

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 Siefiring	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		

Serving in the Armed Forces

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

Friend of the Week

Robbie Yarnall
1565 N. Pinebark Lane
Charleston, SC 29407

Mission of the Week

Thornwell Home for Children
302 South Broad Street
Clinton, SC 29325

Church Family

Brett and Jenna Baskin, Ella
Mike and Allyn Bruce

College Student of the Week

Mary "Emmy" Stokes
2275 University Station
STA SN 9522
Clemson, SC 29632-1001

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 15

8:45 am	Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Youth Group Angel Tree Shopping
6:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting, Room 4
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, December 16

7:00 pm	Scout Troop 79
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Tuesday, December 17

10:00 am	Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office
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Wednesday, December 18

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

Sunday, December 22

8:45 am	Worship Service - Blue Christmas
9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service - Lessons and Carols
5:00 pm	Church-wide Christmas Caroling
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. Tommie Owen, Bookkeeper

Mrs. Alicia Crosby, Preschool Director

Mrs. Meg Dorsel, Communications Coordinator



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

December 15, 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

The Stokes Family

◆ 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 35, PSALM 146

Leader: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.

People: They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Leader: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

**People: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!
JOY is because of the LORD.**

◆ HYMN NO. 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;

O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

True God from true God, Light from light eternal,

born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;

very God, begotten, not created!

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

continued

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

◆ 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.

(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.

Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbors.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Janie Bruce

SPECIAL MUSIC

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
Mike Niblock and Nancy Parrish

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 11:2-11

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 11

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

SERMON

Even John Wondered

Pastor Daniel

◆ HYMN NO. 88

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Verses 1, 5, 6, 7

VENI EMMANUEL

Worship Leader is Jill Lundgrin.

PRAYER

WE SING TOGETHER NO. 92

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

He Came Down

NO. 137

◆ 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.

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.

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!