

Westminster Prays

Chut Moody	Kalaila Martin	Kathy Day
Lydia Crosby	Beryldean Winter	Dennis Keane
David Keller	Walter Russell	Gene Lundgrin
Bob Foster	Jan Erickson	Elliott Brouner
Esma Harris	Julia Moody	Bob Bean
Joe Smith	Dot Daniels	Liz Lindler Bull
Mildred Dewitt	Speck Daniels	Sullivan Bull
Patty Snider	John Oliver	Charles Beck
Jack Eades	JoAnn West	Marja Sanderling
Emily Campbell	Anne Powell	Wimberly Family
Pat Coggins	Doris Jeter	Carol Cummings
Mable Switzer	Johnnie Harvey	Rosalee Smith
Terry Hall	Susie Pell	Jenna Baskin
Logan Gause	Andrea Dunn	Alice Denmead
Vickie Kelly	Robert Dadin	Vera Shelor Terry
Kelly Family	Kathleen Thomas	Jane Small

Prayers of Sympathy and Support are extended to
Judy Herman Fletcher and family upon the death of her husband,
Bob Fletcher.

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	Mike Cotham
Cameron Motley	Justin Forte	Joe Campbell	Mike Mann
Jeremy Rundall	Patrick Lucas	Kevin Griggs	Kyle Dillon

Friend of the Week

Clif Green
201 W. 9th North St., Unit 209
Summerville, SC 29483

Church Family

MaryBeth and Byron Clark
Harrison Clark
Robert and Sylvia Coker

Mission of the Week

Food Pantry
1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.
Charleston, SC 29407

Student of the Week

Mark Gore
2022 Prince Alan Court
Charleston, SC 29414

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) Yes ___ No ___

Name of person making request _____

Requests ordinarily remain on the prayer list for about a month.

Please keep us updated.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, April 9

8:45 am	Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Second Sunday Social, Covenant Hall
12:45 pm	Worship Committee, Parlor
5:00 pm	Mid High Youth
6:00 pm	Senior High Youth
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, April 10

10:00 am	Hooks and Needles, Room 4
11:40 am	Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Congregational Nominating Committee, Parlor

Tuesday, April 11

7:30 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Town and Country
10:00 am	Staff meeting, Pastor's office
10:00 am	PW Circle 5, Parlor
10:30 am	PW Circle 4, Jane Acker's home

Wednesday, April 12

6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday Church Family Dinner—Meatloaf
6:45 pm	Yard Sale Volunteers Meeting, Room 4
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, April 13

7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday, Second Presbyterian Church
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Friday, April 14

7:00 pm	Good Friday Worship
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Sunday, April 16

8:45 am	Easter Worship Service
9:45 am	Pancake Breakfast, Covenant Hall
11:00 am	Easter Worship Service
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

WESTMINSTER SESSION

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

CLASS OF 2019

Ann Froneberger
Johnnie Harvey
Nancy Parrish
Rita Livingston
Henry Shepard
Chuck Towne

Clerk-Priscilla Holtzclaw

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

PALM SUNDAY

April 9, 2017

8:45 am

GATHERING

Please greet each other warmly as the congregation gathers for worship.

Take a moment and sign your name in the friendship pad.

◆CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM MATTHEW AND LUKE

Leader: When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And as he rode along, most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying:

People: **Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

Leader: And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting,

People: **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

◆SONG OF PRAISE NO. 196 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

CONFESSIOIN

◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, like your children of old, we gather with loud praises to Jesus, the King of kings and the Lord of lords. Yet, while our lips have praised him, our steps have often led us away from him. We have confessed him to be our Lord, but we have turned away from his call to lay down our lives for the sake of the Gospel. Empower us by your Spirit to give our Lord more than lip service, that we may also honor him with loving obedience, staying faithful to him in every circumstance, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen

◆DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

◆SONG OF RESPONSE

NO. 447

We sing together:

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

◆PASSING THE PEACE

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

Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbors.

THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

Simon of Cyrene
(see insert)

Natasha Akery, Guitar

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 27:45-54 PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 33

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

SERMON

God is too Close!

Pastor Daniel

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆SONG OF RESPONSE

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed NO. 212

◆DECLARATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AND THE MORNING OFFERING

Please come forward and place your offering in the offering plate.

◆SONG OF THANKSGIVING

NO. 647

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks. Give thanks.

◆PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING OUT

◆SENDING SONG

Jesus, Remember Me

NO. 227

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

◆BLESSING

◆ Those who are able, please stand.

Worship leader is Kirkland Smith.

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.

Parents who need to step out of the sanctuary for a while to tend to the needs of infants or small children can find privacy down the hall in the church parlor or in the church nursery.

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

Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available in the narthex.

For more information about Westminster:

- Check out our website www.westminstercharleston.org
- Plan to attend WPC 101 a three-week information class held quarterly during the Sunday school hour.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE

The **Triumphal Entry of Jesus Christ** into the city of Jerusalem. He came as humble King, riding a donkey. Our Lord's entry prompted the crowds to praise Him with the shouts of Hosanna! - Hebrew meaning "save now!" So this morning we also join together to praise Christ with our joyful Hosannas!



We also turn to **The Passion of Jesus** and its meaning. From the cross, Jesus cried out Psalm 22: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Taking the burden of the cross and being forsaken by God means in Christ, we will never be abandoned.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Today, at the 11:00 worship service we are glad to welcome new members to Westminster:

- Bryan and Mandi Mills, their daughter, Irene, 7 months old
- Bobbie Jean Whittington

PAUSE AND REFRESH ON MONDAYS FOR A DEEPER PRAYER LIFE

Monday Morning Prayer at 11:40. Every Monday at 11:40 during Lent, we'll gather together in the Sanctuary for 20 minutes of community prayer and fellowship. You'll be guided in a meditative style of prayer using Phyllis Tickle's *The Divine Hours: Prayers for Lent*.

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

Today	Matthew 27:51	God is too Close! <i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i> <i>Piper Boyd Baptism (11:00)</i>
April 16	Matthew 28:1-10	Mourning into Dancing <i>Easter Sunday</i>