

Westminster Prays

Mack Shieder	Chut Moody	Mary Ashley Barbot
Walter Russell	James Neighbors	Terry Garrett
David Keller	Esma Harris	Kristi Atkinson
Martha Garrett	Jeff Reeves	Susan Odom
Hannah Warren	Jerry Brown	Kim Phillips
Brian Moody	Bill Noonan	Jim Vaughan
Irene Grafton	Lydia Crosby	Ruth Hewett
Tami Russell	Harold Fountain	Barbara Blackburn
Matthew Lamb	Billy McCue	Shirley Winter
Josh Higgins	James Shumate	Kalaila Martin
Carol Walsh	Allene Baranes	Robert Seiber
Gary Woods	Speck Daniels	Susie Pell
Dot Daniels	Jan Erickson	Carol Mattox
Charlotte Alexandre	Nancy Nunn	Rita Angle
Sally Minnick	David Morris IV	Charlotte McPherson
Rachael Mallard	Ted VanDeventer	Vickie Kelly
Carolyn Brunnick	Derek Fountain	

Serving in the Armed Forces

Jay Gilbert	Baxter Smoak	James Burnley	Robert Georgen
Lauren Smoak	David Ferguson	Andrew Krisel	Edward Stikeleather
Joshua Fincher	Ryan Depew	Tillman Reeves	Roy Selvidge
Cameron Motley	Justin Forte	Joe Campbell	Mike Mann
Jeremy Rundall	Patrick Lucas	Dylan Lewis	Kevin Griggs

Friend of the Week

Barbara Rumph
201 W. 9th North St. Unit 202
Summerville, SC 29483

Mission of the Week

Food Pantry
1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.
Charleston, SC 29407

Church Family

Alice Denmead
Nancy Dixon
Diane Doby

College Student of the Week

Alexis Friedrichs
112 Silo Court, Apt 121-B
Columbia, SC 29201

Prayer Request

Please complete and place in the offering plate.

Date _____

Please pray for _____

About _____

Should this request be listed in the bulletin? (permission of individuals required) Our prayer groups pray for publicized and non-publicized names. Yes No

Name of person making request _____

This Week at Westminster

Sunday, November 29

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
3:30 pm Family Advent Workshop, Covenant Hall

Monday, November 30

9:30 am Prayer Group

Tuesday, December 1

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Pastor's office
7:00 pm Handbells

Wednesday, December 2

6:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday
Church Family Dinner—Fried Fish Filets
6:30 pm Back Pack Buddies, Covenant Hall
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

Friday, December 4

4:00 pm SAM's Holiday Open House, Seay's Home

Saturday, December 5

9:00 am Children's Gift Making, Covenant Hall
11:00 am Hanging of the Greens Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 6

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service, Communion Sunday
2:00 pm Deacons' Day of Caring
2:00 pm Club 56

WESTMINSTER SESSION

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Mrs. Alicia Crosby, Preschool Director

Mrs. Pam Smith, Preschool Assistant Director



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2015

11:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Come, Savior of Nations" J.S. BACH

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH The Parrish Family
Nancy, Cullen, Hilary, and Cora

Leader: We begin the season of Advent with expectant and believing hearts.

People: We wait upon the Lord and place our hope in God's word.

Leader: During Advent we confront the darkness that so often exists around us.

People: We wait upon the Lord and place our hope in God's word.

Leader: During Advent we confront the doubt that so often resides within us.

People: We wait upon the Lord and place our hope in God's word.

Leader: During Advent we confront the division that so often occurs between us.

People: We wait upon the Lord and place our hope in God's word.

Unison Prayer: **Gracious God, as we embark upon another Advent journey, we pray that we would be encouraged by hope, strengthened in unity, and inspired through faith. May our ears be open and our hearts ready to receive the gift of hope embodied in the Word made flesh. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

◆HYMN NO. 82 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" HYFRYDOL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and Heavenly Father, you alone are the creator and sustainer of all things. It is our great privilege to live under your power, righteousness, wisdom, mercy, and grace. You love us with better love than any we could ever know here on earth, and we stand in awe of your commitment to cherish us. Yet, even though we have tasted your goodness, we are a people who would rather trust in ourselves. We place our

hope in our own talents and abilities, in relationships with people we admire and love, in our jobs and good health, in our economic value and academic abilities. We even place our hope in spiritual disciplines, thinking that we will merit more favor from you if we deny ourselves, pray constantly, or sacrifice for you and for others. Father, we admit we are worshippers of ourselves. Forgive our misplaced faith, and grant us hope that rests in you and you alone.

