

Westminster Prays

Mack Shieder	Chut Moody	Mary Ashley Barbot
Walter Russell	Terry Garrett	Kristi Atkinson
David Keller	Esmā Harris	Susan Odom
Martha Garrett	Jeff Reeves	Brian Moody
Hannah Warren	Jerry Brown	Barbara Blackburn
Bill Noonan	Irene Grafton	Matthew Lamb
Lydia Crosby	Ruth Hewett	Kalaila Martin
Tami Russell	Harold Fountain	Robert Seiber
Billy McCue	Shirley Winter	Carol Mattox
Josh Higgins	James Shumate	Dot Daniels
Carol Walsh	Allene Baranes	Jan Erickson
Gary Woods	Speck Daniels	Atim Oliver
Charlotte McPherson	Rachel Mallard	Rebekah Broome
Nancy Nunn	Vickie Kelly	Elloise Smoak
Sally Minnick	David Morris IV	Brittany Michael
Clif Green	Lisa Wilcox	Nancy Smoak Penley
Carolyn Brunnick	Derek Fountain	Brooke Preus
Eleanor Grayson	Robert Tamblyn	Stephanie Gore
Jordan Cassady	Joyce Ulm	John Manning Hook
Carol Cummings	David Madden	

Prayers of Sympathy and Support are extended to

Roberta Morton and family upon the death of her brother, James Neighbors.

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

Dorothy Colebaugh
29 Ripplemoor Lane
Charleston, SC 29414

Mission of the Week

One Eighty Place
35 Walnut Street
Charleston, SC 29403

Church Family

Denise and Jay Floyd
Wes, DeWitt
Stephanie, Meghan, Kaitlyn Fort

College Student of the Week

Emily Gibson
13 South Campus Drive
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, January 17

9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
2:30 pm	Youth Group, Hockey Game
5:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting, room 4
6:00 pm	Child Protection Training and Dinner, Covenant Hall
7:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting, room 4

Monday, January 18

Church Offices Closed

7:00 pm PW Circle 1, Covenant Hall

Tuesday, January 19

10:00 am	Staff Meeting, Pastor's office
12:30 pm	CAP Luncheon, Covenant Hall
7:00 pm	Congregational Nominating Committee, Parlor
7:00 pm	Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 20

4:30 pm	Buildings and Grounds Committee, room 4
6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday Church Family Dinner, Rotisserie Chicken
6:30 pm	Fellowship Committee, room 4
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, January 24

9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Mid High Youth
6:00 pm	Senior High Youth

WESTMINSTER SESSION

CLASS OF 2016

Allyn Bruce
Mary Fulmer
Sara McCoy
David Morris
Debbie Redmon
Betsy Williams

CLASS OF 2017

Chris Camburn
Robert Dadin
Jim Frye
Donna Purcell
Jerry Smoak
Patty Stokes

CLASS OF 2018

Lindy Coleman
Brad Earnst
Priscilla Holtzclaw
Mark Patrick
Charlie Powell
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

WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 17, 2016

11:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Lift Up Your Heads ALICE JORDAN

◆INTROIT Blest Be the God Of Israel SONG OF ZECHARIAH

◆CALL TO WORSHIP ISAIAH 40:3-8

Leader: A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

People: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Leader: A voice says, "Cry!"
And I said, "What shall I cry?"

People: All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; Surely the people are grass.

People: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

◆INVOCATION

◆HYMN NO. 363 Rejoice, the Lord Is King! DARWALL'S 148TH

◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we confess that we are by nature prone to hypocrisy. We are satisfied with our own ideas of righteousness and forsake the true righteousness that you demand. As we come into your presence, the stains of sin on our souls become clear to us, so we humbly bow before you in repentance. In your mercy, forgive us and set us free from our rebellious ways. Give us hearts to seek your Kingdom and to follow your will in every aspect of life. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

◆ SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

◆ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

Leader: Our hope of forgiveness rests in Jesus Christ, who for our sake became human and suffered terrible death on a cross. Yet He is now the risen and ruling King of kings, so believe the good news:

People: Alleluia! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

◆ GLORIA PATRI GREATOR EX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

◆ 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 Every Valley JOHN NESS BECK

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 3:1-20 PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 60

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

SERMON What about John? Pastor Daniel

◆ HYMN NO. 87 Comfort, Comfort Now My People GENEVAN 42

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH TAKEN FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (1983)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor

and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 Prelude on "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" MICHAEL BURKHARDT

◆ 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. 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL

◆ BENEDICTION

◆ BENEDICTORY RESPONSE Go Now in Peace NATALIE SLEETH

◆ POSTLUDE Jubilate GORDON YOUNG

◆ Those who are able, please stand.

Liturgist is Sara McCoy.
Acolytes are Robert Dounian and Emily Shelor.
Children's Church volunteers are Ashleigh and Mark Patrick.
Visitor Table: Cam Patterson.

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.

FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2016 Flower Calendar is available in the administrative hallway. Please print your name on the line next to your special date to place flowers in the Sanctuary. The cost of flowers is \$45.00. Questions? Contact Nita Rushton at 843-766-8311.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2016 offering envelopes are now available in the administrative hallway. If you would like envelopes but don't see a box with your name, please contact Anne Camburn at 766-8311 ext. 105 or acamburn@westminstercharleston.org.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

January 17, 2016 at 6:00 pm in Covenant Hall. This training is required annually for all Elders, Deacons, and anyone working with children. A light dinner will be provided.

ARE YOU NEW TO WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN?

Are you new to Westminster Presbyterian or interested in becoming a member? You are invited to attend the NEW MEMBER CLASS. We will meet in the Pastor's Study for three consecutive Sundays during the Sunday School hour at 9:45. Pastor Daniel and the Membership Committee will lead the class.

January 24: What does it mean to be a Presbyterian Christian, part 1

January 31: What does it mean to be a Presbyterian Christian, part 2

February 7: All about ministry and membership at Westminster

After the class, those who desire to join the church will be welcomed. Questions? Contact Membership Committee Chair Donna Purcell at d3wpurcell@msn.com.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

During the month of January the Preschool will be registering current students for the 2016-2017 school year. At this time we invite church members to register family members to avoid the rush in February when the program is open to the public. This is a great time to tour the school. If you want to set up an appointment or ask questions, please feel free to contact the Preschool office at 843-571-0321.

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

Today	Luke 3:1-20	What about John?
January 24	Luke 3:21-22	The Baptism of Jesus
January 31	Luke 3:23-38	Family Tree
February 7	Donnie Woods Preaches	

The Lord's Supper