

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.

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
Meghan Ward	Love Moody	

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Rev. Lissa Long, Associate Pastor

Mr. Robin Zemp, Director of Music

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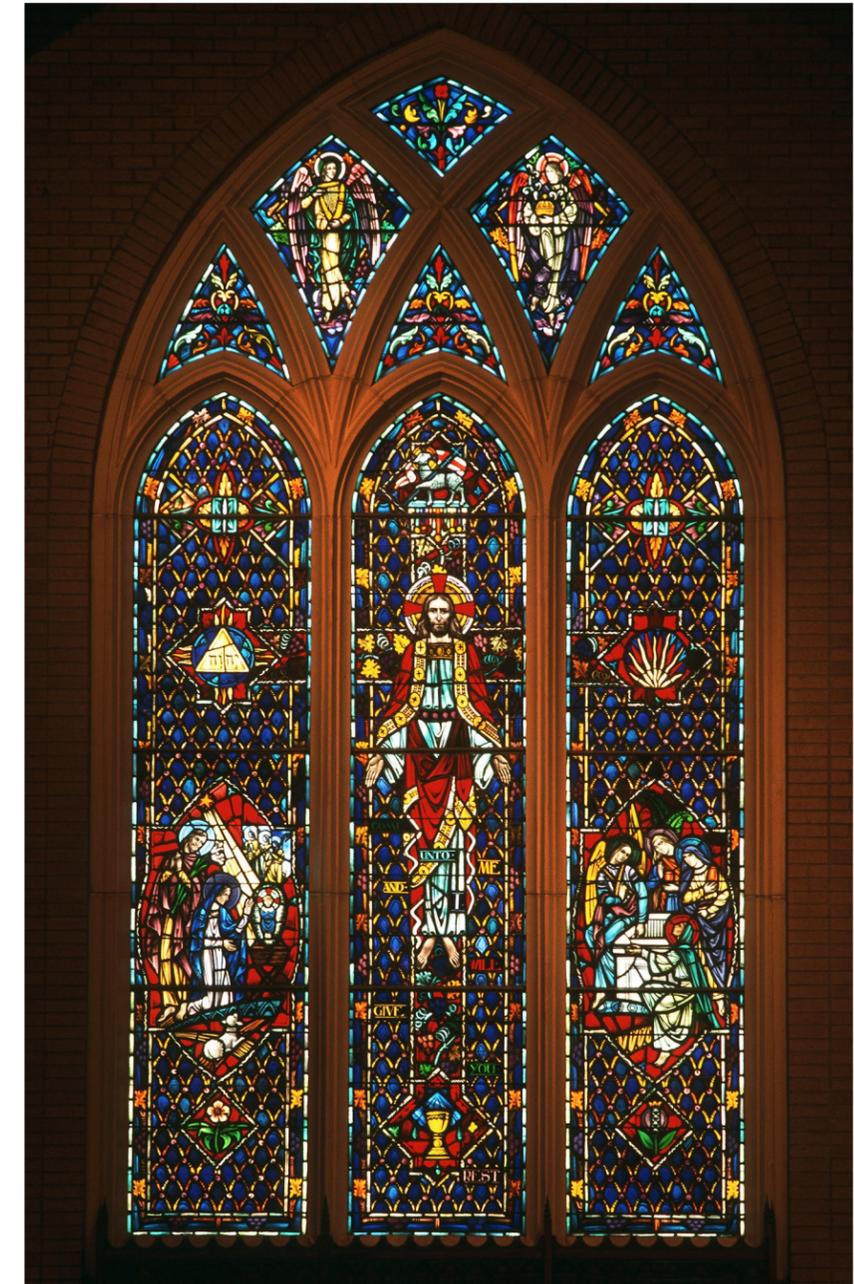
Mrs. Nita Rushton, Office Administrator

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Mrs. Meg Dorsel, Communications Coordinator

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT BLUE CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 22, 2019

8:45 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

*Please greet each other warmly as the congregation gathers for worship.
Take a moment and sign your name in the friendship pad.*

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Carol Russell

◆ SONG OF PREPARATION

No. 92

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

◆ WORDS OF PREPARATION

ISAIAH 7, PSALM 80

Leader: Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and shall call his name Immanuel.

People: **Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

Leader: Let your hand be on the man of your right hand,
the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!

People: **We will call upon your name! LOVE is from the LORD.**

◆ PRAYER

◆ SONG

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

No. 123

◆ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love and mercy, forgive us for when we turn away from you. Forgive us when we seek our own counsel versus yours. Forgive us when in our darkest moments we dismiss your light, your love, your presence, and your sovereignty. We are humbled before you, O God, this morning and on this day.

(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.**

POINSETTIAS

GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR OF:

