

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, December 16

8:45 am Worship Service
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service
 5:00 pm Church-wide Christmas Caroling, Covenant Hall
 7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Tuesday, December 18

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Pastor's office
 7:00 pm Handbell Choir

Wednesday, December 19

6:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday
 Church Family Dinner - Breakfast Buffet
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir
 7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Sunday, December 23

8:45 am Worship Service - Blue Christmas
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service - Lessons and Carols
 7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

WESTMINSTER SESSION

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

CLASS OF 2021

Allyn Bruce
 John Dounian
 Norman Hook
 Dale Norman
 Paul Patrick
 Betsy Williams

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Rev. 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 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
Hal Jonsson	Charles Howell	Mary Beshere
Jack Bennett	Graham McKinney	Bruce Yarnall
Doris Fox	Jennifer Los	Jeffrey Jones
Bill Lawson	Sara Stansell	Leroy Gaillard
Nelson Davis	Mike Hill	John Ligon
Sue Knight	Daryn Baker	Sara Williams
Allyn Bruce	Marilyn Bardsley	Thom Penney
Robbie Yarnall	Debbie Pell	Brenda Jonsson
Robin Zemp	Joan Frye	Sara McCoy

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

Clif Green
 201 W 9th North St., Unit 209
 Summerville, SC 29483

Mission of the Week

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

Church Family

Becky Grafton
 Mark Aydlett
 Debbie and Wayne Hansel

College Student of the Week

Isabel DelMastro
 972 C of C Complex
 Charleston, SC 29424-1509

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.



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

December 16, 2018

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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Stokes Family

◆ WE SING TOGETHER NO. 137

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

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: During Advent,
 we wait for the one who gives us joy.
People: He came down that we might have joy.
 Leader: During Advent,
 our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.
People: He came down that we might have joy.

◆ SONG

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

No. 93

CONFESSION

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of promise, we come before you acknowledging that we are not fully prepared for Christ's coming. We have lived as though his coming is far off, spending ourselves to fulfill our own aims and desires, rather than laying down our lives in love, as he taught his disciples to do. Forgive us for crowding Jesus out of our lives; convict and empower us by your Spirit to live according to his teaching and example, so that we might be fully prepared for his coming.

◆DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

◆RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

GLORIA

◆PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbors.

THE WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Janie Bruce

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 12:1-6

PEW BIBLE O.T. PAGE 641

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

◆SONG Surely It Is God Who Saves Me



SERMON

Isaiah Prepares the Way:
The Joy Prophecy

Pastor Daniel

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆SONG OF RESPONSE

Prepare the Way, O Zion

NO. 106

◆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.

THE MORNING OFFERING

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

◆OFFERING SONG

CRANHAM

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

◆PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING OUT

◆SENDING SONG

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

NO. 143

◆BENEDICTION

◆BLESSING AND RESPONSE

NO. 137

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

◆ Those who are able, please stand.

The rosebud in the Sanctuary is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Alayna Catherine Smoak to parents John and Angie Smoak, grandparents Jerry and Sue Smoak.

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.

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.

CHURCH-WIDE CHRISTMAS CAROLING TODAY 5:00 PM

Join us today as we spread holiday joy by visiting some of our homebound members and friends. We will meet inside Covenant Hall at 5:00 pm. divide into groups for caroling, then meet back at Covenant Hall to enjoy pizza, hot chocolate and cider. Please bring an appetizer and dessert to share. For more information contact Brenda Haile at 843-224-0468 or Sally Rogers at 843-437-8422.

ENEWS AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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