

Westminster Prays

Carol Cummings	Meg Powell	Summer Garris	Andria Sanchez Freeman
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Kate Pennekamp	Larry Salley	Daryn Baker	Martin Davis
Sara McCoy	Dot Dangerfield	Curtis Sponseller	Kevin Ritzel
Love Moody	Lydia Crosby	Sean Fitzgibbon	Gloria Underhill
Karen Dangerfield	David Morris IV	Thom Penney	Jeff Bryant
Lisa Wilcox	Brian Carlow	Nikolai Fruth	Barbara Johnston
Harold Fountain	Frances McLean	Allan Scott	Michael Morgan
Nancy Plowden	David Kerr	Mary Martschink	Nita Rodemann
Gary Brooks	Sharon Hutchinson	David Wiggins	Jean Isbell
Steve Buddin	Harper Croft	Allene Buddin	Will Kuenzel
Rosa Oswald	Deb Sloan	Jerry Smoak	Janie Hammersmith
Dick Unger	Leigh Throckmorton	Brenda DeSmet	Jim Hammersmith
Anderson Scruggs	Jean Lewandowski	Maryalice Vann	Frank Painter
Pam Smith	Branden Preus	Karen McInnes	Jackie Epstein
Davina Hartigan	Anne Willis	Dan Butts	Libba Johnson
David Grove	Julie Pell	Jerry Hallman	Stephen Moody
Chad Waldrop	Brooks Oswald	Christina Miller	Liz Shelor
Jerry Waldrop	Towne Family	Meghan Hatfield	Beth Janssen
Charles Reeves			

Prayers of Sympathy and Support are extended to
Robbie Yarnall and family upon the death of her brother, Jack K. Morris.

Blessing Box Prayer Requests

December 9: Prayers for parenting and family reconciliation.

Friend of the Week	Mission of the Week	Student of the Week	Church Family
Harriet DaSilva 201 W. 9th North St. Unit 149 Summerville, SC 29483	Scout Troop 79 1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd. Charleston, SC 29407	Amber Appell 320 Stanley Ave. PO Box 6125	Melissa Warner Richard Holst Tom and Mellany Whetstone

Westminster Session

Class of 2022: Nancy Dixon, Sandra Pell, Kendall Ramsay, Carole Russell, Nathan Snider, Graham Wade
Class of 2023: Matthew Akery, David Boyd, Earl Frasier, Brenda Gibson, George McAbee, Nathan Ward
Class of 2024: Norman Hook, Abbie Mobley, Karen Norman, Laura Patrick, Chuck Towne, Dee Bee Wright
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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

DECEMBER 12, 2021

11:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

PRELUDE Carol Prelude HAL HOPSON

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY The Christian Family

◆ We Sing Together:

He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
hallelujah forevermore.

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: During Advent, we wait for the one who gives us joy.
All: He came down that we might have joy.
One: During Advent, our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.
All: He came down that we may have joy..

◆ CAROL God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen GOD REST YOU MERRY
Congregation

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.

In Bethlehem, in Judah, this blessed Babe was born,
And laid within a manger upon this blessed morn;
The which His mother Mary did nothing take in scorn.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father a blessed 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.

Sunday, December 12

9:00 am Worship Service, Blue Christmas
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service, Lessons and Carols
5:00 pm Youth Group Angel Tree Shopping
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Monday, December 13

9:50 am 4's Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary
11:45 am Dance, Covenant Hall
4:30 pm Robotics, Room 1
7:00 pm Scout Pack 79

Tuesday, December 14

6:30 am Toast Master, Covenant Hall
8:00 am Men's Bible Study, Town and Country
9:30 am 3's Music, Sanctuary
9:50 am 4's Music, Sanctuary
10:00 am Staff Meeting, Parlor
10:30 am Circle 4, Room 1
5:30 pm Exchange Club, Covenant Hall
7:00 pm Handbell Choir, Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 15

9:00 am Preschool Funastics, Covenant Hall
11:00 am Preschool 3's Storytime, Sanctuary
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Thursday, December 16

11:00 am Preschool 3's Storytime, Sanctuary
9:30 am 3's Music, Sanctuary
9:50 am 3's Chapel, Sanctuary
9:50 am 4's Music, Covenant Hall
7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting, Covenant Hall

Friday, December 17

9:30 am Preschool Christmas Program, Sanctuary
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

Sunday, December 19

9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:00 pm Cookie Reception, Courtyard
5:00 pm Youth Group Christmas Party
7:00 pm AA Meeting, Covenant Hall

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO JOIN THE WESTMINSTER FAMILY?

