

## 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
Anne Powell	Judy Family	Betsy Williams
Charlie Reeves	Cliff Shelor	David Kerr
William Kerr	Jennifer Morgan	Larry Salley
Susana Conte Walters	Steve Varn	

**Prayers of Sympathy and Support are extended to**  
The family and friends of Jervey Jones, who passed away on  
December 7, 2017.

### 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

Mary Martschink  
1218 Durham Place  
Charleston, SC 29407

### Church Family

Frank and Pat Painter  
Cullen and Hilary Parrish  
Cora, Hattie

### Mission of the Week

Food Pantry  
1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.  
Charleston, SC 29407

### College Student of the Week

Lance Morrison  
1268 Orange Branch Road  
Charleston, SC 29407

### 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 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

### Tuesday, December 19

7:00 pm	Handbell Choir
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### Wednesday, December 20

6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday Church Family Dinner - Breakfast in PJ's
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Sunday, December 24

11:00 am	Worship Service, Lessons and Carols
5:00 pm	A Service for Families with Young Children
7:00 pm	Carols, Communion, and Candlelight
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

## Westminster Presbyterian Church

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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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 2017

11:00 am

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Presto from Concerto in F Major G. F. HANDEL

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH Hulon Family

Leader: During Advent we listen for the wonder of God's Word.

**People: Speak to us, O Lord, for our hearts are open.**

Leader: During Advent we reach beyond the noise and distractions of this world.

**People: Speak to us, O Lord, for our hearts are open.**

Leader: During Advent we ponder the good news that is our great joy.

**People: Speak to us, O Lord, for our hearts are open.**

Leader: During Advent we speak words of hope to those engaged in life's struggles.

**People: Speak to us, O Lord, for our hearts are open.**

Leader: During Advent we offer words of peace to those overcome by life's fears.

**People: Speak to us, O Lord, for our hearts are open.**

**(Unison Prayer) Gracious God, as we continue our Advent journey we pray that we would be guided by grace, strengthened in faith, and encouraged by Christ. With the many distractions surrounding us daily, help keep our eyes focused on your glory, our ears attentive to your word, and our hearts filled with joy. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

◆ HYMN O Come All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;**

**O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!**

**Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!**

**O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;**

**O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

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True God from true God, Light from light eternal,  
lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;  
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;  
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

◆SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
*Please greet your neighbor with the peace of Christ.*

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

ANTHEM Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes HAL HOPSON  
*Thou shalt know Him when He comes;  
Not by any din of drums,  
Nor the manner of His airs,  
Nor by anything He wears;  
Thou shalt know Him when He comes,  
Not by His crown or His gown,  
But His coming known shall be by the holy harmony,  
The holy harmony, which His coming makes in Thee. Amen.*

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 Jesus is GRACE and TRUTH Pastor Daniel

ANTHEM Quoniam tu solus sanctus ANTONIO VIVALDI  
Cum Sancto Spiritu  
*For you alone are the holy one, You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ.  
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND PERSONAL COMMITMENTS

OFFERTORY Personent Hodie ARR. K. LEE SCOTT

◆CHORAL RESPONSE Gloria in excelsis ANTONIO VIVALDI  
*Glory to God in the highest!*

◆PRAYER OF DEDICATION

◆HYMN NO.113 Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA

◆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 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MICHAEL BURKHARDT

◆ Those who are able, please stand.

Acolytes are Hannah Patrick and Ella Patrick.  
Children's Church volunteers are Chuck and Christine Towne.  
Wee Church volunteers are Amy and Will Kuenzel.  
Visitor's Table: Jenny Fulwiler

Musicians:

Angela Loizides, violin Ben Weiss, viola  
Jenny Weiss, violin Charmaine LeClaire, cello  
Zachary Hammond, oboe Kyle Lane, trumpet

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Jane Williams Smith Mays, by her family.

**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 141 pledges totaling 539,288. 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.