

Westminster Prays

Chut Moody	Kalaila Martin	Kathy Day
Lydia Crosby	Beryldean Winter	Elliott Brouner
David Keller	Walter Russell	Bob Bean
Bob Foster	Jan Erickson	Sullivan Bull
Joe Smith	Julia Moody	JoAnn West
Speck Daniels	Dot Daniels	Jenna Baskin
Mary Forbes	Terry Hall	Patty Snider
Emily Campbell	Charles Beck	Martha Fox
Johnnie Harvey	Jack Eades	John Linville
Logan Gause	Mable Switzer	Frances McLean
Jane Small	Andy Copenhauer	Gloria Purcell
Carol Mattox	Sue Johnson	Alice Denmead
Susie Pell	Kate Pennekamp	Sherry Carder
Simms Daniels	Daniel Harms	James Ella Collins
Jerry Smoak	Inez Mitchum	Ryan Roberson
Sam Fritz	Eleanor Grayson	Roy Hoffman
Nekedra Lumar	Joan Leon	

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	Kevin Griggs	Kyle Dillon	Sullivan McMahan

Friend of the Week

Harriet DaSilva
201 W. 9th North St. Unit 149
Summerville, SC 29483

Mission of the Week

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

Church Family

Carol Mattox
George and Mary McAbee
Sara McCoy

College Student of the Week

Alexis E. Friedrichs
1050 Southern Dr. Apt 2102D
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) 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, September 24

8:45 am	Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Mid High Youth Group
5:00 pm	Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, Room 4
6:00 pm	Senior High Youth Group
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Tuesday, September 26

10:00 am	Staff Meeting, Pastor's office
7:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 27

6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday Church Family Dinner - Hamburgers
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Sunday, October 1

8:45 am	Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	All Youth Group
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

WESTMINSTER SESSION

<u>CLASS OF 2018</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2019</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2020</u>
Lindy Coleman	Ann Froneberger	Robert Coker
Brad Earnst	Nancy Parrish	Eric David
Priscilla Holtzclaw	Rita Livingston	Brenda Haile
Mark Patrick	Henry Shepard	George McAbee
Charlie Powell	Chuck Towne	David Purcell
Carole Russell	John Wright	Sally Rogers
	Clerk-Priscilla Holtzclaw	
	Assistant Clerk - Rita Livingston	
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

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 24, 2017

8:45am

GATHERING

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

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

WELCOME

◆ SONG OF PREPARATION

NO. 701

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

◆ OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Good and gracious God,
you promise to pour out your Spirit upon us;
you are the hope of the world.
Give us strength, that we might serve you;
make us humble, that we might live for your glory alone.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

◆ SONG OF PRAISE NO. 620 Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven

CONFESSIO

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you. We have turned aside to go our own way. We are misled by our pride, and we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin. Sanctify us by your Spirit that we may walk in paths of righteousness for your name's sake.

(Silent Personal Confession)

◆ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

◆AWESOME GOD

No. 616

**Our God is an awesome God;
who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love;
our God is an awesome 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

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Janie Bruce

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke18:9-14

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 81

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

SERMON

No Comparison

Rev. Fancher

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆DECLARATION OF FAITH

FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (1983)

In life and 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.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Bobbie Jean Whittington

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.

OFFERTORY

◆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 NO. 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

◆BLESSING

◆ Those who are able, please stand.

Worship Leaders are Rita Livingston and Olivia Towne.

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.

WE WELCOME REV. RAY FANCHER TO THE PULPIT TODAY.

Ray is a retired minister in the Presbyterian Church. He has practiced and taught intentional interim ministry serving small, medium, and large Presbyterian congregations from Kansas to Iowa, North and South Carolina. In addition, he served for three and a half years as Interim Presbyter for the Presbytery of Wabash Valley in northern Indiana. Most recently he was the preacher at St. Andrew's Presbyterian in West Ashley while Rev. Spike Coleman was on sabbatical. He and his wife Sheryl - an ordained elder in the PC (USA) - have been married thirty-seven years and moved to Charleston in 2015. They have two grown children and three adopted grandchildren. (17-year old Elizabeth "Libby" Yo Qi from China; 13-year old twins, Maxim and Ella from Russia).

WESTMINSTER'S FAMILY RETREAT

Westminster's Family Retreat at Bethelwoods, Friday, October 20, 2017 through Sunday, October 22, 2017. Families of all shapes and sizes are welcome! Join us as we discover how we work together to be the body of Christ! Laura and Felipe Matias, missionaries from Brazil, will be assisting in the leadership of the retreat! The cost is \$50 per person and includes lodging and meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday). Children 3 and under are free, To sign up, please pay in full to the church office. Deadline is Sunday, October 1, 2017. For more information contact Janie Bruce 843-766-8311 or jbruce@westminstercharleston.org.

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

Today	Luke 18:9-14	No Comparison
Oct. 1	Luke 18:15-17	Let the Children Come Children's Sunday World Communion Sunday