



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Christ-centered Bible-based church seeking to glorify God in all that we do so that we may enjoy His presence now and forever. Therefore, we will



*Love God
Love Others
Serve Others*

WORSHIP & STUDY THE WORD

8:15 AM

Contemplative Service

9:30 AM

Contemporary Service & Sunday School

11:00 AM

Classic Service & Sunday School

Nursery provided for all services!



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*Westminster Presbyterian Church will
Fulfill the Great Commandment and Great Commission by*

Proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through meaningful and inspiring worship.

Promoting opportunities to gather in Christian fellowship to pray, mentor and support one another.

Helping one another grow closer to Christ through education that enhances our biblical and spiritual growth.

Encouraging and equipping individuals to witness for Jesus Christ.

Sharing tangible expressions of God’s love through local, national and foreign missions.



FIVE CODES

1

We will keep the main thing, the main thing – to glorify God. WPC is a Christ-centered, Bible based church seeking to glorify God in all that we do so that we may enjoy His presence now and forever.

Matthew 22:37-39

37 Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.

2

We will be there to spur and encourage one another. We are created for relationships with God and one another. We value these relationships and will invest our time and energy in building these relationships.

Hebrews 10:24-25

24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Code and Statement of Faith

3 We are clay in the hands of The Master. How loving and patient He must be, 'cause He's still working on me.

Isaiah 64:8

Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

1 Peter 1:3-8

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,

4 We seek to love and live like Jesus. “Keep company with God and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.”

Ephesians 5:1-2

1 Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children 2 and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.



5 We seek to pass on an inheritance of faithfulness. The greatest gift we can pass onto future generations is a Christ-like character and faith.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.[a] 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates

Hebrews 6:12

We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.



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Christ Centered

Jesus Christ is at the center of all church life at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Worship, teaching, service, fellowship and evangelism grow out of our joyful response to what God the Father has done in sending His Son to be our Savior and Lord. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we humbly stand on every promise that as we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are being transformed into His likeness.

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Acts 4:12

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

1 John 3:2

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Biblically Faithful

We believe that all Scripture is the essential and trustworthy record of God's self-revelation and the unfailing standard for our rule of faith and life. In obedience, we seek to learn and grow under the authority of God's Word. This happens through faithful biblical preaching and teaching, as well as time spent in personal Bible study.

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

John 14:21

Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."





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Community

By God's design, we worship and glorify the living God and grow as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ in community. It is in community where the people of God give and receive encouragement, develop and share gifts for ministry, and pray, love and serve one another. At Westminster Presbyterian Church, people from all walks of life are warmly welcomed, experience genuine Christian community, and find a place to grow spiritually and serve passionately.

Romans 12, 1 Cor. 12

Hebrews 10:25

not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Ephesians 4:12

to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

A Witness to the World

A Christian's response to a growing, thriving relationship with Jesus Christ spills over into serving others. Following the compassion of Christ and His mandate given in the Great Commission, we seek to demonstrate God's extravagant love by sharing the good news of the Gospel and serving those in need locally, nationally and internationally.

Matthew 28:18-20

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Galatians 6:2

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.



Lay Renewal

Every few years, Westminster has a lay renewal aimed at strengthening each member's faith and drawing us into a closer relationship with the Lord. Over several days and nights, the congregation meets together for special times of meals, small group fellowship, preaching, teaching, Bible study, personal testimonies, and worship. These events are in addition to regularly scheduled events in the life of our church. The lay renewal is led by members of the Westminster community as well as by special guests from other churches.

39'ers

Dedicated to supporting one another in times of sickness, injury, grief, and loneliness, the 39'ERS of Westminster and their friends, aged 55+, get together each month. Generally, this gathering consists of a covered-dish luncheon followed by a program featuring a speaker or singer, a musical, a movie or another type of entertainment. During the summer months outings are held at members' homes where lakeside picnics and pontoon outings are a must. Additionally there are special Christmas programs and occasional gatherings at local restaurants. As part of their mission outreach the 39'ERS support the After Care program and other charitable organizations. This is a wonderfully active ministry blessed by strong ties of Christian fellowship.

Picnics, Brunches, Covered Dish Dinners



Twice a year, the congregation of Westminster gathers after worship for fellowship, fun, and food. Also, on several occasions during the year, we have fellowship brunches for the adults during the Sunday School hour. We meet for these in the Fellowship Hall. Finally, Westminster families have been gathering in the gym for a covered dish dinner to accompany the childrens' musicals. All of these events are usually well attended and they present great opportunities to meet new people.

Special Guests

At different times of the year, whether in worship, Sunday School, or in connection with special sit-down meals, Westminster hosts a variety of guests. For example, inspirational talks on the Bible and Christian living have been given by Ron Levin, an accomplished author who, as a Jew, now knows Jesus as his Lord; Paul Eckel, a renowned preacher and teacher, and John Tolson, founder of the Gathering of Men. We have been blessed with visits from missionaries we support in such places as Ghana and the Ukraine. We also have been fortunate to host Susan Werner and Dawn Smith who blessed us with their beautiful voices lifted to the Lord in song.



