

Westminster Prays

Lydia Crosby	Dan Mills	Meg Powell
Mary Ashley Barbot	Jan Erickson	Frances McLean
Diane Fitzgibbon	David Kerr	John Lange
Mary Forbes	Dart Willer	Emily Campbell
Bruce Yarnall	Carol Cummings	Bill Myers
Sara McCoy	Mable Switzer	Anna Lee Myers
Graham McKinney	Tootie Adams	Karen Polk
Simms Daniels	Barry VanDeventer	Linda Rotunda
Jonathan Hanger	Janet Hanger	Barbara Johnston
Doris Fox	Jennifer Los	Ginger Jones
Barbara Kinard	Karen Dangerfield	Jim Holtzclaw
Daryn Baker	Nelson Davis	Sharon Hutchinson
Ruth McSweeney	Kevin Ritzel	Shirley Seay
Chrissie Bosworth	Gloria Underhill	Michael Morgan
Andria Sanchez Freeman	Ginger Sieftring	Lydia Howell
Elizabeth Koehle	Tommy Platts	Samantha Morris
Martin Davis	Jeff Bryant	Jack Eades
Karla Wagner	Mayes Williams	Bonnie Gibson
Curtis Sponseller	Kim Amburn	Summer Garris
Taffy Tamblyn	Larry Salley	Karen Polk
Suzanne Georgen	Eric Frye	Nanci Baumann

Serving in the Armed Forces

Jay Gilbert	Baxter Smoak	Robert Georgen
Kevin Griggs	Mark Gore	Whitney Hillman
Damir Morrison	Sullivan McMahan	Anthony Mattox, Jr.
Dan Klingshirn		

Friend of the Week

Dart Willer
1445 Bluewater Way,
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Mission of the Week

Journey
College Ministry
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Church Family

Neal Axon
David, Will
Gus Bradsher

College Student of the Week

Lance Morrison
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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.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, December 1

8:45 am	Worship Service
9:00 am	Blood Drive, Covenant Hall
9:45 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Connections, Pastor's office
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Middle School Youth Group
6:00 pm	High School Youth Group
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, December 2

7:00 pm	Scout Troop 79, Room 4
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Tuesday, December 3

5:00 pm	Worship Committee Decorating Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Handbell Choir

Wednesday, December 4

3:30 pm	SAM's Mission Project, Heartland
6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday Church Family Dinner - Chef's Choice
6:30 pm	Back Pack Buddies
6:30 pm	Membership Meeting, Room 4
6:45 pm	Presbyterian Women's Council, Parlor
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, December 5

9:30 am	SAM's Mepkin Abby
7:00 pm	STRYKE, Covenant Hall

Saturday, December 7

9:00 am	Gift Making Workshop, Covenant Hall
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Sunday, December 8

8:45 am	Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Youth Group Christmas Party
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

WESTMINSTER SESSION

CLASS OF 2020

Robert Coker
Brenda Haile
George McAbee
David Purcell
Sally Rogers
John Wright

CLASS OF 2021

Allyn Bruce
John Dounian
Norman Hook
Dale Norman
Michael Patrick
Paul Patrick

CLASS OF 2022

Nancy Dixon
Sandra Pell
Kendall Ramsay
Carole Russell
Nathan Snider
Graham Wade

Clerk - Priscilla Holtzclaw

Assistant Clerk - Carole Russell

Treasurer-Doug Earnst

Assistant Treasurer-Patty Stokes

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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

Mrs. Nita Rushton, Office Administrator

Mrs. Tommye Owen, Bookkeeper

Mrs. Alicia Crosby, Preschool Director

Mrs. Meg Dorsel, Communications Coordinator



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

December 1, 2019

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

Regina and Phoebe Keene

◆ WE SING TOGETHER NO. 92

**While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.**

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

ISAIAH 2; PSALM 122

Leader: Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths."

People: The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples.

Leader: Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

People: We rejoiced with those who said to us, "let us go to the house of the Lord." Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem. Our hope is in you.

◆ ADVENT HYMN NO. 106 Prepare the Way, O Zion

◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. For we acknowledge our transgression, and our sin is in front of us. Against you we have sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit. Hear our prayers and grant us your mercy.

(Time for Silent Confession)

◆DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

◆SONG OF RESPONSE

NO. 447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

◆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

Matthew 24:36-44

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 27

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

SERMON

Jesus is Coming—Look Busy

Pastor Lissa

◆SONG OF RESPONSE

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

NO. 82

THE LORD’S SUPPER

◆DECLARING OUR FAITH

APOSTLES’ CREED

Nancy Dixon is Worship Leader.

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.

INVITATION

HYMN NO. 92 While We Are Waiting, Come WAITING

While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

Come, Savior, quickly come; come, savior quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

All I Need Is Love
Words: Katie Griggs, Music: Natasha Akery

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING OUT

◆SENDING SONG The Days Are Surely Coming NO. 357

◆BLESSING AND RESPONSE

We sing together: **Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed to us;
His name is called Em-man-u-el!**

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

◆ Those who are able, please stand.

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 in kindergarten and under can be taken to the children’s building for Wee Church (2-3 K) or Children’s Church (4-5 K) 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
- Connections classes, to learn about LIFE at Westminster, are offered on the first Sunday of every month, 10:00 am -10:30 am in Pastor Daniel’s office.

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).

IS 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, Pastor Lissa, 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.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT LAPATRIA SCHOOL IN COBAN, GUATEMALA

You can help provide a scholarship for a student at our partner school, LaPatria Norte in Coban, Guatemala. Information sheets are available in the narthex or by calling the church office. A scholarship in honor of a loved one is a great Christmas gift!