

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

## Westminster Prays

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

## Westminster Presbyterian Church

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Dr. Daniel L. Smoak, Pastor

Rev. Lissa Long, Associate Pastor

Mr. Robin Zemp, Director of Music

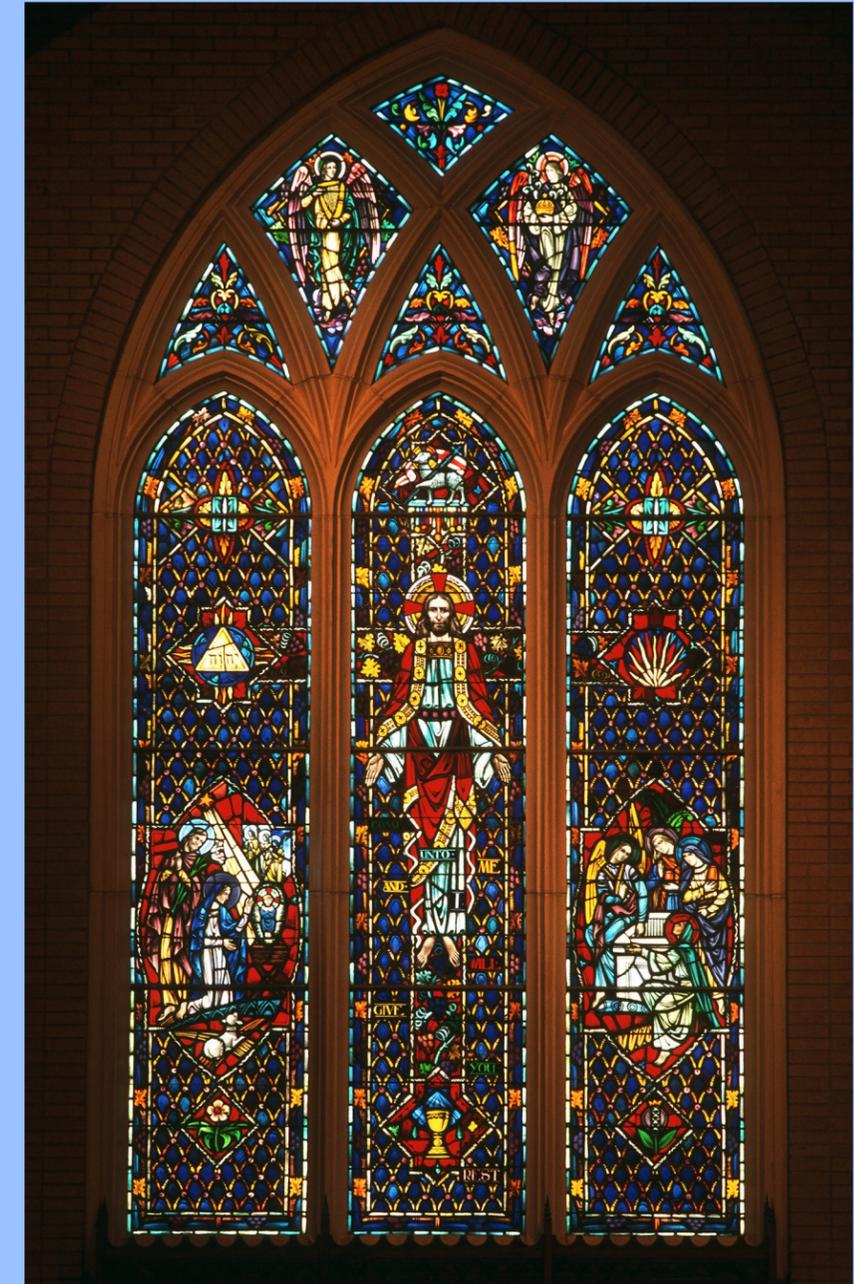
Mrs. Janie Bruce, Director of Children and Youth Ministries

Ms. Anne Camburn, Business Administrator

Mrs. Nita Rushton, Office Administrator

Mrs. Alicia Crosby, Preschool Director

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT BLUE CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 23, 2018

8:45 AM

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### GATHERING

*Please greet each other warmly as the congregation gathers for worship.*

*Take a moment and sign your name in the friendship pad.*

### WELCOME

#### ◆ SONG OF PREPARATION

NO. 88

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

#### ◆ WORDS OF PREPARATION

*ISAIAH 9:6-7, ISAIAH 11:1-3, MICAH 5:4-5A*

Leader: For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.

