

## 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	Kitty Kenney	

**Prayers of Sympathy and Support are extended to**  
Howard and Jenny Fulwiler upon the death of their son, Bill Fulwiler.

### 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

Beverly Chotvacs  
112 Norview Drive  
Charleston, SC 29407

### Church Family

Jon and Rebecca Bazzle  
Jordan Mae, Judson  
Walker and Janice Bruce

### Mission of the Week

Food Pantry  
1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.  
Charleston, SC 29407

### College Student of the Week

Chad Waldrop  
915 1st Ave South E-312  
St. Cloud, MN 56301

### 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, January 5

8:45 am	Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Connections, Pastor's Office
11:00 am	Worship Service
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Monday, January 6

2:00 pm	Memorial Service, Sanctuary
	Reception, Covenant Hall
7:00 pm	Scout Troop 79

### Tuesday, January 7

7:00 pm	Handbell Choir
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### Wednesday, January 8

6:00 pm	Wonderful Wednesday
	Church Family Dinner -Spaghetti
	Backpack Buddies, Covenant Hall
6:30 pm	
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

### Thursday, January 9

7:00 pm	Stryke Praise, Covenant Hall
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### Sunday, January 12

8:45 am	Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Second Sunday Social, Covenant Hall
12:15 pm	Mission Committee, Room 4
12:45 pm	Worship Committee, Parlor
5:00 pm	Middle School Youth Group
6:00 pm	High School Youth Group
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. Tommie Owen, Bookkeeper

Mrs. Alicia Crosby, Preschool Director

Mrs. Meg Dorsel, Communications Coordinator



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

*Worship on the Lord's Day  
The Second Sunday of Christmas*

January 5, 2020

8:45 am

### GATHERING

*Please greet each other warmly as the congregation gathers for worship.*

*Take a moment and sign your name in the friendship pad.*

### WELCOME

♦ SONG OF PREPARATION Come Sing, O Church, In Joy! NO. 305

**Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,  
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!**

**In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

**Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!**

**For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!**

**In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

♦ WORDS OF PRAISE

JOHN 1:1-5, JOHN 8:12

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

**People: Through him all things were made; without him nothing was  
made that has been made.**

Leader: In him was life, and that life was the light of mankind. The light  
shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

**People: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me  
will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.**

♦ PRAYER

♦ SONG OF PRAISE From All That Dwell Below the Skies NO. 327

### CONFESSION

♦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PSALM 51, PSALM 72

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion blot out our transgressions.  
Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. For we  
know our transgressions and our sin are before us. We sin against  
you when we do not stand up for the weak. We sin against you when  
we choose to hoard our own gifts instead of sharing them with those  
in need. We sin against you when our words and actions are not  
Gospel led. Forgive us, Lord. Create in us a pure heart and renew a  
steadfast spirit within us.**

◆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.*

THE WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Janie Bruce

SPECIAL MUSIC Angels Watching Over Me Mary and Catherine Patrick

*All day, all night, angels watching over me my Lord.  
All day, all night, angels watching over me.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Isaiah 60:1-6 PEW BIBLE O.T. PAGE 690  
Matthew 2:1-12 PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 2

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

SERMON Coming to Faith

Pastor Lissa

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD’S SUPPER

◆SONG Let Us Break Bread Together NO. 525

◆AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FROM THE NICENE CREED (381)

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under

Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

INVITATION

PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

SPECIAL MUSIC What Star is This, with Beams So Bright  
Natasha Akery

PRAYER

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AND THE MORNING OFFERING

*Please come forward and place your offering in the offering plate.*

◆SONG OF DEDICATION

No. 647

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we’re given Jesus Christ, the Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we’re given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say, “We are strong”; let the poor say, “We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!”

And now let the weak say, “We are strong”; let the poor say, “We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!”

Give thanks. Give thanks.

◆PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING OUT

◆BLESSING

◆ Those who are able, please stand.

Worship Leader is Neal Axon.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Hal Jonsson and in gratitude for the kindness of the Westminster family, by Hal Jonsson’s family.

**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.

**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. You will be invited to come forward to be served from the communion table area. You are invited to take the bread, dip it in the cup, and then partake. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher, and you may be served in your seat. Gluten free bread is available-please indicate your preference. WPC is a safe place for those in recovery- we serve grape juice only. Children are invited to the table provided they’ve had instruction at home or in Westminster’s worship prep class (1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT**

Eyewitness: A Study of John’s Letters

Jan. 12	The Message of the Gospel	1 John 1:1-4
Jan. 19	The Truth about Sin	1 John 1:5-2:2
Jan. 26	The First Test of Faith: Righteousness	1 John 2:3-6; 3:4-10
Feb. 2	The Second Test of Faith: Love	1 John 2:7-17; 3:11-20
Feb. 9	The Third Test of Faith: Truth	1 John 2:18-27; 4:1-6