Jane Acker by Frankie and Doug Earnst
My grandchildren, Sullivan, Madeline, Tad, and Gage, by Tommye Owen
Elizabeth P. Georgen, Bob's mother, by Bob and Beth Georgen
William J. Georgen, our grandson, by Bob and Beth Georgen
Joe and Brenda Clarey by Derek, Betsy, Abby Grace and Cole McLaughlin
Shirley and Jim Seay by Derek, Betsy, Abby Grace and Cole McLaughlin
Margaret Austin by Mary and Randy Davis
Tom Harvey, Sandy's father, by Tim and Sandy Pennekamp
Kate and Bill Pennekamp, Tim's parents, by Tim and Sandy Pennekamp
Tom Higgins by Jill Lundgrin
Cliff and Liz Shelor by Trevor and Jackie Shelor
Caitlin and Emily Shelor by Trevor and Jackie Shelor
Myra McEachern by Robert and Debra Luhn
Roberta L. Shepard by Brenda and Henry Shepard
Jim Holtzclaw by the Holtzclaw and Griggs families
Singers/musicians that lead worship at the early service and all singers in the Ensemble Group
by Nancy Parrish
Jerry and Sue Smoak, from their loving grandchildren.
Mike, Dana, Laney, and Ella Cotham by David and Donna Purcell
Walker and Amanda Purcell by Davie and Donna Purcell
Our grandchildren, Jonathan, Caitlin, Elizabeth, and Emily Shelor by Cliff and Liz Shelor
Our grandchildren, Grayson, Caroline, Abigail, Elloise, and Alayna, love Papa and Gee
Our sons and their wives, Trevor and Jackie, Derik and Erin Shelor, by Cliff and Liz Shelor
A special friend, Beth Georgen, by Carolyn Drose
Our wonderful church family by Charlie and Meg Powell
Our grandsons, Ezra, Chip, Akiva, and William, by Charlie and Meg Powell
My children, English and Will, by Gloria Purcell
Ann and Sammy Plowden and family by Eddie and Nancy Plowden

POINSETTIAS

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

Hal Jonsson by Frankie and Doug Earnst
My son, Wesley, by Tommye Owen
William M. Georgen, Bob's father, by Beth and Bob Georgen
Mary B. Bowden, Beth's mother, by Beth and Bob Georgen
Jervy Jones by Derek, Betsy, Abby Grace, and Cole McLaughlin
George Gaylord Austin by Mary and Randy Davis
Johnnie Harvey, our wonderful mother, by Tim and Sandy Pennekamp
Gene Lundgrin by Jill Lundgrin
Capt. James and Barbara Shumate by Trevor and Jackie Shelor
Furman McEachern by Robert and Debra Luhn
Norman W. Shepard by Brenda and Henry Shepard
Seab C. (Buddy) Jones and Ruby T. Jones by Brenda and Henry Shepard
Gerald and Julia Moody by Nancy and Eddie Plowden
John McKee and family by Nancy and Eddie Plowden
Bob and Betsy Holtzclaw by the Holtzclaw and Griggs families
Arthur and Katharine Wilcox by the Holtzclaw and Griggs families
Loved ones, Mom, Dad, and brother Bill, Jr. by Pam and Tim Smith
Our Parents by Gary and Joyce Flowers
Lorraine Blessing by Meg Dorsel
Fred L. Walters by Susana Comte-Walters
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Small by Carole Russell
Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Russell by Carole Russell
Walter Russell by Carole Russell
Johnnie Harvey by Dan and Ellyn Winkles
Bruce Winkles by Dan and Ellyn Winkles
Gillian Durrant by Tom, Tonya, and Tyler Travis
Alice L. Kemper by Janie and Jack Daniels
Frank Aydlett by Mallard and Werts families
Shirley Aydlett by Mallard and Werts families
Hudson Waller by Nancy Waller, Leslie, Bill, Erik, and Kyle Jonsson
Hal Jonsson by Nancy Waller, Leslie, Bill, Erik, and Kyle Jonsson
Kristi Mikles by Kevin Mikles
Bill McSweeney, Sr. by Ruth McSweeney
Robert and Susie Pell by Sandy and Debbie Pell
Loved Ones by John and Fran Ligon
Agnes H. and D. T. Livingston, Jr. by Rita, Tom, Dave and John Livingston
Rita G. Spivey, Maggie M. Spivey, Evelyn E. Spivey, and Rita Spivey William
by Rita, Tom, Dave, and John Livingston.
Addie Gentry by Chris, Carrie, Tanner, and Riley Gentry
Wesley and Kathleen Luhn by Debra and Robert Luhn
Betsy Williams by Meg Powell
John William Bruce by His Family
My husband, Bill Maastricht, by Dort Maastricht
Our parents, Ed and Mary Overcash, John and Clara Higgins, by Tom and Lynda Higgins
Betsy Williams by Tom and Lynda Higgins

TIME FOR CHILDREN Janie Bruce

SCRIPTURE READINGS Matthew 1:18-25

REFLECTION Emmanuel 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.*

SPECIAL MUSIC O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
*Lauren Smoak, violin
Nancy Parrish, piano*

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.**

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

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, descend 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

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day;
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father a blessèd angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same;
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "Let nothing you afright
This day is born a Savior of a pure Virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him from Satan's pow'r and might."
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises all you within this place,
And with true love and charity each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

◆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!

◆ Those who are able, please stand.

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD

December 24: Christmas Eve

3:30 and 5:00 pm Two options to attend 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 pm Carols and Candlelight. A reverent service with traditional carols, a
sermon, and candle lighting.

December 29: The First Sunday of Christmas

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

January 5: Epiphany

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

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

DECEMBER 29, 2019 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 29, this would be a wonderful opportunity for our whole church family to go next door! Please plan to meet in the Memorial Garden at 9:45 am and walk next door with us. All ages are welcome! If you have questions, contact Dee Bee Wright at 843-729-7005.

2019 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, 2019. In order to receive credit for the 2019 tax year please make sure all 2019 contributions are received or postmarked on or before December 31, 2019. 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 2019 and will continue to do so in 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Tommye Owen at 843-766-8311 or finance@westminstercharleston.org

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Wednesday, December 25 and Thursday, December 26.