

POINSETTIAS

GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR OF:

Bill and Tish Georgen, Bob's parents, by Bob and Beth Georgen
Carolyn Drose by Beth and Bob Georgen
Carol Mattox by Peter and Karen McInnes
Pastor Daniel and Church Staff by Peter and Karen McInnes
Our Family by Roy C. and Jule Ann Hoffman
Trevor, Jackie, Caitlin, and Emily Shelor by Cliff and Liz Shelor
Derik, Erin, Jonathan, and Elizabeth Shelor by Cliff and Liz Shelor
Mr. Jervey Jones by Derek and Betsy McLaughlin
Abby Grace and Cole by Derek and Betsy McLaughlin
Kelly, Jamie, Jake, and Grady Vaughn by Derek and Betsy McLaughlin
Dee Bee Wright by Charlotte Alexandre
Betsy Holtzclaw by Jim and Priscilla Holtzclaw
My children and grandchildren by Dorothy Maastricht
Roberta Shepard by Henry and Brenda Shepard
Ike Eisenhower by Henry and Brenda Shepard
Gammy and Papa, Mimi and Papa Robby, Grandpa and Grandma Ann
by Cameron and Nicholas Patrick
The Westminster Deacons by Frankie Earnst and Laura Patrick

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

DECEMBER 18, 2016

11:00 AM

Westminster Presbyterian Church
1157 Sam Rittenberg Boulevard, Charleston, SC 29407
www.westminstercharleston.org (843) 766-8311
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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

PRELUDE Concerto I for Organ and Strings: Andante G.F. HANDEL

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH Eric and Donna David

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

People: **We wait for you with expectation.**
Come, Lord Jesus!

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

◆ CAROL Once in Royal David's City IRBY
Choir and Congregation
Ashleigh Smith, *soloist*

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| <p>1. <i>Solo</i>
Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild;
Jesus Christ, her little child.</p> | <p>3. <i>All</i>
Jesus is our childhood's pattern;
day by day like us he grew;
he was little, weak and helpless;
tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feels for all our sadness,
and he shares in all our gladness.</p> |
| <p>2. <i>Choir</i>
He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and meek and lowly,</p> | <p>4. <i>All</i>
And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on</p> |

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP Daniel Smoak

POINSETTIAS

GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

John William Bruce by The Bruce Family
Kristi Mikles by Kevin Mikles
Mary Overcash by Lynda and Tom Higgins
Robert A. Pell by Susie, Sandy, and Debbie Pell
Mac McCoy by Sara McCoy
Charles Morton by Roberta Morton
Julie D. Leonard by Carolyn Drose
George Austin by Mary and Randy Davis
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Davis by Mary and Randy Davis
Alan C. Hudson by the Niblock Family
Kim Wade Roberts by the Niblock Family
Linda "Grammy" Farrior by Chuck, Christine, Olivia, Chase, and Faith Towne
Family by Rita, Tom, Dave, and John Livingston
Wesley Owen by Tommie Owen
Mr. David E. Small by Walter and Carole Russell
Mr. and Mrs. Walter N. Russell, Sr. by Walter and Carole Russell
Mary H. Bowden and John W. Bowden, Beth's parents, by Beth and Bob Georgen
John H. Bowden, Beth's brother, by Beth and Bob Georgen
Louis and Marion, Jule Ann's parents, by Roy C. and Jule Ann Hoffman
Darrel and Cleora, Roy's parents, by Roy C. and Jule Ann Hoffman
Our loved ones by Peter and Karen McInnes
Winnie and Kennerly Corbett and Richard Streett by Brenda Corbett Haile
J. Harry and Elva E. Nickle by Janet Saunders
John H. Nickle Jr. by Janet Saunders
Our family in Heaven by Sara and Kevin Dwyer
Scab Jones by Henry and Brenda Shepard
Ruby Jones by Henry and Brenda Shepard
Norman Shepard by Henry and Brenda Shepard
Bill Maastricht by Dorothy Maastricht
Bob Holtzclaw by Jim and Priscilla Holtzclaw
Arthur and Katharine Wilcox by Jim and Priscilla Holtzclaw
Bill and Dorothy Hamilton, Pam's parents, by Pam Smith and family
Bill Hamilton, Jr. by Pam Smith and family

*If you would like to gift a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone, please contact the church office,
843-766-8311, ext 100. The deadline is 5:00 pm, Monday, December 19, 2016.*