Basketball Leagues

This is a recreational opportunity in which 10+ teams and 15+ adult coaches participate in the St. Paul and YMCA leagues. Well over 100 children play basketball, aged 6-18. The season runs from roughly the first week in December to the first week in March. Teams meet here for practice several times a week. Games are played on Saturday mornings at various locations including our gym. The season closes with a special party for all involved.



Covenant

To connect leaders in accountable relationships and encourage collaboration.

Evangelical

To advance the gospel of Jesus Christ and plant new missional communities.

Order

To commit to a shared way of life as we unite around a shared theological care.

Presbyterian

To stand within our Reformed heritage and celebrate the life of the mind.

YOUTH

Who We Are

A group of staff, adult volunteer leaders, college leaders & even some high school students who involve and invest themselves in the lives of high school and middle school students. We are followers of Jesus who want to live out the love of Jesus with each other and our student-friends. If you would like to contact us directly you can reach...

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What We Do

It all fits under the umbrella of WY-FI (Westminster Youth Fellowship Initiative)

Three words control, focus and direct all we do - Identify, Purpose, Relationships. We believe that in Jesus we find out who we really are, what we were designed to experience in life and how to live in good true and right relationships with others.

We seek to follow the model of Jesus' ministry by going where our student friends are before inviting them to come where we are. We hope to introduce them to Jesus, challenge them to follow Him, and walk with them along the way. Building friendships is of primary importance because we believe Jesus died & rose again to make us friends with God.

Our programs and activities are driven by our relationships - they are designed to present the Good News of God's Grace and to help us and our student friends grow in that grace. They include our outreach efforts of Young Life & Wyld Life; our discipleship components of WY-FI Sunday Mornings and Campaigner Bible Study Breakfast; and our service opportunities with the Soup Kitchen, Good Fellows, and Work Crews.

WY-FI Sunday Mornings

We gather with our middle school and high school friends in the Emory Road House from 11:00am - 12:00pm at 105 Emory Road for food, fellowship, and bible study. Our 6th graders participate in "Quest" (our communicants class) downstairs while the 7th through 12th graders study different passages of Scripture related to the issues they face. We meet in a large group and then break up into gender specific small groups for discussion. Our youth staff and several volunteer leaders lead this time.

YoungLife

Young Life is part of the way we fulfill the Great Commission in the high school community and with our own youth. A 50+ year, international ministry outreach, Young Life reaches out to spiritually disinterested high school students who are disinterested in the Church. Westminster employs this ministry as its vehicle for youth ministry in the church and community. Leaders go where "kids" are to "earn the right to be heard" by them. Young Life "club" meets Monday nights (during the school year) at the Emory Road House from





8:00-9:00pm for an hour of singing, fun, games, and a clear presentation of the good news of Jesus Christ. We also take a trip to Frontier Ranch in Colorado every summer and weekend retreat to Windy Gap, North Carolina in the fall.

WyldLife

Very appropriately named, this is Young Life for junior high students. WyldLife “club” is a “wyld” hour of games, skits, and off-the-wall humor with a relevant and clear communication of the gospel message. This happens every Wednesday night (during the school year) at the Emory Road House from 6:15-7:00pm. We venture on a week long trip to Southwind, a WyldLife camp in Oklawaha, Florida during the summer and a weekend at Carolina Point in North Carolina in the spring.



Campaigners Bible Study for High School

A time for our high school friends to dig deeper together into relationship with Jesus. We spend time in Scripture and discussion focusing on how to apply the truth of God’s love to our search for Identity, Purpose & Relationships.

CHILDREN



Sunday School

Nursery is provided for both the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services and Wednesday evenings (September – November and January – March) from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. by paid staff and volunteers from our church family.

9:30 Service: Children (3 year old – 3rd grade) will start off in the Worship Service. They will either sit with their parents and worship as a family (if their parents are worshipping at 9:30) or sit with Miss Becky at the front of the sanctuary (if their parents are attending Sunday School at this hour). After several songs, the kids, teachers, and Miss Becky will leave and go to Sunday School.

11:30 Service: Children (3 year old – 5th grade) will start off in the Worship Service. They will either sit with their parents and worship as a family (if their parents are worshipping at 11:00) or sit with Miss Becky at the front of the sanctuary (if their parents are attending Sunday School at this hour). After the Children’s Moment, the kids, teachers, and Miss Becky will go to Children’s Church (4 year olds - 3rd Grade) and Sunday School (4th - 5th Grade).

Kids Inc.

Kid's Inc. is held on Wednesday nights from September - November and January - May. We are basing our night around Acts 2:42 "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." We are incorporating all of these things into our evening. We will start with dinner at 5:30. After dinner, children will rotate with their class to Bible/Worship, Choir, and Recreation. Your kids won't want to miss it!

Vacation Bible School

Most exciting weeks of the summer! We learn that God's Plan 4 U = Jesus! We do this through Bible stories, experiments, games, crafts, snacks, and songs. Each session involves kids in exploring an amazing aspect of God's life-changing plan.

DAY SCHOOL

"Children are miracles...we must make it our jobs to create, with reverence and gratitude, a space that is worthy of a miracle."

