

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

Church Family

Dale and Karen Norman
Laura Nunn
Norma O'Brien

Mission of the Week

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

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, 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

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

The Friedrichs 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.**

◆ADVENT HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

Stanzas 1, 5, 6, and 7

CONFESSION

◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Savior, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. But who can endure the day of your coming? We confess you as Lord, yet our paths remain crooked and our ways remain rough. Show us your tender mercy. Break into our lives and refine us with the fire of your Holy Spirit. Change our hearts so we will live as a people of light and walk in the way of peace, to your praise and glory.

◆DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

◆GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

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.

◆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

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆SONG NO. 134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

THE LORD’S SUPPER

◆DECLARING OUR 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.

INVITATION

PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER

SENDING OUT

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD AND HIS CHURCH

◆SENDING SONG NO. 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

◆OFFERING

As you leave the sanctuary, please place your offering in the offering plate.

◆BLESSING

◆ Those who are able, please stand.

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 LORD’S SUPPER

All who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to share in the bread and the cup. You’ll be invited to come forward to be served from the communion table area. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher, and you may be served in your seat. Gluten free bread is available- please indicate your preference. WPC is a safe place for those in recovery- we serve grape juice only. Children are invited to the table provided they’ve had instruction at home or in Westminster’s worship prep class (1st grade).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AT 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

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 Klingshirn 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.