

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

**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  
 5:00 pm All Youth, Angel Tree Shopping  
 7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

**Monday, December 10**

10:00 am Hooks and Needles, Room 4  
 6:00 pm Circle 1, Taffy Tamblyn's home

**Tuesday, December 11**

10:00 am Circle 4, Covenant Hall, Room 4  
 10:00 am Circle 5, Liz Shelor's home  
 7:00 pm Handbell Choir

**Wednesday, December 12**

1:00 pm Staff Christmas lunch, Church Office closed.  
 6:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday  
 Church Family Dinner - BBQ  
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir  
 7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

**Thursday, December 13**

7:30 am Men's Bible Study, Covenant Hall

**Friday, December 14**

4:00 pm SAM's Drop-In, Seay Family's Home

**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

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

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

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**

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|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 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 family and friends of Alvin "Speck" Daniels who passed away November 30, 2018.

**Serving in the Armed Forces**

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|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 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**

Verdier Fritz  
 2230 Ashley Crossing Dr. 211  
 Charleston, SC 29414

**Mission of the Week**

Food Pantry  
 1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.  
 Charleston, SC 29407

**Church Family**

Stephanie Gore  
 Mark, Marcus  
 Jim and Janie Hammersmith

**College Student of the Week**

Grace Deavor  
 269 C of C Complex  
 Charleston, SC 29424-1502

**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 Second Sunday of Advent*

December 9, 2018

11:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE People, Look East CATHY MOKLEBUST  
*Handbell Choir*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH The Snider Family

◆ WE SING TOGETHER NO. 137

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

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: During Advent,  
 we wait for the one who is our peace.  
**People: He came down that we might have peace.**  
 Leader: During Advent,  
 we give thanks for the Prince of Peace.  
**People: He came down that we might have peace.**

◆ HYMN NO. 82 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Savior, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule, but who can endure the day of your coming? We confess you as Lord, yet our paths remain crooked and our ways remain rough. Show us your tender mercy. Break into our lives and refine us with the fire of your Holy Spirit. Change our hearts so we will live as a people of light and walk in the way of peace, to your praise and glory.

◆ SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

◆ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

◆RESPONSE OF PRAISE

FRENCH CAROL

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

◆SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

ANTHEM

Get Ready!  
*The Children*

MARK BURROWS

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

Isaiah 9:1-7

PEW BIBLE O.T. PAGE 638

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

SERMON

Isaiah Prepares the Way:  
The Kingdom Prophecy

Pastor Daniel

◆HYMN NO. 104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

◆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 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.**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND PERSONAL COMMITMENTS

OFFERTORY

Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come  
*Sanctuary Choir*

ALLEN POTE

◆SONG OF PRAISE

REGENT SQUARE

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king!**

◆PRAYER OF DEDICATION

◆HYMN NO. 110

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

◆BENEDICTION

◆BENEDICTORY RESPONSE NO. 137

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

◆POSTLUDE

◆ Those who are able, please stand.

Liturgist is Molly Griggs.

Acolytes are David Dounian and Caroline Robinson.

Wee Church Volunteers are Tim and Mary Platts.

Children’s Church volunteers are Cullen and Hilary Parrish.

Visitor’s Table: Carol Patrick

The rosebud in the Sanctuary is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Cyrus Robert Shepard to parents Neal and Christina Shepard, grandparents Bob and Beth Shepard, and great-grandmother Roberta Shepard.

**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.

**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.

**THE 10:27 CHALLENGE: LOVE GOD. LOVE NEIGHBOR**

We’ve had a great response by those making financial commitments for 2019, receiving 122 pledges totaling \$544,029.52. Our goal is 100% participation, so if you have not yet turned in your commitment card (they are available in the fellowship pads), you may do that by placing it in the offering plate or making your pledge online at [www.westminstercharleston.org](http://www.westminstercharleston.org). Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness in 2018– even as we look forward to a fruitful year of loving God and our neighbors just like Luke 10:27 says!

**CHURCH-WIDE CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

Sunday, December 16, meet inside Covenant Hall at 5:00 pm. Join us as we spread holiday joy by visiting some of our homebound members and friends.