-Anita Rui Olds

Preschool & Kindergarten

Founded in 1963, Westminster Day School has been providing quality education for pre-school children for over 50 years. Westminster Day School is a Christian pre-school for children 4 months through Kindergarten. It is the mission of the school to help every child develop an understanding of God's love for them while providing a quality early childhood education in a developmentally appropriate, Christian environment.



Here at WDS, we put purposeful play at the heart of our curriculum, encouraging active participation in the learning process. We believe in the importance of creating partnerships with our families, faculty, and our community to build and enhance each child's positive sense of self. Our team approach supports each child as an active learner by providing opportunities for social interactions, problem solving, and exploration of the environment.



Children in our 3 year old, 4 year old and Kindergarten classes follow a full curriculum which is aligned with the South Carolina State Curriculum Standards. This curriculum includes language arts, math and science, as well as, social, citizenship

and spiritual development. In addition, we offer weekly chapel services, art, music and fitness classes, field trips and visits from people in our community to broaden our children's experiences.

Our infant, toddler and 2 year old classes provide children with a warm and friendly environment that uses concrete, hand-on activities to encourage early learning. The WDS curriculum provides interactive activities that enable children to develop a love of learning while they are playing and having fun.



WDS focuses on the child as the curriculum by incorporating the principle of active, independent and child-directed learning into our planning.

**Jesus said,
"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."**

Matthew 19:14

ADULT MINISTRIES

Sunday Morning Small Groups & Adult Bible Study (ABS)

There are currently over 30 small groups and ABS classes made up of women, men, couples, young adults, and more! ABS (Sunday School) classes are held during both morning services.



Small Groups

Small groups are a place where you can build personal relationships and practice applying the gospel to your life. Each group expects to experience Jesus Christ in its midst, enabling participants to be transformed and to experience life in the family of God.

Composed of six to twelve people, groups meet in homes or the church. Groups generally meet weekly for Bible study, fellowship, and prayer. Small Groups are places where we can be revitalized and strengthened as we seek to reflect the love of Jesus Christ to people around us. As God made us for community, we need others to help apply the gospel to our lives. Our hope is that everyone who attends church will be involved in a Small Group.

4M MEN'S MINISTRY MAKING MEN MORE MEANINGFUL

We believe that to know how to make life more meaningful, we must study how Jesus lived. While we know that we will fall short of His example, we can still find comfort in knowing that He already expects us to. He is there to forgive us and encourage us to move forward in our pursuit toward Making Men More Meaningful.

HEALING HEART BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Healing Every Day & Recovering Together...

The Journey of Grief: Grief is a journey that does not have to be traveled alone. If you or someone you know is on this journey, we are here to help by providing support, care and understanding.

Our philosophy is based on non-denominational principles. We encourage people to work through their grief much like Christ offered hope and healing to all who came to Him. People of all faiths are encouraged to attend, including surviving family members, friends, clergy, caregivers, health, and human service professionals.

The GriefShare program consists of 13 weekly sessions, designed to be repeated in regular cycles throughout the year.

GriefShare is built around three components: video seminar, support group and workbook. The seminar portion, presented through the GriefShare videos, provides important teaching on topics related to death and grief. The support group segment allows participants to talk through issues and feelings related to their own grief experiences. The workbook provides a tool to guide participants in sorting through their thoughts and emotions and in learning what the Bible says about grief-related topics



The Ten Stages of Grief

1. We are in a state of shock.
2. We express emotion.
3. We feel depressed and very lonely.
4. We may experience physical symptoms of distress.
5. We may become panicky.
6. We feel a sense of guilt about the loss.
7. We are filled with anger and resentment.
8. We resist returning.
9. Gradually hope comes through.
10. We struggle to affirm reality.

Ministries

MUSIC

Sanctuary Choir

The 25+ member choir (ages 15 and up) provides choral music for the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Believing that our contributions to the total worship experience are of the utmost importance, we minister through a diversified collection of choral pieces, classical as well as contemporary. We see it as our task to provide the congregation with an aspect of worship that compliments and transcends the spoken Word. Our rehearsals combine the musical learning experience with Christian camaraderie; the result is a unified praise involvement of all participants.

Westminster Ringers

The Handbell Choir consists of 12+ adults (ages 14 and up) who provide special music for various services throughout the church year. Members of this group are dedicated music readers who have a heart for rehearsing and performing this specialized aspect of the total worship experience. New ringers are continually being recruited.



Worship Team

The Worship Team is comprised of vocalists, players, and A/V techs whose main purpose is to worship and glorify God through music and arts and to help draw seekers and believers alike into an intimate and authentic time of worship with the Lord. They assist in the 9:30 service with an “Ancient/Modern” approach to their music using both hymns and contemporary music. Although the style is contemporary, the worship experience is scripturally based. Through worship, not performance, we pray all are able to experience the truth and grace of Jesus and the transforming power of His love. We, as a team, also share and value our commitment to one another as friends and fellow worshippers.



Church Elders

SESSION COMMISSIONS

Administration Commission

Generally this Commission is in charge of finances, administration, and day-to-day operations of the church office, staff, and facilities. Also, they will lead the Session and the congregation in annual and long-range planning.

Church Ministries Commission

To develop activities which aid people educationally, relationally, and spiritually in understanding the calling of Jesus Christ.

