

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, December 2
 8:45 am Worship Service
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service
 5:00 pm All Youth, Christmas Activity
 7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Tuesday, December 4
 7:00 pm Handbell Choir

Wednesday, December 5
 10:00 am Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office
 6:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday
 Church Family Dinner - Chicken
 6:30 pm Membership Meeting, Room 4
 6:45 pm Presbyterian Women Council, Parlor
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir
 7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Friday, December 7
 7:00 pm Circle 6, Dee Bee Wright's Home

Sunday, December 9
 8:45 am Worship Service
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service
 12:00 pm Second Sunday Social, Covenant Hall
 12:15 pm Mission Committee, Room 4
 12:45 pm Worship Committee, Parlor
 5:00 pm All Youth, Angel Tree Shopping
 7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

WESTMINSTER SESSION

<u>CLASS OF 2019</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2020</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2021</u>
Ann Froneberger	Robert Coker	Allyn Bruce
Nancy Parrish	Eric David	John Dounian
Rita Livingston	Brenda Haile	Norman Hook
Henry Shepard	George McAbee	Dale Norman
Chuck Towne	David Purcell	Paul Patrick
John Wright	Sally Rogers	Betsy Williams

Clerk-Priscilla Holtzclaw
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Westminster Presbyterian Church

*Worship on the Lord's Day
 The First Sunday of Advent*

December 2, 2018 8:45 am

*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 OF THE ADVENT WREATH The Klingshirn Family

◆ WE SING TOGETHER NO. 137

**He came down that we may have hope;
 He came down that we may have hope;
 He came down that we may have hope;
 hallelujah forevermore.**

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: During Advent,
 we give thanks to the one who gives us a future.
People: He came down that we might have a future.
 Leader: During Advent,
 we wait for the one who is our hope.
People: He came down that we might have hope.

◆ ADVENT HYMN NO. 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
 Stanzas 1, 5, 6, and 7

◆ 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!

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Westminster Prays

Chut Moody	Julia Moody	Ryan Roberson
Lydia Crosby	Andrew Deleston	Summer Garris
David Keller	Walter Russell	Mary Ashley Barbot
Speck Daniels	Jan Erickson	Diane Fitzgibbon
Frances McLean	Dan Mills	David Kerr
Patty Snider	Jack Eades	Virginia Russell
Mary Forbes	Nekedra Lumar	Dart Willer
Emily Campbell	Jennie Simmerman	John Lange
Johnnie Harvey	Mable Switzer	Doug Shealy
Roy Hoffman	Barry VanDeventer	Jule Ann Hoffman
Simms Daniels	Crystal Dowd	Richard Rieger
Edna Tarbert	Charles Howell	Mary Beshere
Hal Jonsson	Graham McKinney	Bruce Yarnall
Jack Bennett	Jennifer Los	Jeffrey Jones
Doris Fox	Bill Lawson	Sara Stansell
Nelson Davis	Mike Hill	Leroy Gaillard
Sue Knight	Daryn Baker	John Ligon
Allyn Bruce	Marilyn Bardsley	Sara Williams
Robbie Yarnall	Debbie Pell	Thom Penney
Robin Zemp	Joan Frye	Brenda Jonsson

Prayers of Sympathy and Support are extended to

Jim and Priscilla Holtzclaw upon the death of Jim's mother,
 Elizabeth Jane Benson Holtzclaw.

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	Sullivan McMahan
Justin Forte	Mike Mann	Joe Campbell	Scott Johnson
Jeremy Rundall	Kevin Griggs	Kyle Dillon	

Friend of the Week

Jack Eades
 2439 Pristine View Drive
 Charleston, SC 29414

Church Family

Jim and Pam Gill
 Caroline Gill
 Brenda Haile

Mission of the Week

Thornwell Home for Children
 302 South Broad Street
 Clinton, SC 29325

College Student of the Week

David Butts
 1426 Parkshore Drive
 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.

Leader: We see 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 see 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 see 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 Joy to the World No. 134
At this time, youth and children who want to participate in hanging the chrismons may come to the tree.

◆PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN Janie Bruce

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 7:1-14 PEW BIBLE O.T. PAGE 636

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Isaiah Prepares the Way: Pastor Daniel
The Immanuel Prophecy

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

◆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.

PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Karen Dangerfield

PRAYER

SENDING OUT

◆SENDING SONG Watchman, Tell Us of the Night No. 97

◆BLESSING AND RESPONSE

We sing together: He came down that we may have hope; he came down that we may have hope; he came down that we may have hope; hallelujah forevermore.

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

◆ Those who are able, please stand.

Worship Leader is Alison MacLeod.

The rosebud in the Sanctuary is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth in Spain of William James Georgen, grandson of Bob and Beth Georgen.

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 and worship worksheets are available for preschool and elementary age children in the narthex. During the 11:00 am worship service, children five and under can be taken to the children's building for Wee Church (2-3 years old) or Children's Church (4-5 years old) following Time for Children. Children may be picked up after worship.

Hearing devices, magnify sheets, 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 two-week information class held quarterly during the Sunday school hour.

DO YOU FEEL GOD CALLING YOU TO JOIN THE WESTMINSTER FAMILY?

Here's how you can do it.

1. Fill out a New Member Form (found on the Visitor's Table in the narthex) and return it to the church office.
2. Pastor Daniel or someone from the Membership Committee will quickly be in touch, providing an opportunity individually or with a group to learn more about the church.
3. On a Sunday morning, you'll attend a meeting with the Session for reception into membership. We'll handle paperwork if you're transferring from another church or arrange baptism if you've never been baptized.
4. That same Sunday morning, you'll be introduced to the congregation during worship.

Questions? Please check the "Desire a Call" box on the black Friendship Pad or speak with someone at the Visitor's Table in the narthex after the service.

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 (1st grade).

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.