

## Westminster Prays

Chut Moody	Kalaila Martin	Bob Bean
Lydia Crosby	Elliott Brouner	Sullivan Bull
David Keller	Walter Russell	Julia Moody
Joe Smith	Jan Erickson	John Linville
Speck Daniels	Dot Daniels	Frances McLean
Patty Snider	Martha Fox	Logan Gause
Mary Forbes	Terry Hall	Ryan Roberson
Emily Campbell	Charles Beck	Jennie Simmerman
Johnnie Harvey	Jack Eades	Margaret Giovannone
Mable Switzer	Sherry Carder	Stamper Family
Roy Hoffman	Nekedra Lumar	Angie Wasden
Sue Johnson	James Ella Collins	Buck Morris
Susie Pell	Kate Pennekamp	Dan Mills
Simms Daniels	Daniel Harms	Judy Family
Eleanor Grayson	Jeff Wallace	Greg Kears
Jervey Jones	Anne Powell	Diane Fitzgibbon

### Prayers of Sympathy and Support are extended to

Dee Bee Wright and family upon the death of her mother,  
Wayne Hansel and family upon the death of his mother, in North Dakota,  
Mellany Whetstone and family upon the death of her sister-in-law.

### 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	Mike Mann	Sullivan McMahan
Jeremy Rundall	Kevin Griggs	Kyle Dillon	

### Friend of the Week

Lynn Koger  
129 Chadwick Drive  
Charleston, SC 29407

### Mission of the Week

Mary Ford Elementary School  
3180 Thomasina Mcpherson Blvd.  
North Charleston, SC 29405

### Church Family

Dale and Karen Norman  
Laura Nunn  
Norma O'Brien

### College Student of the Week

Mark Gore, Jr.  
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, December 3

8:45 am	Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
3:30 pm	Advent Wreath Making Workshop, Covenant Hall
5:00 pm	All Youth
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Tuesday, December 5

7:00 pm	Handbell Choir
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### Wednesday, December 6

6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday Church Family Dinner—Fried Chicken
6:30 pm	Backpack Buddies, Covenant Hall
6:30 pm	Membership Meeting, Room 4
6:45 pm	Mission Committee Meeting, Room 1
6:45 pm	Presbyterian Council, Parlor
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Friday, December 8

7:00 pm	Circle 6, Dee Bee Wright's home
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### Sunday, December 10

8:45 am	Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Second Sunday Social Luncheon, Covenant Hall
5:00 pm	All Youth
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

## WESTMINSTER SESSION

### CLASS OF 2018

Lindy Coleman  
Brad Earnst  
Priscilla Holtzclaw  
Mark Patrick  
Charlie Powell  
Carole Russell

### CLASS OF 2019

Ann Froneberger  
Nancy Parrish  
Rita Livingston  
Henry Shepard  
Chuck Towne  
John Wright

### CLASS OF 2020

Robert Coker  
Eric David  
Brenda Haile  
George McAbee  
David Purcell  
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 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 2017

11:00 am

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcoming New Members

Robert Coker

### PRELUDE

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

MICHAEL BURKHARDT

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

The Bruce Family

Leader: Advent is a time to remember the wonders of our faith.

**People: God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.**

Leader: Advent is a time to be amazed at God's wondrous love.

**People: God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.**

Leader: Advent is a time to retrace our past,  
and reclaim the hope of our future.

**People: God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.**

Leader: Advent is a time to be awed by God's unfolding plan for  
creation.

**People: God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.**

**Unison Prayer:** God in Heaven, as we begin this season of  
Advent, re-ignite our sense of wonder. Help us move beyond  
what is familiar to your glory. Allow us to be still, in the midst  
of what our minds cannot fully grasp, and what our lips cannot  
fully explain. Fill our hearts this Advent with restored  
amazement for what you have done, the love you have shown,  
and the gift you have given, in Christ's name. Amen.

### ◆HYMN OF PRAISE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

Stanzas 1, 5, 6, and 7

At this time, youth and children who want to participate in  
the procession may exit to the Narthex.

### ◆LITANY FOR DECORATING THE SANCTUARY

Leader: On this first Sunday of Advent, we decorate the  
sanctuary with symbols that point us toward the  
hope we have in Jesus Christ. The greenery, the  
wreaths, the poinsettias, the tree, the lights, and the  
ornaments all have special meaning that remind us  
of the coming of the Lord.

**People: As we are at work preparing this sanctuary, may  
God be at work preparing our hearts. Come, Lord  
Jesus!**

continued

Leader: We hang wreaths of evergreen to signify the eternal reign of Jesus Christ.

People: **For to us a child is born, to us a son is given. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.**

Leader: We place poinsettias, known as the Flower of the Holy Night, to signify the star of Bethlehem.

People: **Wise men followed a star to Bethlehem so that they might worship the new born Savior.**

Leader: We place a tree, adorned with lights, to signify the One who brings light to our darkness, healing to our brokenness, and peace to all who receive him.

People: **Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."**

Leader: We hang chrismons: stars, crosses, triangles, the "alpha" and the "omega" to remind us of the Trinity and the incarnation.

People: **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

Leader: We worship God and give thanks for the blessings of the coming King.

People: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

◆HYMN NO. 134 Joy to the World ANTIOCH

TIME FOR CHILDREN Janie Bruce  
*Children five years and younger are invited to go to Children's Church in the Sunday School building.*

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND PERSONAL COMMITMENTS

OFFERTORY Prepare! ALLEN POTE  
*Sanctuary Choir*

◆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

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 1:1 PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 91

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

SERMON Jesus is the WORD Pastor Daniel

◆AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FROM THE NICENE CREED (381)

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYER 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**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

◆HYMN NO. 82 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

◆BENEDICTION AND BENEDICTORY RESPONSE

We sing together: **Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed to us;  
His name is called Emmanuel!**

◆POSTLUDE Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending HELMSLEY

◆ Those who are able, please stand.

**TODAY WE SHARE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.**

All who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to share in the bread and the cup. Elders will serve the congregation seated in the pews; you may partake as soon as you are served. WPC is a safe place for those in recovery - we serve grape juice only. Gluten free bread is available in the center of the juice tray. Children are invited to the table provided they've had instruction at home or in Westminster's worship prep class (1<sup>st</sup> grade).

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Today, we are glad to welcome new members to Westminster; Jon and Rebecca Bazzle and their daughter, Jordan Mae and son, Judson Stephen and Ashley Chandler and their sons, Connor and Miles Dan and Anne Klingshirm and their daughter, Emma, and son, Eddie Tom and Sally Cothran Norman and Virginia Hook Jerry Seay, Janice Bruce, Deborah-Anne Ferguson, and Debbie McQueeney

**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.

Liturgist is Jim Frye.

Acolytes are Madison Evans and Corbett Housley.  
Children's Church volunteers are Mark and Stephani Peterson  
Wee Church volunteers are Graham and Blair Wade.  
Visitor's Table: Donna and Eric David