

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 Siefing	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

Our Prayers of Sympathy and Support are extended to:

Alicia Crosby and family upon the death of her father, Francis Clair,
and

Susana Comte Walters and family upon the death of her sister, Marta Comte.

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

Bruce Yarnall
1137 Sam Rittenberg, 138
Charleston, SC 29407

Church Family

Cameron and Megan Baker
Reid, Travis

Mission of the Week

Mary Ford Elementary School
3180 Thomasina Mcpherson Blvd.
North Charleston, SC 29405

College Student of the Week

William Kirkland Smith
2275 University Station
DH 13462
Clemson, SC 29632

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 8

8:45 am	Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Second Sunday Social
12:15 pm	Mission Committee, room 4
5:00 pm	All Youth Group, Christmas Party
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, December 9

10:00 am	Hooks and Needles, Room 4
6:00 pm	Circle 1, Priscilla Holtzclaw's home
7:00 pm	Scout Troop 79

Tuesday, December 10

10:30 am	Circle 4, Covenant Hall, Room 4
11:00 am	Circle 5, Brenda Jonsson's home
7:00 pm	Handbell Choir

Wednesday, December 11

11:00 am	Volunteer Christmas Drop In
6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday Church Family Dinner - BBQ with bun
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, December 12

12:30 pm	Staff Christmas Party - Church Office Closed
4:00 pm	SAM's Annual Christmas Drop-In, Seay's home
6:30 pm	Boy Scout Committee Meeting, Room 4

Friday, December 13

6:00 pm	SIM's Christmas Party, Paul and Laura Patrick's home
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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

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

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

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
Second Sunday of Advent*

December 8, 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

Shantell Frazier and 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 11, PSALM 72

Leader: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

People: And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

Leader: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fatted calf together; and a little child shall lead them.

**People: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory!
PEACE is through the Lord.**

◆ ADVENT HYMN NO. 93 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates TRURO

◆ LITANY FOR DECORATING THE SANCTUARY

Leader: During the season of Advent, we decorate the sanctuary with symbols that point us toward the hope we have in Jesus Christ. The greenery, the wreaths, the poinsettias, the tree, the lights, and the ornaments all have special meaning that remind us of the coming of the Lord.

People: As we are at work preparing this sanctuary, may God be at work preparing our hearts. Come, Lord Jesus!

Leader: We see wreaths of evergreen to signify the eternal reign of Jesus Christ.

People: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.

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Leader: We see poinsettias, known as the Flower of the Holy Night, to signify the star of Bethlehem.

People: **Wise men followed a star to Bethlehem so that they might worship the new born Savior.**

Leader: We see a tree, adorned with lights, to signify the One who brings light to our darkness, healing to our brokenness, and peace to all who receive him.

People: **Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."**

Leader: We hang chrismons: stars, crosses, triangles, the "alpha" and the "omega" to remind us of the Trinity and the incarnation.

People: **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

Leader: We worship God and give thanks for the blessings of the coming King.

People: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

◆ SONG Joy to the World No. 134

At this time, youth and children who want to participate in hanging the chrismons may come to the tree.

◆ PASSING THE PEACE

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

Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbor.

TIME FOR CHILDREN Janie Bruce

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 3:1-12 PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 2

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

SERMON John Gets Us Ready Pastor Daniel

◆ SONG OF RESPONSE O Lord, How Shall I Meet You NO. 104

◆ DECLARATION OF FAITH 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.

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 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

SPECIAL MUSIC What Child is This

Skyler Frasier, Hannah Patrick and Nancy Parrish

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 Love Has Come NO. 110

◆ 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.

Worship Leader Olivia Niblock.

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!