◆ SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

◆ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

◆ GLORIA, GLORIA JACQUES BERTHIER
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

◆ SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Please greet your neighbor with the peace of Christ.

LET THE CHILDREN COME Janie Bruce

Children five years and younger are invited to go to Children's Church in the Sunday School building.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:1-25 PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 56

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Getting Ready for Christmas I Pastor Daniel

◆ HYMN NO. 106 "Prepare the Way, O Zion" BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" PAUL MANZ

◆ DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

◆ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

◆ HYMN NO. 93 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" TRURO

◆ BENEDICTION
And God's people said,
Alleluia, Amen!

◆ BENEDICTORY RESPONSE

We sing together: **Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed to us;
His name is called Emmanuel.**

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◆ POSTLUDE "Come, Savior of Nations" PAUL MANZ

◆ Those who are able, please stand.

Acolytes are Emily Shelor and Ella Patrick.
Children's Church volunteers are Mary and Tim Platts.
Visitor Table: Donna Purcell

The flowers in Narthex are given to the glory of God and in memory of Doris Penny Hamilton, with love by Bill Hamilton.

Welcome to Mike Shetler, a retired elementary music teacher in Charleston County, mostly in District 4 (including 1 year at Mary Ford). Before coming to Charleston, Mike was a Chaplain's Assistant at Ft. Huachuca and earned degrees in music education from Eastern Nazarene College and UNC at Greensboro. He studied organ with Hazel King and served as organist for several churches in the area while teaching. After retiring in 2001 he was the organist at the First Christian, Disciples of Christ for 12 years. He is presently a choir member at Westminster and part time resident of Nebraska. On Tuesdays he enjoys "music therapy" sessions on our fine instruments.

Welcome to Westminster

We are delighted that you have joined us today and hope you will find a home here. Visitors are encouraged to stop by the welcome table in the narthex for more information about Westminster.

We have wonderful caregivers in our nursery who will lovingly care for your child and will provide you with a pager should they need to contact you. Our ushers can assist you in finding the nursery.

Worship bags are available for preschool and elementary age children in the narthex.

Hearing devices are available in the narthex.

For more information about Westminster, please call the church office 766-8311.



THE SEASON OF ADVENT

ADVENT is the Latin word for "coming." For Christians it refers to the church season that prepares for the coming of Jesus Christ as God in human flesh – the incarnation. We celebrate his humble birth, his coming to us now, and his coming again in glory at the end of time.

The round shape of the Advent Wreath is a symbol of God's never-ending love for us. The evergreens represent everlasting life, and the purple candles are for him who comes royally as King of kings and Lord of lords. The pink candle is for the joy of the season, and in the center of the wreath is the white Christ candle lit on Christmas Eve.

The Christmas tree is decorated with lights and Chrismons. Lights remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. Chrismons are symbols that illustrate aspects of the Christian faith.

WESTMINSTER GIVES THANKS TO THE LORD!

Last Sunday was Stewardship Commitment Sunday, and we had great response. Financially, we've received 104 pledges totaling \$409,738 with about half of those responders making new pledges or increasing their planned giving for 2016. That's a strong start! Our goal is 100% participation, so if you have not yet turned in your commitment card (they are available in the pews and in the narthex), you may do that by placing it in the offering plate or by mailing it to the church office. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness in 2015– even as we look forward to fruitful ministry at Westminster Presbyterian Church in the next year!

ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree is in the Narthex. This year we will again be providing Christmas gifts for 130 children at Mary Ford Elementary School. Each angel on the tree will have information about the child and suggestions/wishes. Please select a child or two and shop for their Christmas presents. If you prefer to make a financial donation, the WPC Youth will be happy to shop for you. Please put your gifts in a gift bag with the angel attached. Thank you for helping these children to have a happier Christmas.