Congregational Life Commission

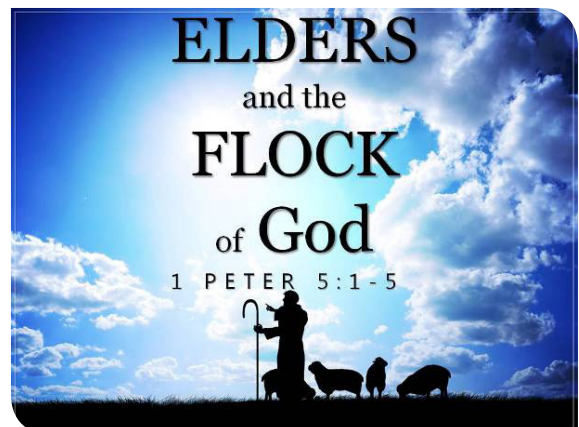
In general to discern and meet special and pastoral needs in order to enhance fellowship and to build a more caring community.

Witness & Service Commission

To guide the growth of persons in the Christian life, so that we may meet our responsibilities to nurture our own members, serve Christ in our community and around the world. Lead members, individually and corporately, to discover ways of relieving human need and suffering in both the local and worldwide community.

Worship Commission

To enhance our spiritual growth through the worship of God and to be responsible for ushering, sacraments, and decorations for worship.



SENIOR PASTOR

Dr. Paul

Petersen is a native of Lexington, Massachusetts, growing up one mile from the Battle Green where the first shots of American Revolution were fired. The church of his youth is the historic Park Street Church on the Boston Common. Paul received his education from Wheaton College, Illinois (B.S.), Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Massachusetts (M.Div) and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Pennsylvania (D.Min.) He was ordained into the Presbyterian Church on September 30, 1984. Paul and Jane were married August 5, 1978. They have two daughters, Emily and Lauren. Emily is married to Michael Allen. Emily and Michael live in Oviedo, Florida. Emily is a stay at home mom, nurturing Jackson Thomas and his brother William Gregory. Michael teaches Theology at Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando. Lauren is married to Ryan Issakainen and they live in Syracuse, New York. Lauren is primary care giver to Paul and Jane's granddaughter, Abigail Grace, and grandsons, Joshua Ryan and Caleb Olavi. Ryan works for First Trust Portfolios as an Analyst. Paul has served Presbyterian churches in Moline, Illinois, Dallas, Texas, Aurora, Illinois, and moved to Spartanburg in 2001.



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PASTOR for EMERGING GENERATIONS

Steve Wise known as “Pops”, “Humble Bumble” and “Big Daddy” to his youth staff, has joyfully served Westminster for over 20 years. His early years were spent in Columbia but finished his high school days in Mauldin.



After 4 years as a fierce fighting Terrier at Wofford College, he began work at Westminster as a Young Life Church Partner in 1988. The highlight of his four years there was his marriage to Becky Hadden (now Wise) in 1990. In 1992 they took a brief hiatus to the American Siberia in Princeton, New Jersey where he completed his Master of Divinity Degree and ordination process.



In 1995, Steve and Becky returned in 1995 to Westminster where Steve was ordained as “Pastor for Youth and Youth Outreach. He now serves as the “Pastor for Emerging Generations.” He loves the challenges of leading worship and preaching weekly at our 9:30 Contemporary Service; overseeing the children, youth and young adult ministry; being deeply involved in the youth ministry of Westminster and Young Life; and building relationships with people in the church and community. He is deeply committed to Jesus, His Word and relationships. Steve enjoys spending time with his family, exercising, being outdoors, reading, playing games, and running with his black lab, Duke. Becky works at Carver Middle School in their library. They have two children, Banks and Rebecca.

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The Cross and The Light

The faceted glass windows in our Sanctuary were designed by the Willet Stained Glass Studios in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The Theme is a combination of The Cross and The Light. Christ is the center of our faith and on the Cross. He was crucified for the sins of mankind, and it is through Him that we receive our salvation. Light surrounds the Cross because of many scriptural references, because light is associated with knowledge and understanding, and because the Church is a place for the illumination of the Christian life and Christ's teachings.

Note three lancets of the windows which represent the Trinity. Each member of the Trinity is in touch with the world, shown as buildings, factories, and homes at the base of the three lancets.



God the Father Left Lancet

Creator of the Universe, who saw that the light was good. Note God's hand as it reveals the sun, moon, and stars. Birds are seen above the mountains and fish in the sea.

God the Son Center Lancet

Savior of the world, is symbolized by the Cross and overlaps all three lancets. The Cross is surrounded by the sunburst of light. The Cross towers over the cities and represents the Mediator, the great High Priest, who links Heaven and earth, God and man.

God the Spirit Right Lancet

God with us and within us, the Holy Spirit is symbolized by the descending dove. The seven flames of light represent the seven gifts to which Christ the Redeemer is entitled -- these are Praise, Glory, Wisdom, Thanksgiving, Honor, Power, and Strength (Revelation 7.11).

Revelation 7.11

11 All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

Our Beginning...

1956 - Our property was purchased by Enoree Presbytery and First Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg.