Here's how you can do it.

1. You may fill out an online New Member form under the visitor tab at wpccharleston.org or using the QR code.
 2. One of our Pastors 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? Speak with an usher or one of our pastors following the service.



WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

- We are delighted you have joined us for in-person or online worship, and we hope you are encouraged and strengthened in the faith.
- The nursery is available for children 2 and under in the Preschool Building. We'll gather pertinent information upon check-in and be able to contact you during the service should a need arise.
- 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, family restroom, or in the church nursery.
- Worship bags and worship worksheets are available in the narthex for preschool and elementary age children.
- Following Time for Children (11:00 only) children ages 3-5k will gather in the narthex with adult leaders and then be led to the Children's building room 16 for Children's Church. Parents may pick them up following the service.
- Hearing devices, magnifying sheets, and large print hymnals are available in the narthex.
- If you have a prayer request or questions about faith, life, or being part of the Westminster family, we invite you to reach out to one of our pastors.
 - Pastor Daniel Smoak, 843-872-1001
 - Pastor Lissa Long, 843-810-2232
- For more information about Westminster or to subscribe to our weekly ENews and email updates visit www.wpccharleston.org

VIRTUAL FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

Please let us know you're here by completing the Virtual Friendship Register. Simply scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to open or find on our website under the Quick Links, Virtual Friendship Register.



COVID PROTOCOLS FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP UPDATED POLICY (9/1/2021)

Thank you for following these protocols which enable weekly in-person worship without interruption.

1. Hand sanitizer is available and should be used upon entering.
2. Following the guidance of the CDC and our concern for the most vulnerable, masks are required for all three years old and older, vaccinated and unvaccinated, as they enter all buildings for church activities.
3. Offering plates are at the entrances/exits to receive your offering.
4. While the ropes have been removed from most of the sanctuary and seating is open, there are some reserved sections:
 - Socially-distanced seating is available. Please indicate your preference to an usher.
 - A few other pews are reserved for ushers, latecomers, acolytes, and staff.



THE FIRST LESSON

1 John 4:7-16

◆CAROL

Love Has Come
Congregation

BRING A TORCH

**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!**

THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-5

CAROL

Every Valley
Sanctuary Choir

JOHN NESS BECK

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain made low,
And the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain.
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together,
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Following Children's Time, children ages 3-5k will gather in the narthex with adult leaders and then be led to Room 16 in the Children's Building. Parents may pick them up following the service.

THE THIRD LESSON

Luke 1:26-35,38

CAROL

Advent Meditation
Sanctuary Choir

PATRICK M. LIEBERGEN

O holy child, blessed child, bring us Thy peace and love.
Alleluia, alleluia, Lord, bring us peace.
Emmanuel, Son of God, come to the manger stall.
Alleluia, alleluia, Lord, bring us peace.
Donna nobis pacem.

THE FOURTH LESSON

Matthew 1:18-24a

◆CAROL

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
Congregation

IN DULCI JUBILO

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!

THE FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

CAROL

Christmas Peace
Sanctuary Choir

JOEL RANEY

Dona nobis pacem. Born a child to grant us peace.

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Starlight shines in the evening sky while Mary sings a lullaby.
Peace on earth good will for all. Hope is born in a manger stall.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN PRAYER

Presbyterian Women invite all the women of Westminster to join together to pray 5 minutes a day through December 12. As we pray for one another, we ask God to invite us into conversations of encouragement, rejuvenation and peace. Presbyterian Women are collecting women's white, regular cotton, briefs for the Leeds Avenue Women's Detention Center. Please put donations in the workroom, in a bag marked PW. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Lundy at 843-607- 2102. Collections end on December 15.

ANGEL TREE SHOPPING TODAY

Westminster's Youth are Angel Tree shopping today at 5:00 pm. Unwrapped gifts must be delivered to the church by Monday, December 13.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us for Breakfast and Bible Study from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. on the Second Tuesday of every month. We are meeting IN-PERSON for breakfast at Trotters Restaurant at Town and Country Inn and Suites (2008 Savannah Highway). We're studying OT characters: Isaiah this month. Pastor Daniel will be leading; join us for the Fellowship and Encouragement!

