

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

<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	
	Assistant Clerk - Rita Livingston	
Treasurer-Betsy Williams	Assistant Treasurer-Patty Stokes	

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 Rev. Dr. Daniel L. Smoak, Pastor
 Rev. Lissa Long, Associate Pastor
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 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

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

December 9, 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 Patrick 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.

◆ SONG Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus NO. 82

CONFESSION

◆ 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.

◆ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

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

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.

◆RESPONSE OF PRAISE

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
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WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Robert Coker

◆PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbors.

THE WORD

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆SONG OF RESPONSE

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

NO. 104

◆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.

OFFERTORY

O Holy Night

Joe Jeter

◆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

SENDING OUT

◆SENDING SONG

Love Has Come

NO. 110

◆BLESSING AND RESPONSE

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.

◆ Those who are able, please stand.

Acolyte is Mary 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
- 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. 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.