A survey indicated 27 families interested in starting new church.

1959 - The Reverend Leonard Topping of First Presbyterian

Church leads these families in worship service at Spartanburg High School (125 members). In October, a petition was presented to Presbytery to formally charter the Church on December 30, 1959.

1960 - The Reverend Joe Brooks becomes first full-time pastor. In January, Building Committee appointed to raise \$53,000 for Fellowship Hall and 15 classrooms. The church was incorporated on June 6 as Westminster Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg, South Carolina, Inc.

1962 - Our first service held in Fellowship Hall on June 10th.



Watch Us Grow...

1965 - A Building Committee was appointed for more Sunday School classrooms and a sanctuary.

1970 - Our sanctuary and Sunday School classrooms completed. Bob Pettit was installed as the second senior minister in June.

1979 - Rev. Charles Horne was installed as the third senior minister in May.

1983 - Our offices moved to the house which was the original manse at 104 Pineville Road. Also T.O.T.A.L. Ministries was begun by church members.

1985 - The Emory Road house (105 Emory Road) was purchased. It was used as a manse for the associate pastor, then the youth director and now is youth meeting rooms and youth staff offices.

1987 - Our gym and kitchen were added to the existing church structure.

1988 - Our partnership with Young Life began.



We continue in our growth and service to our community

1991 - A campaign was initiated to provide additional parking, a new playground and other projects. Also our organ was dedicated.

1994 - Our fellowship hall was remodeled to accommodate more adult classrooms.

1995 - A sound treatment was installed in our gym and the parlor remodeled.

1996-1999 - Financial Freedom Campaign began as a means to become debt free church

1999 - Celebrated a debt-free church. The church also started a Capital Fund with Sptbg County Foundation to stay debt-free.

2000 - Charles Horne Retired after 20 years of service.

2002 - Paul M. Petersen was installed as our fourth senior minister.

2006 - Start of our Contemporary Worship service in August.

2011 - Our current mission and vision statements were approved.

2012 - New Bylaws were adopted.

2013 - Westminster moved from the PCUSA to ECO - A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.

2014-2016 - Worked with TAG Consulting to help reframe, refocus and reimagine to help us prosper at WPC.

2015 - Lead children to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and provide for their spiritual growth by establishing the highest comprehensive gospel centered programs. Engaged young adults to help them spiritually grow. Invigorating everyone's faith by encouraging connections to smaller communities.

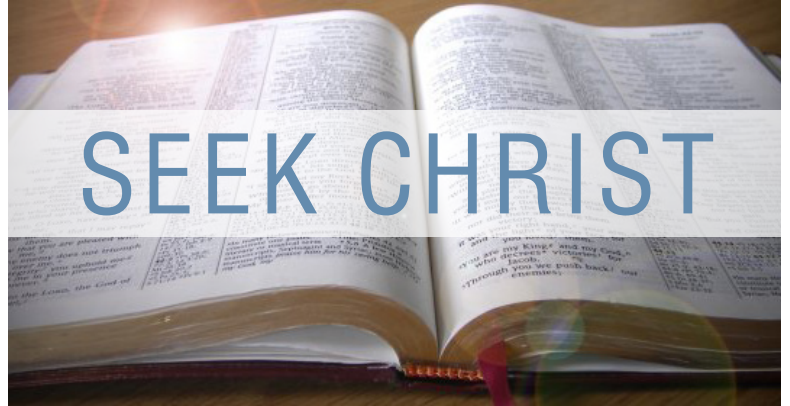
2016 - Strengthening marriages and families. Study the feasibility and implement a plan to plant an ECO church. Partnered with Good City Architects to produce a master plan for future growth.