SERMON BY PHONE 843-252-0146

Many of us have friends, family, and neighbors who are still removed from worshiping at church due to technical difficulties. Please feel free to share with them the WPC Sermon By Phone number so they may call in and hear God's Word read and proclaimed. Simply dial 843-252-0146 to listen to the latest sermon by phone. There is no charge to the caller for the call.

A CELEBRATION FOR JANIE BRUCE

Sunday, December 19 during 11:00 am Worship and Cookie Reception we will give thanks to God for Janie Bruce and her ministry at Westminster; wishing her well as she becomes the new Director of Charleston Youth Mission. We will share a moment in the 11:00 am Worship service and all are welcome to a cookie reception in the courtyard following the worship service. Come share warm hugs and wishes with Janie!

YOUTH GROUP

Today Angel Tree Shopping All Youth 5:00-7:30 pm

LOOKING FORWARD:

December 19 Youth Christmas Party
December 26 Christmas Holiday No Youth Group
January 2 New Year Holiday No Youth Group

The Season of Advent

Advent is the Latin word for “coming.” For Christians it refers to the church season that prepares for the coming of Jesus Christ as God in human flesh – the incarnation. We celebrate his humble birth, his coming to us now, and his coming again in glory at the end of time.

The round shape of the Advent Wreath is a symbol of God's never-ending love for us. The evergreens represent everlasting life, and the purple candles are for him who comes royally as King of kings and Lord of lords. The pink candle is for the joy of the season, and in the center of the wreath is the white Christ candle lit on Christmas Eve. In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's season and to pray for the return of the light. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that Great Day, we watch and wait in Holy Spirit for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of hope, peace, joy, and love; and remembering the promises of God with prayer.

The Christmas tree is adorned with lights and Chrismons. Lights remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. Chrismons are symbols that illustrate aspects of the Christian faith.



ReShape

“Like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand...”
Jeremiah 18:6

Thank you to those who have made financial commitments for 2022! We're off to a good start receiving 115 pledges totaling \$530,998.00. Our goal is 100% participation, so if you have not yet turned in your Commitment Card or made an easy online pledge at wpccharleston.org, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness in 2021– even as we look forward to fruitful ministry at Westminster Presbyterian Church in the next year!

2021 YEAR END GIVING

As we approach the end of the church's fiscal year, please be aware that the church books will close December 31, 2021. In order to be recorded for 2021, all contributions will need to be received by December 31. You can mail your check, bring to the church office, or take advantage of the safe and convenient online giving. Thank you for your faithful and generous support of the missions and ministry of Westminster. 2021 Giving Statements are in your online Realm account. If you need to have it printed for pick up or mailed, please contact the church office. If you have any questions or need any information, please don't hesitate to call Tommye Owen at 843-766-8311, ext 105 or finance@wpccharleston.org.

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

Today	Advent 3	9:00am Blue Christmas, Luke 2:8-11 11:00am Lessons and Carols
December 19	Advent 4	Luke 1:39-45; 46-55

THE SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-20

♦ CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High
Congregation

GLORIA

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| 1. 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! | 3. 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! |
| 2. 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! | 4. See him in a manger laid,
whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! |

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-2, 7-11

♦ CAROL

What Child Is This
Congregation

GREENSLEEVES

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

OFFERTORY

We Three Kings
Handbell Choir

CYNTHIA DOBRINSKI

THE EIGHTH LESSON

John 1:1-5, 14, 16

◆CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Congregation

ADESTE FIDELES

3. 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!”

◆BENEDICTION

◆POSTLUDE

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ARR. K. LEE SCOTT

◆Those who are able, please stand.

Angela Loizides, violin

Readers:

Pastor Lissa Long, Jodie Almeida, Brenda Clarey, Joe Clarey, Lindley Pennekamp,
Gracie Fulmer, Robert Dounian, Pastor Daniel Smoak.

Acolytes are Jillian Ramsay and Mac Ferguson.

Ushers are Nathan Ward, Henry Shepard, Ruth Marie Embler and Ben Whitener.
Children’s Church volunteers are Blair and Graham Wade.

◆PRAYER

◆CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Congregation

MENDELSSOHN

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| <p>1. 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!”</p> | <p>2. 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!”</p> |
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