

## 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	Mable Switzer
Roy Hoffman	Nekedra Lumar	Buck Morris
Sue Johnson	James Ella Collins	Dan Mills
Simms Daniels	Daniel Harms	Greg Kears
Eleanor Grayson	Jeff Wallace	Diane Fitzgibbon
Jervey Jones	Anne Powell	Judy Family
Charlie Reeves	Cliff Shelor	Betsy Williams

### Prayers of Sympathy and Support are extended to

Mr. Jack Eades in the death of his brother, Rev. Robert "Bob" Eades, of Wichita, Kansas.

### 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

Shirley Kruger  
920 Clairmont Ave.  
Decatur, GA 30030

### Church Family

Tommye Owen  
Ron and Myriam Owens  
Nicole, Tyler

### Mission of the Week

Thornwell Home for Children  
P.O. Box 60  
Clinton, SC 29325

### College Student of the Week

Claire Winkles  
2710 Bryans Dairy Road  
Johns Island, SC 29455

### 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 10

8:45 am	Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:15pm	Second Sunday Social, Covenant Hall
5:00 pm	All Youth, Angel Tree Shopping
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Monday, December 11

10:00 am	Hooks and Needles, Room 4
6:00 pm	Circle 1, Taffy Tamblin's home

### Tuesday, December 12

10:30 am	Circle 4, Covenant Hall Library
10:30 am	Circle 5, Riding church bus to Liz Shelor's home
7:00 pm	Handbell Choir

### Wednesday, December 13

6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday Church Family Dinner - Spaghetti
6:45 pm	Finance Committee Meeting, Parlor
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Thursday, December 14

7:30 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Covenant Hall
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### Saturday, December 16

9:00 am	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
4:00 pm	Senior Adult Ministries Holiday Open House
7:00 pm	SIMS- Jingle and Mingle, Paul and Laura Patrick's home

### Sunday, December 17

8:45 am	Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Christmas Caroling, Covenant Hall
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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 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

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

The Sams Family

Leader: During Advent we recall God's promises spoken through the prophets.

**People: The Word of the Lord is steadfast and true.**

Leader: To the hurting, God promises unshakable hope.

**People: The Word of the Lord is steadfast and true.**

Leader: To the forsaken, God promises unconditional love.

**People: The Word of the Lord is steadfast and true.**

Leader: To the broken, God promises unmerited grace.

**People: The Word of the Lord is steadfast and true.**

Leader: To the heavy hearted, God promises unbridled joy.

**People: The Word of the Lord is steadfast and true.**

(Unison Prayer) Gracious God, we pray for your continued guidance throughout this Advent season. As we prepare to once again celebrate the greatest gift offered to the world, we pray for our hearts to be filled with wonder, for our steps to be guided by faith, and for our hope to be anchored in the certainty of your Word. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

◆ HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 93 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

### CONFESSION

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. In his name we pray, Amen.

◆DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

◆RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

FRENCH CAROL

◆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

SPECIAL MUSIC On This Still and Silent Night

KOERTS/COOK

*Nancy Parrish, Lauren Smoak, and Ashleigh Smith*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 1:1-18

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 91

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

SERMON LIFE is in Jesus

Pastor Daniel

*I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.  
John 10:10*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆HYMN NO. 104 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

VALET WIL ICH DIR GEBEN

◆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.*

OFFERTORY

Silent Night

GRUBER

*Skylar Patrick and Lauren Smoak*

◆SONG OF PRAISE

**All creation, join in praising; God the Father, Spirit, Son, evermore your voices raising; to the eternal Three in One: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!**

◆PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING OUT

◆SENDING SONG NO. 106 Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

◆BLESSING

◆RESPONSE

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

◆ Those who are able, please stand.

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving celebration of Meg Powell on her birthday and in thanksgiving for our wonderful Westminster church family from her children (Saya, Miwa and Jason, Ben and Diane) and grandchildren (Ezra, Akiva, Chip, and William).

The rosebuds in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Jule Ann and Roy Hoffman's great granddaughter, Amelia Grace,  
and

Miles Edward Snider born December 7, parents are Ashley and Nathan Snider, and big brother, Andrew.

**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](http://www.westminstercharleston.org)
- Plan to attend WPC 101 a three-week information class held quarterly during the Sunday school hour.

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.

ARE YOU A GUEST who has been attending Westminster and would like to take a step forward in faith? We would love the chance to speak with you about what it means to be Christian, what it means to be Presbyterian, and what it means to be a member at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Please check the "Desire a Call" box on the black Friendship Pad or speak with someone at the Visitor Table in the narthex after the service.

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH!

Thank you to those who have made financial commitments for 2018! We have received 134 pledges totaling 507,948. 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. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness in 2017- even as we look forward to fruitful ministry at Westminster Presbyterian Church.