**People: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace.**

Leader: A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

**People: The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him, the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding.**

Leader: He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
in the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely,  
for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.

**People: And he will be our peace.**

#### ◆ PRAYER

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Peggy Inabinet and The Boyd Family

Leader: We light the candle of Hope as we await the coming of Jesus who is our source of  
hope.

**People: Thank you, Lord, for the gift of hope, in our times of emptiness.**

Leader: We light the candle of Peace, knowing that Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

**People: Thank you, Lord, for the gift of peace in our times of uncertainty.**

Leader: We light the candle of Joy, knowing that our comfort and help come from God.

**People: Thank you, Lord, for the gift of joy in our times of sadness.**

Leader: We light the candle of Love, knowing that God is love revealed to us in Jesus Christ.

**People: Thank you, Lord, for the gift of love in our times of loneliness.**

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**People: The Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.**

Leader: In him was life, and that life was the light of all. Jesus is our hope, our peace,  
our joy and the source of love.

## POINSETTIAS

### GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR OF:

Roberta Shepard by Chadwick, Brooke, and Ike Eisenhower

Henry N. Shepard II by Chadwick, Brooke, and Ike Eisenhower

Bobbie P. Yandle by David and Tricia Yandle

My grandchildren, Sullivan, Madeline, Tad, and Gage by Tommye Owen

Robert and Suzanne Georgen by Bob and Beth Georgen

William James Georgen by Bob and Beth Georgen

Our children, Judy (John), Doug (Sue), and Rebecca by Roy and Jule Ann Hoffman

Our grandchildren and great-grandchildren by Roy C. and Jule Ann Hoffman

Lillian, Paul, and Adeline Kriese by Betsy Williams

Our wonderful church family by Charlie and Meg Powell

Our grandsons, Ezra and Akiva Kamras, Chip and William Powell by Charlie and Meg Powell

The Dounian Family, John, Kristin, Robert, David and Daniel by Frank and Pat Painter

Sue Smoak, John and Baxter and their families by Jerry Smoak

My children, English and Will by Gloria Purcell

Roberta Shepard by Brenda and Henry Shepard

Chadwick (Ike) Eisenhower by Brenda and Henry Shepard

Our grandchildren, Brad, Valerie, Matt, Ben, Cait by Frank and Pat Painter

Roy and Jule Ann Hoffman by Rebecca Hoffman

Our children, Trevor, Jackie, Derik, and Erin by Cliff and Liz Shelor

Our grandchildren, Jonathan, Caitlin, Elizabeth and Emily by Cliff and Liz Shelor

Our leader Joyce Flowers, by Circle 5.

