

## 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](http://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
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Doris Fox	Jennifer Los	Ginger Jones
Barbara Kinard	Karen Dangerfield	Jim Holtzclaw
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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		

### Westminster Presbyterian Church

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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

Mrs. Nita Rushton, Office Administrator

Mrs. Tommye Owen, Bookkeeper

Mrs. Alicia Crosby, Preschool Director

Mrs. Meg Dorsel, Communications Coordinator

# Lessons and Carols

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
December 22, 2019

*Kneeling in Bethlehem*

*A Festival of Readings and Carols  
for Advent and Christmas*

*Poetry by Ann Weems (from Kneeling in Bethlehem)*

*Carol Arrangements by Michael Burkhardt*



# 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  
Jervey 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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Greensleeves RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH The Bazzle 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 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.**

◆ CAROL Angels, from the Realms of Glory

**Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!**

**Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!**

**Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great desire of nations; you have seen his natal star:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!**

**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!**

READING

*In December Darkness*

CHANT

Creator of the Stars of Night

Choir: Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, redeemer of us all, we pray you, hear us when we call.

When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in splendor bright,  
Not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild.

**All: At your great name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
All things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.**

**Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day;  
Defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.**

**To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.**

READING

*The Church Year--Advent*

CAROL ANTHEM

Morning Star

Morning Star in darkest night, fills the world with joy and light.  
Jesu-lein, Come, be mine; in my heart and life now shine.  
Come, oh come, my soul's true light! Come, be mine, dispel my night.  
Jesu-lein, Come, be mine; in my heart and life now shine.

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.*

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**

READING

*The Child Is Born Again*

## 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 Tommie Owen at 843-766-8311 or [finance@westminstercharleston.org](mailto:finance@westminstercharleston.org)

### CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Wednesday, December 25 and Thursday, December 26.

◆BENEDICTION

◆BENEDICTORY RESPONSE

We Sing Together: **Gloria in excelsis Deo!**  
**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

◆POSTLUDE All Hail This Brightest Day of Days J. S. BACH

◆Those who are able, please stand.

Westminster Sanctuary and Handbell Choir

Angela Loizides, *violin* Ben Weiss, *viola*  
Jenny Weiss, *violin* Charmaine LeClaire, *cello*

Readers:

Phoebe Keene Tom Whetstone  
Kevin Griggs Mellany Whetstone  
Claire Winkles Hilary Parrish  
Lissa Long Daniel Smoak  
Natasha Akery

Acolytes are Brooke Patrick and Hannah Patrick.  
Wee Church Volunteers are LeAnn and Matt Teitsort.  
Children's Church volunteers are Paige Dadin and Janie Bruce.  
Visitors Table: Robert Coker

◆CAROL Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Good Christian friends, rejoice; with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice; with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice; with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all; to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

READING *The Decree*

CAROL ANTHEM 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

'Twas in the moon of wintertime, when all the birds had fled,  
Great Spirit, Lord of all the earth sent angel choirs instead.  
Before their light the stars grew dim and wandering hunters heard the hymn:  
Jesus, your king, is born; Jesus is born. In excelsis gloria.

O children of the forest free, the angel song is true:  
the holy child of earth and heaven is born today for you.  
Come kneel before the radiant boy who brings you beauty, peace, and joy.  
Jesus, your king, is born; Jesus is born. In excelsis gloria.

READING *Sitting on the Hillsides*

◆CAROL Love Has Come

Love has come: a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

Love is born! Come, share in the wonder. Love is God now asleep in the hay.  
See the glow in the eyes of his mother; what is the name her heart is saying?  
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers. Love! Love! Jesus, Emmanuel.

Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free.  
Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.  
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

READING

*Had We Been There*

CAROL ANTHEM

Shepherds' Carol

Shepherds, run to Bethlehem this holy night,  
Leave your sheep, be on your way, behold the sight!  
Praise be to God in heaven, Peace on earth.

Shepherds, pay your homage to the Infant King.  
Joyfully, with heart and voice, your praises sing!  
Praise be to God in heaven, Peace on earth.

Shepherds heard the good news angel choirs did bring.  
News, so wondrous, heav'n and earth together sing.  
Praise be to God in heaven, Peace on earth.

READING

*In Search of Our Kneeling Places*

◆CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

READING

*Unexpected*

CAROL SOLO

Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head

Jesus, Jesus, rest your head, You have got a manger bed.  
All the evil folk on earth Sleep in feathers at their birth;  
Jesus, Jesus, rest your head, You have got a manger bed.

Have you heard about our Jesus? Have you heard about his fate?  
How his mother went to that stable On that Christmas eve so late?  
Winds were blowing, cows were lowing, Stars were glowing.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND PERSONAL COMMITMENTS

OFFERTORY

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

◆CAROL

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

**All: Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;  
There he lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger.  
Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Savior?  
Ask the saved of all the race who have found his favor.**

Choir: Angels sang about his birth; wise men sought and found him;  
Heaven's star shone brightly forth, glory all around him.  
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, heard the angels singing;  
All the plains were lit that night; all the hills were ringing.

**All: Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;  
He is still the undefiled, but no more a stranger.  
Son of God, of humble birth, beautiful the story;**

◆SENDING FORTH

*God So Loved the World*

◆CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,  
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**