC)  
Acker Family (WPC)  
Daryn Baker (Jane Acker)  
Mary Ashley Barbot (Lisa Couch)  
Binnicker Family  
Allyn Bruce (WPC)  
Diane Byers (Deb Frasier)  
Susie Cashion (WPC)  
Lauren Choate (Sara Dwyer)  
Cherie Couche (Dana Tumbleston)  
Allen Croft (Gwen Croft)  
Lydia Crosby (WPC)  
Martin Davis (Kevin Mikles)  
Hosanna Eadie (Katie Baturin)  
Roxanne Eadie (Katie Baturin)  
Ann & Ellen Farrar (Beth Georgen)  
Edward Fitzgibbon (Joan Frye)  
Randleson Floyd/Daniels (Gloria Purcell)  
Harold Fountain (Henry Shepard)  
Keith Gordon (WPC)  
Margaret Ellen Hamman (Suzanne Fox)

Janie Hammersmith (WPC)  
Megan Hatfield (Debbie McQueeney)  
Betsy Henson (Ashley Snider)  
Anna Hewitt (Dee Bee Wright)  
Charlie Howell (Debbie Baskin)  
The Hudson Family (Priscilla Holtzclaw)  
Chris Huff (Gloria Purcell)  
Emerson Jones (Molly Griggs)  
Lynn Koger (WPC)  
Mary Laird (Ashley Snider)  
Fran Ligon (WPC)  
Ray Long (Ellen Bollinger)  
John Martschink (WPC)  
Mary Martschink (WPC)  
Jay Massalon (Dana Tumbleston)  
David McEachern (Debra Luhn)  
Gavin McLeod (Dana Tumbleston)  
Marley Miller (Dee Bee Wright)  
Jennifer Morgan (Susie Cashion)

Julie Pell (Sandy & Debbie Pell)  
Powell Family (WPC)  
Pratt Family (WPC Preschool)  
Donna Purcell (WPC)  
Paula Ruth (Debbie McQueeney)  
Cliff & Liz Shelor (WPC)  
Tradd Shepard (WPC)  
Rachel Singletary (Sara Bobo)  
The Jerry Smoak Family (WPC)  
Ray Thomas (Sara Dwyer)  
Towne Family (WPC)  
Gloria Underhill (Laura Nunn)  
Kathy Unger (Keith Gordon)  
Jacqueline Vance (Sara Dwyer)  
Mark Warner (Kendall Ramsay)  
Aileen Wiese (WPC)  
Janet Wilson (Gloria Purcell)  
Betty Winter (Dee Bee Wright)  
Robbie Yarnall (WPC)

## PRAYER LIST UPDATED JANUARY 2026

If you need to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please email [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org)

**Friend of the Week**  
Heather MacInnes  
504 Shem Butler Court  
Charleston, SC 29414

**Mission of the Week**  
Mary Ford Early Learning Center  
80 Thomasina McPherson Blvd.  
N. Charleston, SC 29405

**Student of the Week**  
Daniel Dounian  
1437 Ashley Garden Blvd.  
Charleston, SC 29414

**Church Family**  
Nathan & Ashley Snider  
Andrew, Miles

## **ELDERS AND SESSION COMMITTEES**

**Administration:** Michael Patrick and Paul Patrick; **Buildings and Grounds:** Randy Davis and Tim Fox; **Christian Education:** Cathy Grills and Kevin Mikles; **Fellowship:** Jon Bazzle, Janie Bruce and Michael Scruggs; **Finance:** Sarah Schumann and Joshua Robinson; **Membership:** John Dounian and Cameron Baker; **Missions:** Mary McAbee and Natasha Akery; **Preschool:** Ashley Snider; **Worship:** Allyn Bruce and Deborah-Anne Ferguson; **Clerk:** Carole Russell; **Assistant Clerk:** Cathy Grills  
**Treasurer:** Tim Fox

## **WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## You're Invited: CAJM in February

**Sunday, February 8 | After Worship**

### **Westminster CAJM Team Meeting & Open House**

Lunch (Second Sunday Social) & childcare provided. Learn what CAJM is, what we're working on, and how you can be part of this justice work.

**Thursday, February 26 | 6:30–8:00 PM**

### **CAJM Network Meeting**

St. Matthews Baptist Church. Connect with other congregations and help prepare for the Rally and Nehemiah Action.

Come and see what we have in store as we work together for justice in our community.

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