Westminster Prays

Mack Shieder	Chut Moody	Mary Ashley Barbot
Charlotte McPherson	Susan Odom	Hannah Warren
David Keller	Matthew Lamb	Joyce Ulm
Jerry Brown	Kalaila Martin	Marilyn Bardsley
Lisa Wilcox	Terry Hall	Ronald Beach
Walter Russell	Lydia Crosby	Vickie Kelly
Irene Grafton	Jan Erickson	Kathy Day
Ruth Hewett	Julia Moody	Denise Park
Harold Fountain	John Pack	Bobby Wall
Billy McCue	Dot Daniels	David Adams
Josh Higgins	Rebekah Broome	Beryldean Winter
Allene Baranes	Speck Daniels	Steve Hollingsworth
Gary Woods	Charles Reeves	Martha Woods
Derek Fountain	Sally Minnick	Pierre McGowan
Torrie Dingler	Gene Lundgrin	Bob Bean
Dawn McMillan	Elliott Brouner	Stacey Edge
Bob Foster	Vera Shelor Terry	John Oliver
Sue Johnson	Susan Baltic	Barbara Kinard
Lynn Rice-See	Mary Jane Gilliam	Esmá Harris
Ken Caldwell	Lynn Gilliam	KC Miller
Britney Rast	Joe Smith	JoAnn West
Kitty Kenney	Aileen Wiese	Cary Alexandre
Mildred Dewitt	Jill Lundgrin	Hal Jonsson
Thomas Weir	Jane Small	Jack Eades
Jule Ann Hoffman	David Morris	Debra Frasier
Patty Snider	Tony Rushton	Elizabeth Skinner

CAROL

Sing the Songs of Bethlehem

K. LEE SCOTT, BASED ON SCOTSMAN

Choir

TEXT: TIMOTHY DUDLEY-SMITH

Where do Christmas songs begin? By the stable of an inn
Where the song of hosts on high Mingled with a baby's cry.
There, for joy and wonder, smiled Man and maid and holy Child.
Christmas songs begin with them: Sing the songs of Bethlehem!

Who is this, whose human birth Here proclaims Him child of earth?
He it is who formed the skies, Saw the newmade stars arise:
Life immortal, light divine, Blinking in the candleshine;
Born our darkness to dispel, God with us, Emmanuel!

Only love can answer why He should come to grieve and die,
Share on earth our pain and loss, Bear for us the bitter cross.
Love is come to seek and save, Life to master death and grave,
So in Christ is all restored, Risen and redeeming Lord!

Praise we then, in Christmas songs, Him to whom all praise belongs.
Hear the angel host reply, "Glory be to God on high,
Joy and peace to mortals giv'n, Peace on earth and peace with heav'n!"
Join we now, as one with them: Sing the songs of Bethlehem.

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15

Matthew Akery

CAROL

The Holy Son of God

SCOTT, BASED ON *WHEN JESUS WEPT*

Choir

TEXT: HENRY MOORE, ALT.

The Holy Son of God most high For love of Adam's fallen race,
Left all the pleasures of the sky To bring us to that blessed place.

His robes of light He laid aside Which did His majesty adorn,
And the frail state of mortals tried, In human flesh and figure born.

THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Carol Patrick

CAROL

Arise, Shine: for Your Light Has Come

K. LEE SCOTT

Choir

TEXT: ISAIAH 60:1-3

Arise, shine; for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is risen on you.
Darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the peoples;
But the Lord shall arise upon you, and his glory shall appear upon you.
Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

THE THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 53:1-5

Robert Coker

◆ CAROL

Long God's Faithful People Waited
Choir and Congregation

HYFRYDOL
TEXT: K. LEE SCOTT

Long God's faithful people waited, Searching for the proper time;
Yearning for the Lord's appearing; Watching ever for a sign.
Through the mists of time they saw Him, With the Holy Spirit's aid;
Told the glory of His coming; He, whom earth and heaven made.

Prophets told His kingly station, Spoke His honor, sang His praise;
Seers revealed His death and suffering, Powers and principedoms to amaze.
Praise the Father, praise the Spirit; God of future years and past;
Praise to Him who came from heaven When the time had come at last.

THE FOURTH LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4

Sara McCoy

CAROL

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Choir

SCOTT, BASED ON PICARDY
TEXT: LITURGY OF ST. JAMES

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish As the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-wing'd seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, As with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most high.

THE FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Shelby Earnst

CAROL

Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly
Choir

SCOTT, BASED ON PLEADING SAVIOR
TEXT: REV. R.F. PALMER

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly, Virgin Mother undefiled.
Sing of God's own Son most holy, Who became her little Child.
Fairest Child of fairest Mother, God, the Lord, Who came to earth,
Word made flesh, our very Brother, Takes our nature by His birth.

