

## 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	Terry Hall	Logan Gause
Mary Forbes	Charles Beck	Ryan Roberson
Emily Campbell	Jack Eades	Jennie Simmerman
Johnnie Harvey	Nekedra Lumar	Mable Switzer
Roy Hoffman	James Ella Collins	Buck Morris
Sue Johnson	Daniel Harms	Dan Mills
Simms Daniels	Jeff Wallace	Greg Kears
Eleanor Grayson	Cliff Shelor	Diane Fitzgibbon
Anne Powell	Jennifer Morgan	Betsy Williams
Charlie Reeves	Steve Varn	David Kerr
Susana Comte-Walters	William Kerr	Larry Salley
Sara Dwyer		

### 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

Chut Moody  
1318 New Castle Street  
Charleston, SC 29407

### Church Family

Nancy Parrish  
Mark and Ashleigh Patrick  
Brooke, Will

### Mission of the Week

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

### College Student of the Week

Colin Camburn  
1802 Somerset Circle  
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 31

11:00 am Worship Service  
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Monday, January 1

**Church Offices Closed**  
**New Year's Day**

### Wednesday, January 3

6:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday  
Church Family Dinner - Greek Chicken  
6:30 pm Membership Committee, Room 4  
6:45 pm Presbyterian Women Council, Parlor  
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Sunday, January 7

8:45 am Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
5:00 pm Mid High Youth Group  
6:00 pm Senior High Youth Group  
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 FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

December 31, 2017

11:00 am

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

I Wonder As I Wander

JOHN JACOB NILES

### ◆CALL TO WORSHIP

(FROM THE ABINGDON PREACHING MANUAL)

Leader: On this first Sunday after Jesus' birth,  
we remember all that is new.

People: **An infant in a manger, the presence of God with us,  
whispers the purpose of this child's life,  
the hope of salvation.**

Leader: What is new carries echoes of what has gone before.

People: **We remember how children always move  
the story of salvation forward--  
Issac, Moses, and Obed to Ruth and Naomi.**

Leader: We remember the presence of God  
guiding the people through the wilderness.

People: **We remember the promises and the hope--  
ever ancient and ever new--  
that draws us to worship today.**

ALL: **Let us praise God together in this hour and  
throughout 2018!**

### ◆INVOCATION

◆HYMN NO. 132 Good Christians Friends, Rejoice IN DULCI JUBILO

### ◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, who alone dwells in light and holiness, we  
come before you as a sinful people, unworthy to stand in your  
presence. We confess that we have not stood firm in  
resistance to the evils that are within us and around us. Our  
sin has led us away from you, and our pride has kept us from  
returning to you. Draw us again to your dwelling place, and  
heal our backsliding. Cleanse us, sanctify us, and empower us  
that we may be your faithful disciples, a people holy unto you,  
for the sake of the world, and of our holy Savior, Jesus the  
Christ.**

◆ SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

◆ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

◆ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**  
**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

FRENCH CAROL

◆ 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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 14:5-18

PEW BIBLE O.T. PAGE 60

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Don't Cross the River Til You Get There

Rev. Hallman

◆ HYMN NO. 123

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

◆ AFFIRMATION 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**

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

In Dulci Jubilo

J.S. BACH

◆ DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDETH

**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

◆ HYMN NO.136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

◆ 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

March of the Kings

RENAUD DE VILBAC

◆ Those who are able, please stand.

Liturgist is Allyn Bruce.

Acolytes are Caroline Robinson and Chase Towne.  
Children's Church volunteers are Laura and Paul Patrick.

Wee Church volunteers are Dee Bee and John Wright.

Visitor's Table: Robert Coker

## 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.

### WE WELCOME REV. JERRY HALLMAN (BACK) TO WESTMINSTER!

Jerry was the Interim Pastor at Westminster from 2013-2015. He is a native of Rock Hill, SC, a graduate of Erskine College and Erskine Seminary. Jerry has served churches in North and South Carolina, moving to Charleston upon his retirement in 2011. Jerry and his wife, Rita, have two daughters and two grandsons in the Charleston area. Welcome back, Jerry!

### 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 151 pledges totaling 558,598. 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.

### 2017 YEAR END GIVING

As we approach the end of the church's fiscal year, please be aware that the church books will close on December 31, 2017. In order to receive credit for the 2017 tax year please make sure all 2017 contributions are received in worship today or that they are postmarked on or before December 31, 2017. Thank you for your generous support of the mission and ministry of Westminster. Through your faithful giving we have accomplished many wonderful things together in 2017 and will continue to do so in 2018. If you have any questions please contact Anne Camburn at 843-766-8311 or [acamburn@westminstercharleston.org](mailto:acamburn@westminstercharleston.org)

### BREAKING BREAD GROUPS

A chance to get to know church members outside your normal group while sharing a meal! Pick one of these: 1) Adults dining out 2) Adults dining in homes (rotate) 3) Families dining in homes (rotate) There is a sign up sheet in the breezeway. Contact Hilary Parrish, [hilary.parrish@gmail.com](mailto:hilary.parrish@gmail.com) or Carol Patrick [cspatrick@comcast.net](mailto:cspatrick@comcast.net) with questions. Groups will start meeting after the New Year.