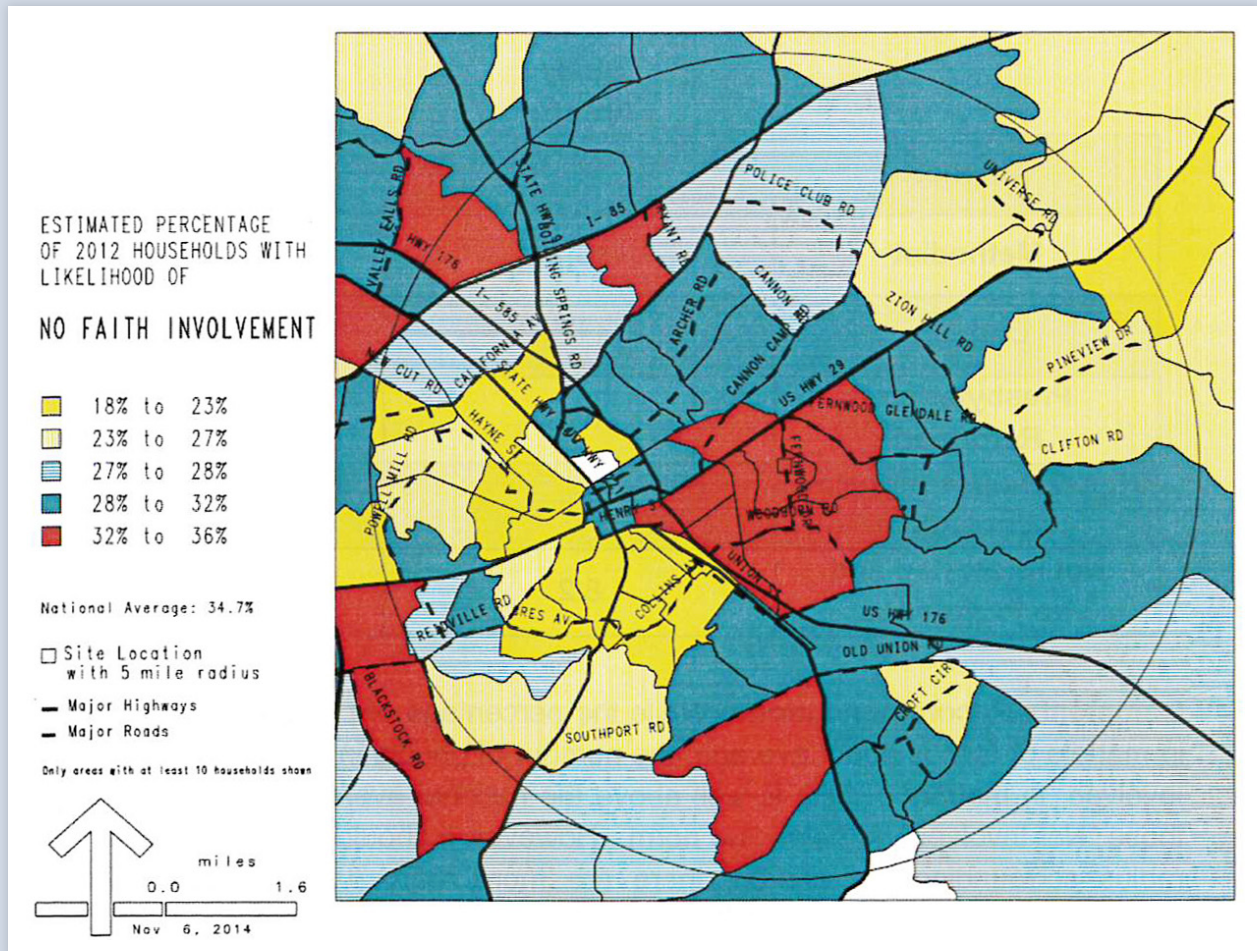
Map: Likelihood of No Faith Involvement

Most of the area west and north of the church has a higher percentage of faith involvement. The wealthier areas found southeast of the church have a significantly higher non-participation rate, 28-36%. Westminster Presbyterian is well located to be effective in reaching those in need of Christ.

Baptists make up the largest religious preference at 31%, and are also statistically the most significant at nearly double the national average. It should be noted that Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopal are more highly represented in the study area than across the nation as a whole.



Map: Spartanburg SC 29307



Witness and Service Missions

Composed of six elders, this Commission is charged with developing and growing our congregational support of missions for Christ both domestic and worldwide. This Commission identifies mission opportunities for Church planting and Christian community service both locally and nationally. Current missions in Peru, Ukraine, India, as well as domestic church plants in North Carolina and Georgia are being supported. Witness & Service solicits the talents and time of Westminster's congregation to provide support of approximately 35 charities and missions (Click here for complete list). The Commission's main goal is to support congregational and community members who have a passion to mission for Christ.



Aftercare

A Westminster mission that provides support to our mentally challenged community. Aftercare solicits and collects from the Congregation gifts of men and women's cloths, gently used coats & jackets and personal care items. These items are used to celebrate birthdays and special prizes for monthly bingo. At Christmas, members are asked to support an individual Aftercare person by furnishing personal care items found on their Christmas Wish List.

Amazon Mission Fellowship

An organization dedicated to establishing and fostering sister relationships between US and Peruvian churches and to establish and oversee US and Peruvian church partnerships and be consistently committed to their growth and evangelical mission. Currently oversees 7 Peruvian /American Church Relationships, including Westminster's sister church in Santa Clara.

Boys & Girls Club of the Upstate

Inspire and enable all young people, especially those that need

us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens. Programs include Character & Leadership Development, Education & Career Development, Health & Life Skills, The Arts, and Sports & Fitness. Children who are members of the Club:

- Score higher on school standardized tests
- 49% fewer school absences than their peers.





Carolina Pregnancy Center

A non-profit, pro-life, non-denominational organization that is committed to providing compassion, information, and support to anyone facing the challenges of an unplanned pregnancy. Services include: free pregnancy tests, crisis pregnancy counseling, ultrasounds, mentoring, doctor referrals, pre and post abortion counseling, parenting classes, adoption referrals, mentoring programs, loan closet for maternity and baby clothes.

Children's Advocacy Center

The Children's Advocacy Center of Spartanburg, Cherokee, and Union opened in 1996 as a nonprofit organization to provide services to children who have been sexually and / or physically abused. CAC provide services that start the healing process through assessment, treatment, education, and community partnerships.

Christmas in Action

Vision is to be a force in preventing substandard housing in the Upstate by rehabilitating homes of the elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged homeowners. Repair projects focus on improving the safety and security of the homeowner, including repairing electrical wiring, leaky roofs, constructing wheelchair ramps, and handicap accessible bathrooms. Since its inception, over 650 homes have been repaired. This summer, a team from Westminster sponsored a local home.