# POINSETTIAS

## GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

John and Beth McCarter by Betsy Williams  
Darrel and Cleora Hoffman by Roy C. and Jule Ann Hoffman  
Louis and Marion Waldvogel by Roy C. and Jule Ann Hoffman  
Seab C. Jones by Brenda and Henry Shepard  
Ruby T. Jones by Brenda and Henry Shepard  
Norman W. Shepard by Brenda and Henry Shepard  
Mary H. Bowden by Bob and Beth Georgen  
John H. Bowden by Bob and Beth Georgen  
My son, Wesley by Tommye Owen  
Rev. Dr. Stewart W. Yandle by David and Tricia Yandle  
Logan Gause, Ruby Jones, Scab Jones by Chadwick, Brooke, and Ike Eisenhower  
Norman Shepard by Chadwick, Brooke, and Ike Eisenhower  
Fred L. Walters by Susana Comte-Walters  
Kristi Mikles by Kevin Mikles  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nelson Russell, Sr. by Walter and Carole Russell  
Mr. and Mrs. David E. Small by Walter and Carole Russell  
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Davis by Mary and Randy Davis  
George Austin by Mary and Randy Davis  
My beloved brother, John by Jenny and Howard Fulwiler  
Catherine Armme Himelright by Taffy Tamblyn  
Col. Loring Himelright by Taffy Tamblyn  
Fred Walters by Jan Walters  
Linda "Granny" Farrior by Chuck, Christine, Olivia, Chase, Faith Towne  
Julian Wells by Nancy Wells  
John A. Taylor (son) by Nancy Wells  
Jewell "Ma-Ma" Steele by Cullen, Hilary, Cora and Hattie Parrish  
Our loved ones by John and Fran Ligon  
John William Bruce by the Bruce family  
Bill Maastricht, my husband, by Dort Maastricht  
My parents, Charles and Dot Cone, Sr. by Annette Rohling  
LaNita Hutto, My sister in law by Annette Rohling  
Earl and Shirley Frasier, our parents, by Earl and Debra Frasier  
Leon and Dot Hearn, our parents, by Earl and Debra Frasier  
Our parents by Tom and Lynda Higgins  
Frank and Shirley Aydlett by Nancy Mallard

◆SONG In the Bleak Midwinter No. 144

TIME FOR CHILDREN Janie Bruce

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 40:1-11; 27-31  
Luke 1:26-35,38  
John 1: 1-5

REFLECTION Listening to the Hope Pastor Lissa

CANDLE LIGHTING

*As music begins, all who wish may come forward to light a candle  
in memory of someone, in prayer, or as a sign of hope.*

◆SONG OF RESPONSE Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming No. 129

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 pow-  
er and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THE MORNING OFFERING

*Please come forward and place your offering in the offering plate.*

◆SONG OF DEDICATION O Little Town of Bethlehem No. 121

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descent to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
o come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

◆PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING OUT

### ◆SENDING SONG

He Came Down

No. 137

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

### ◆BLESSING

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◆ Those who are able, please stand.

## JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD

### December 24: Christmas Eve

5:00 A Service for Families with Young Children. We recreate the nativity with help from the congregation and all the children who wish to participate. Costumes will be provided. It's noisy and wonderful.  
7:00 Carols and Candlelight. A more reverent service with traditional carols, a sermon, and candle lighting.

### December 30: The First Sunday of Christmas

9:45 No Sunday School today, but interested families meet at WPC to go to Heartland to spread Christmas cheer.  
11:00 Morning Worship; One service only.

### January 6: Epiphany

*We gather to worship the one who is a light to the nations.*

8:45 Morning Worship; The Lord's Supper  
11:00 Morning Worship; The Lord's Supper

### DECEMBER 30, 2018 VISIT TO HEARTLAND!

The preschool and elementary Sunday School classes spend time with our neighbors at Heartland on fifth Sundays. They sing, pray, read scripture, and spend time together with our friends next door! Since Sunday School classes are not meeting December 30, this would be a wonderful opportunity for our whole church family to go next door! Please plan to meet in the Prayer Garden at 9:55 am and walk next door with us. All ages are welcome! If you have questions, contact Dee Bee Wright at 843-729-7005.

### 2018 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, 2018. In order to receive credit for the 2018 tax year please make sure all 2018 contributions are received in worship on Sunday, December 30, or that they are postmarked on or before December 31, 2018. 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 2018 and will continue to do so in 2019. If you have any questions please contact Anne Camburn at 843-766-8311 or [acamburn@westminstercharleston.org](mailto:acamburn@westminstercharleston.org)

### CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Tuesday, December 25, and Wednesday, December 26.