

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	Irene Grafton
Lydia Crosby	Ruth Hewett	Barbara Blackburn
Tami Russell	Harold Fountain	Matthew Lamb
Billy McCue	Shirley Winter	Kalaila Martin
Josh Higgins	James Shumate	Robert Seiber
Carol Walsh	Allene Baranes	Carol Mattox
Gary Woods	Speck Daniels	Rita Angle
Dot Daniels	Jan Erickson	Charlotte McPherson
Nancy Nunn	Vickie Kelly	Rachel Mallard
Sally Minnick	David Morris IV	Atim Oliver
Ted VanDeventer	Clif Green	Rebekah Broome
Carolyn Brunnick	Derek Fountain	Elloise Smoak
Eleanor Grayson	Alfred Hardee	Lisa Wilcox
Jim Coggins	Robert Tamblyn	Mark Gore

Prayers, Sympathy and Support are extended to
Charlie Powell and family upon the death of his mother,
Carolyn Louise Walters Powell.

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

Joan Bonnell
34 Manchester Road
Charleston, SC 29407

Mission of the Week

Boy/Cub Scouts Troop 79
1157 Sam Rittenberg, Blvd.
Charleston, SC 29407

Church Family

Jim and Susanne Drennan
Katie, Sam
Carolyn Drose

College Student of the Week

Dewitt Floyd
13 South Campus Dr, Box 50
Bluffton, SC 29909

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, December 13

9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Second Sunday Social, Covenant Hall
4:00 pm	Youth Angel Tree Shopping
7:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting, room 4

Monday, December 14

10:00 am	Hooks and Needles, room 4
6:00 pm	PW Circle 1, Sally Rogers' Clubhouse

Tuesday, December 15

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

Wednesday, December 16

6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday Church Family Dinner—Breakfast Buffet
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, December 20

9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service, Lessons and Carols
5:00 pm	Christmas Caroling

WESTMINSTER SESSION

<u>CLASS OF 2016</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2017</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2018</u>
Allyn Bruce	Chris Camburn	Lindy Coleman
Mary Fulmer	Robert Dadin	Brad Earnst
Sara McCoy	Jim Frye	Priscilla Holtzclaw
David Morris	Donna Purcell	Mark Patrick
Debbie Redmon	Jerry Smoak	Charlie Powell
Betsy Williams	Patty Stokes	Carole Russell
	Clerk-Dick Patrick	
Treasurer-Betsy Williams	Assistant Treasurer-Patty Stokes	

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Rev. Dr. Daniel L. Smoak, Pastor

Mr. Robin Zemp, Director of Music

Mrs. Janie Bruce, Director of Children and Youth Ministries

Ms. Anne Camburn, Business Administrator

Mrs. Nita Rushton, Office Administrator

Mrs. Alicia Crosby, Preschool Director

Mrs. Pam Smith, Preschool Assistant Director



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13, 2015

11:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Prepare the Royal Highway" MICHAEL BURKHARDT

INTROIT "That Boy Child of Mary" TOM COLVIN
"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" SPIRITUAL
Sunday School Children

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH The Norman Family
Dale, Karen and Kyla

Leader: In a world where we often seek personal happiness,
Advent beckons us to a deeper expression of our
faith in Christ.

**People: For the Lord our God is with us both now and
forevermore.**

Leader: Advent beckons us to remember God's unconditional
love, even when we stumble.

**People: For the Lord our God is with us both now and
forevermore.**

Leader: Advent beckons us to remember God's invitation
to the human heart to be still in the face of strife.

**People: For the Lord our God is with us both now and
forevermore.**

Leader: Advent beckons us to remember we always have hope,
even when it seems as if our world is caving in around us.

**People: For the Lord our God is with us both now and
forevermore.**

Unison Prayer: **Gracious God, in a world where the message
is "be happy," we are reminded that only you grant the gift of
true joy. This morning let us hear again with joyful hearts and
proclaim with elated voices the wondrous refrain of your
coming. "The Lord, our God, is with us both now and forever-
more." We pray this in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

♦HYMN NO. 132 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" IN DULCI JUBILO

◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of promise, we come before you acknowledging that we are not fully prepared for Christ’s coming. We have lived as though his coming is far off, spending ourselves to fulfill our own aims and desires, rather than laying down our lives in love, as he taught his disciples to do. Forgive us for crowding Jesus out of our lives. Convict and empower us by your Spirit to live according to his teaching and example, so that we might be fully prepared for his coming.

◆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.

ANTHEM

“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”

CRAIG COURTNEY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:57-80

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 57

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

SERMON

Getting Ready for Christmas III

Pastor Daniel

◆HYMN NO. 109

“Blest Be the God of Israel”

MERLE’S TUNE

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

“Angel Glory”

KEVIN MCCHESENEY

◆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. 121

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ST. LOUIS

◆BENEDICTION

◆BENEDICTORY RESPONSE

We sing together: **Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed to us;
His name is called Em-man-u-el!**

“Emmanuel” by Bob McGee

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◆POSTLUDE

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

MICHAEL BURKHARDT

◆ Those who are able, please stand.

Acolytes are Olivia Towne and Mattie Housley.
Children’s Church volunteers are Stacy and Michael Patrick.
Visitor Table: Hilary Parrish

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!

Westminster has been most responsive and generous in making financial commitments for 2016. So far, we’ve received 128 pledges totaling \$492,558. Your commitment is important in planning ministry for next year, so if you have not yet turned in your commitment card (they are available in the fellowship pads 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.

ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree is in the Narthex. Westminster’s Youth will once again be taking contributions from the congregation to shop for angels from our Angel Tree. All angels are Mary Ford Elementary Students. The Youth will shop today at 4:00 pm. If you would like to make a contribution you may do so by marking it “Angel Tree” and placing it in the offering plate. Angel Tree gifts should be placed next to the tree in the Narthex by Monday, December 14. Thank you for helping these children to have a happier Christmas.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY CHURCH FAMILY DINNER

Wonderful Wednesday Church Family Dinner will not meet on December 23 or 30. We will resume on January 6, 2016 (Backpack Buddies night).