Come Closer

Exists to unite believers for the purpose of leading Spartanburg to a life in Christ. During one mission week/ year, volunteers offered Kids Clubs to children from 5 city apartment complexes. Kids Clubs include free food, games, crafts, and Bible lessons. This



past summer, other volunteers made weather resistant mats for the homeless, distributed free clothes and food, delivered Bags of Hope to single moms, etc.

Church Planters Training

International – Ukraine

Over the last 25 years, CPTI has traveled to every corner of Ukraine, across the eleven (11) time zones of Russia and Central Asia, Romania, Albania, Hungary and Georgia. CPTI has helped to establish 1,989 new churches. 12,137 baptisms and 49 drug rehab homes. Since 1992 Rich Correll has displayed Christian leadership by CPTI's earnest missionary work in this area of the world.

CRU - Campus Ministry

Helping students come to know Jesus, grow in their faith, and then go to their families, their communities & all over the world to tell others about God's love. CRU staff members help students and faculty build spiritual movements on their campuses which last long after they are gone. CRU staff serves as coaches and guides. WPC Specific CRU Project: Freshman Survival Kits are a tool that CRU has used for 21 years to reach incoming freshmen. The support of WPC will fund this project on the campus of Converse College. Kits contain "free stuff" as well as multiple tools that expose students to the gospel. At a later date, staff and students meet one on one to talk more about a relationship with Jesus Christ. CRU Founded: 1951

Faith for Fathers

Faith for Fathers strives to empower dads to lead their families in order to leave a legacy that honors God. Faith for Fathers goal is to help dads leave a Godly legacy and create opportunities for fathers to intentionally lead their children to be the young men

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and young women God created them to become. Faith for Fathers reaches dads through schools, churches, clubs and places of employment in the Spartanburg and Greenville area.

Global Teams

Jeff Krouse and his team have embarked on a five-year project to translate the entire Bible for Muslims. Jeff has spent extensive time in Pakistan. This team translates the Bible into the most prolific language dialects with team members located in India and Egypt.

Gordon-Conwell Theological

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary seeks to develop Christian leaders who are thoughtful, globally aware, spiritually mature and ready for a broad array of ministries. Campuses located in Boston, MA, Charlotte, N.C. and Jacksonville, FL.

Greater Spartanburg Ministries

Greater Spartanburg Ministries is a faith-based organization that's dedicated to helping those in need in our local community. GSM provides emergency assistance to the folks of Spartanburg County who are experiencing a time of crisis. Feeding the body and feeding the soul, GSM's goal is to provide care ministries and to connect people to the local church. Ministries include: prison chaplain, food distribution, clothing distribution, heating/cooling assistance, fire victim's assistance, and the Resale Store.

Habitat for Humanity

Local chapter founded by First Presbyterian, Fernwood Baptist, and Westminster. It is an ecumenical Christian ministry that changes lives by building decent, affordable homes in partnership with Spartanburg County families in need. At the time of closing, the homeowner assumes a no interest mortgage to purchase



the property. Habitat has built over 90 houses in Spartanburg since it's founding in 1987. The goal of Habitat for Humanity Spartanburg is to "eliminate poverty housing and homelessness, and to make decent housing a matter of conscience in our community."

Hope Center for Children

Formally known as the Spartanburg Children's Shelter & the Ellen Hines Smith Girls Home. Hope Center provides home visitation and abuse prevention, emergency shelter for children removed from abusive homes, long-term residential care for foster children, and family reunification support.

- Over 45 abused or neglected girls referred to their residential program per year.
- Over 150 abused or neglected children referred to their emergency shelter per year.
- Provide over 50 families annually in-home intensive support with their Family Strengthening Program.
- Provide in-home assessments to over 650 high-risk families per year.

Kukura Neshungu Institute

The Kukura Neshungu Institute is a Welfare Organization that operates in Marondera, Zimbabwe in the care and development of severely physically and mentally handicapped children. The Kukura Neshungu Trust oversees the operations along with an AIDS Orphanage – Musha Wevana.

Mission Peru

A Westminster mission partnering with our sister church in Santa Clara, Peru and Pastor German Rios Garcia. Mission Peru was

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established in 1999. Westminster funded and helped build the sanctuary, pastor's home and Sunday School building. MP is a hand's on mission where Westminster sends congregational missionary volunteers each and every year. Programs and projects our volunteers provide are children's Bible School, water filters, sewing projects, sanctuary building and refurbishing and bible study.



Mission Far Eastern - Kusters

CRU supports missions on six continents. Supported by CRU, Kusters seeks to partner with individuals, churches, and organizations to mission to an ever growing immigrant population arriving in America. James & Kari Kuster who have been missionaries in East Asia are now discipling in Indianapolis to a growing immigrant population located there. Other missions supported by CRU is Athletes in Action®, Campus Crusade for Christ, Military installations & communities & The JESUS Film Project®

Mobile Meals of Spartanburg

Mobile Meals of Spartanburg glorifies God by providing nutritious meals, services, and fellowship to the frail and homebound

citizens in Spartanburg County. Over 1,200 volunteers deliver these meals five days a week. MM delivers approximately 1500 meals each weekday to frail and homebound citizens in Spartanburg County.

