

TODAY'S SERVICE

Today we are blessed to hear the Adult Choir Cantata! The choir has been working very hard on this cantata, and we are grateful for their service to our congregation not just this Sunday, but every Sunday! We are also so pleased to have students from Westminster Elementary School join our choir today! The song booklet in your bulletin provides the lyrics to today's Cantata.

JOIN US FOR LUNCH!

Join us after worship for a delicious Joy Lunch in Gossett Hall! We will celebrate together the gifts of this congregation, and we will have lots of fun and fellowship! Many thanks to the Women of the Church for the beautiful decorations and the delicious food!

JOY OFFERING

Today we collect a special offering, the Joy Offering. The Joy offering goes to support retired pastors, young seminarians, and pastors and spouses who have had a major crisis and need financial assistance. Please mark your checks "Joy offering" in the memo line and use the Joy Offering Envelopes located in your pews.

IN OUR PRAYERS

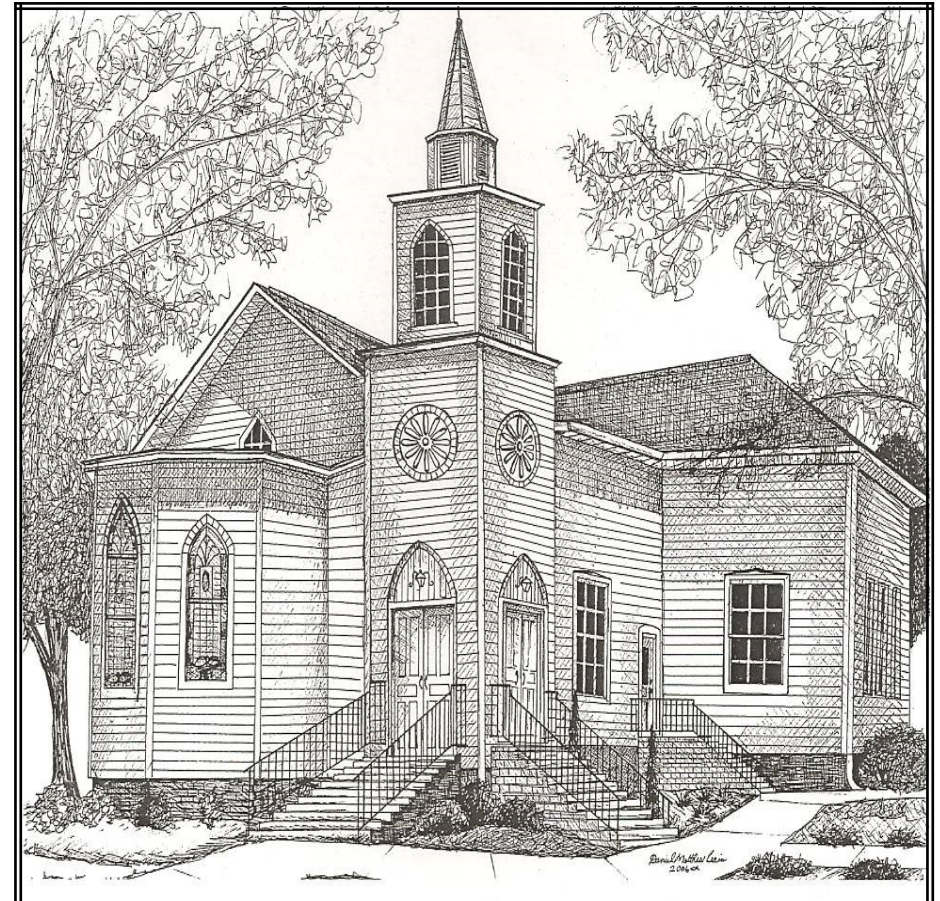
Imogene Giles, Ruth Payne, Kathy Darnell, Mary Frances Mabry, Robbie McClure (Marie Dunnam's brother) Elizabeth Christensen (Kathy Skillen's niece) Ronald Murray, Sr (friend of Kathy Skillen), Nancy Dougherty.

MEMORIAL

Memorials have been given in memory of Helon Ayers and Dr. D by Mrs. Marie Dunnam.

FINANCIAL REPORT

November receipts:	\$10,276.20
November expenses:	\$13,922.29
+/-:	-\$3,646.09
YTD receipts:	\$129,433.53
YTD expenses:	\$123,330.45
+/-:	+\$6,103.08



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
100 West Abbey Street
Westminster, South Carolina 29693
www.westminsterpreswestsc.com

Rev. Audrey H. Reese, Minister

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday in Advent

December 15, 2019

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING

Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle.....Linda White

O Prince of Joy, Joy of God come to us now. We wait in our darkness bring light there somehow. Your light of joy shine on our sadness and grief. So hearts, now unfettered bring others relief.

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Holy God, forgive us when we pay more attention to satisfying our own needs, than seeking you and your will for our lives – for being more interested in possessing the material things of life, rather than your spiritual gifts. Turn our lives around so that we are looking in the right direction - towards you. Only then can we hope to recognize the signs of your presence in the world. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen. *(A time of silent reflection).*

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

***The Apostle's Creed** *(The Presbyterian Hymnal, p. 14)*

***Gloria Patri** *(The Presbyterian Hymnal, p. 579)*

Offertory:

***Doxology** *(The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 592)*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn 147:** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"Neale
(Red Hymnbook)

The Greatest Gift
By Ron and Shelly Hamilton

1. Christmas Fantasia (prelude)
2. Go Tell It On the Mountain
3. The Greatest Gift
4. Christmas in Your Heart
5. A simple Kind of Christmas
6. Lift the Name
7. More than Just a Baby
8. The Miracle of Christmas
9. God's Perfect Lamb
10. The Greatest Gift – Reprise.

Benediction

Adult Choir Members
Nita McMillan, Organist
Ann Merritt, Pianist

Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Joey Roeder	Edna Dillard	Steven Dover	Steve Moore
Sandra Moore	Ann Merritt	Barry Burden	John Merritt
Shepherd Chuites	Kim Burden	Sam Dillard	Chris Todd
Trish McCoy	Sarah Mitchell		

Narrators: Rev. Audrey H. Reese and Pat Roeder

Angel Choir Members

Mia Bryson, Wren Davis, Anlee Donald, Allie Findley, Sarah Grace McAllister, Kohen Moore, Anna Kate Towe, Reagan James, Aubrey Powell, Aliza Owens, Ashton Sosby

Welcome! We are so glad you are worshipping with us today! We pray that as you worship at WPC, you feel God's presence with you. If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you come worship with us again! Please take a gift off the back table to remember your visit!

UPCOMING SERVICES: Next Sunday, December 22, the sermon title will be "I Saw the Sign" with Isaiah 7:10-16 and Matthew 1:18-25. We will also have a Christmas Eve service on Tuesday, December 24th at 7 PM. This service will be as service of readings and carols, with Communion and will end in candlelight. All are welcome!