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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Join us for Christmas Caroling and merriment this afternoon. We will leave the church at 5:00 pm. Please bring an appetizer or dessert for chili supper to follow at Matthew and Jill Patrick's home, 2 Fort Royal Court, Wespanee. Sign-up sheet is in the administration hall and the bulletin board in the breezeway next to Covenant Hall.

WESTMINSTER GIVES THANKS TO THE LORD!

We've had a great response by those making financial commitments for 2017. We've received 140 pledges totaling \$520,634 with about 47 of those responders making new pledges or increasing their planned giving for 2017. Our goal is 100% participation, 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.

YEAR END GIVING

In order to receive credit for the 2016 tax year please make sure all 2016 contributions are received in the office by Friday, December 30, at 1:00 pm or that they are postmarked on or before December 31, 2016. Thank you for your generous support of the mission and ministry of Westminster.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

We are currently working on the new Children's Church schedule for 2017. Please let Janie Bruce know if you are interested in participating in this ministry, or if you would like to discontinue your service for 2017. jbruce@westminstercharleston.org 843-766-8311 ext. 111.

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Monday, December 26, and Tuesday, December 27.

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

December 24 Isaiah 9:6 His Name Shall be Called: Prince of Peace
7:00 Christmas Eve

December 25 Luke 2:1-20 Christmas Morning
A "come as you are" informal gathering for worship

January 1 Isaiah 9:7 The Greatness of His Government
Matthew 4:23-25 The Lord's Supper

ABOUT LESSONS AND CAROLS

This Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is adapted from the service that has been celebrated annually at King's College, Cambridge since 1918. Devised by the Dean of the College after World War I, The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols has its origins in the hope we claim- even and especially in response to the horrors of war. The faith we celebrate in worship is that Emmanuel, God with us, is our Savior and our companion. A companion who, by grace alone, brings joy to fulfillment, brings order out of chaos, and leads those who have seen, inflicted, and experienced the inhumanity of humanity on the pathway of reconciliation and peace.

Telling the story of the loving purposes of God throughout human history, the nine Scripture lessons are those traditionally used, while the carols accompanying each passage vary from year to year. The musical selections in this service are taken from *Sing the Songs of Bethlehem* by K. Lee Scott.

The roses in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and
in celebration of the birth of Elsie Caroline Crosby, born Friday, December 9, 2016,
proud parents Liz and Andrew Crosby and sister Lydia,
and
in celebration of the birth of Elizabeth Edna Wade, born Tuesday, December 13, 2016,
proud parents Blair and Graham Wade and brother, Clarkson.



JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD

Dec. 24 5:00 pm

A Christmas Eve Service for Families with Young Children

All who want to participate will have a part in recreating the nativity.

An offering for Thornwell will be received.

Dec. 24 6:30 pm

Brief Prayer and Candle Lighting Service

For those grieving at Christmas: we'll remember our loved ones who have passed on before us.

We will meet in Covenant Hall.

Dec. 24 7:00 pm

Carols, Communion, and Candlelight

A more reflective service of worship on the eve of our Savior's birth.

An offering for Thornwell will be received.

Dec. 25 11:00 am

Christmas Morning Worship

We'll gather for informal worship. "Come as you are" and bring your favorite toy.

Sunday School does not meet on the 25th.

Sing of Jesus, Son of Mary, In the home at Nazareth.
Toil and labor cannot weary Love enduring unto death.
Constant was the love He gave her, Though it drove Him from her side,
Forth to preach and heal and suffer, Till on Calvary He died.

Glory be to God the Father; Glory be to God the Son;
Glory be to God the Spirit; Glory to the Three in One.
From the heart of Blessed Mary, From all saints the song ascends,
And the Church the strain re-echoes Unto earth's remotest ends.

THE SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

Tom Higgins

CAROL

Away in a Manger
Choir

CRADLE SONG

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-18

Donna Purcell

CAROL

Ding Dong! Merrily on High
Choir

CHARLES WOOD/SCOTT
TEXT: G.R. WOODWARD

Ding dong! Merrily on high In heav'n the bells are ringing;
Ding dong! Verily the sky Is riv'n with angel singing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below, Let steeple bells be swungen,
And "Io, io, io!" By priest and people sungen.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime Your matin chime, ye ringers!
May you beautifully rime Your evetime song, ye singers!
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