Pathways Scholarships

Rev. Dr. Trey Kuhne is a licensed marriage and family therapist and pastoral counselor with Pathways Pastoral Counseling. Pathways is a support mission to assist members of Westminster and fellow Christians with life challenges. Christians are not immune from addiction, grief, divorce, family upheaval, emotional stress.

New Life Mission-India

Rev. Dr. Cody & Talulah Watson: Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship "For every people an indigenous church, For every church a mission vision." Cody and PFF takes this good news to South Asia, India (especially the state of Bihar), Nepal and Bangladesh. In support of PFF, Westminster provides support to New Life Mission - India. New Life is part of an expanding church planting network in Northern India. Rev M.K. Bharti is a key leader in the New Life church planting network in this region of India.



Seminary Assistance

Westminster allocates mission funds designated for seminaries in a continuing effort to help educate students for the work of the Church. Some support is given to Seminary students from our congregation and some support is sent directly to the Seminaries for unrestricted support.



721 Ministries Sam Hunter

721 Ministries Sam Hunter seeks to awaken men into a living relationship with Jesus. Services include: Seeker Q&A meetings, Apologetics Training, Business Bible studies, speaking venues.

Spartanburg BEST

(Bible Education in School Time)

Also known as Release Time, BEST is an off campus, elective class that meets during the school day, and enables high school students with parental permission to receive Christian education as an elective credit that counts toward their graduation requirement. BEST has been offering Bible education classes in the Spartanburg area for 15 years.

SPIHN (Spartanburg Interfaith Hospitality Network)

Helps local families by providing temporary shelter, meals,



and support services for homeless families. As part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network, Westminster is teamed with seven local churches. Each quarter Westminster hosts local homeless families in the church. This is a wonderful hand's on opportunity to "Serve Others" and there is a place for everyone. The coordinators for Westminster need people to provide food, oversee activities, and especially they need people to spend the night during our week of hosting. If you feel called to this mission please contact Ann Martin @ 541-7233.

Spartanburg Soup Kitchen

The Spartanburg Soup Kitchen is located at 136 S. Forest St. Spartanburg. SSK serves the poor and homeless in Spartanburg County by sharing the love of God and giving them food for their bodies, kindness for their souls, and hope for the future. SSK serves over 500 free meals to the hungry people of Spartanburg each day. Six times a year Westminster volunteers serve Sunday lunch, every fourth Sunday of even calendar months. (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec).



St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic

St. Luke's Medical Clinic provides comprehensive health services to Spartanburg County residents who lack access to medical care and strives to be a model among faith based free clinics for the delivery of quality health care.

- Over 140 patient visits per week
- Over 2500 prescriptions per month
- Over 3000 lab tests and X-rays per year
- Over 150 surgical procedures per year.
- A waiting list of over 1000 new patients to be seen in the clinic



Viking Football Breakfast

The Spartanburg High School football breakfast is an effort to serve the local community, District 7, and the Spartanburg High School football team. This enables the Associate Minister, who serves as the team chaplain, mission directly to team members as he speaks to them about the Gospel and life. The breakfast is provided for the last game of the season and during the playoff season.

WayPoint Church

WayPoint Church is an ECO church plant in Charlotte, N.C. Located at 7804 Fairview Road it is Pastored by Rev. Wes Barry. WayPoint was established and has been supported by Westminster since 2012.

The Antioch Partners

The Antioch Partners is part of a strategic alliance of Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship and The Outreach Foundation. TAP is a missionary sending agency which partners with local Presbyterian churches in the U.S. to send out followers of Jesus to participate in God's mission in the world

The Haven

A family focused homeless shelter for women and families. The Haven provides services to families, single moms with children, single women and single dads with children. Services include: the shelter program, intensive case management services, daily living skills, and extended case management (for one year after beneficiaries exit the shelter for permanent housing).

The Outreach Foundation - Andrew Adair

The Outreach Foundation (TOF) sends missionaries to Brazil, China, Cuba, Egypt and Zimbabwe. TOF is part of a strategic alliance of The Antioch Partners and the Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship.

T.O.T.A.L Ministries

Started in 1982 as Project Eat. Provides for basic needs to assist families in Spartanburg County who are facing a financial crisis. Services include: prevention of eviction/foreclosure, preventing loss of utilities, heating assistance, food pantry, and prescription medication assistance. Started by 12 Spartanburg churches, including Westminster. Total Ministries interviews over 4500 families/year for potential assistance.

Westminster Saxon

Located on the north side of Spartanburg, Westminster Saxon serves the spiritual needs of their community. WPC provides assistance with teaching supplies, facility improvements and ministerial staff support.

Young Life Central America

Vida Joven - Young Life Central America is a Christian ministry whose mission is introducing adolescents in Central America to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith. In 2003, Westminster provided initial funding to support Jeni McLane Barrantes to help establish a Young Life presence in Central America. YLCA has grown from one chapter in Costa Rica and now operates chapters in Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Panama, Belize and Nicaragua.





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