

Church Calendar

SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 29

Singing Time	9:05 A.M.
Sunday School	9:20 A.M.
Fellowship in the Foyer	10:20 A.M.
Worship Service	10:45 A.M.

TUESDAY—DECEMBER 1

Sanctuary Choir at Bailey Manor	6:00 P.M.
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WEDNESDAY—DECEMBER 2

Orchestra Rehearsal	4:15 P.M.
Choirs	4:45 P.M.
Supper	5:15 P.M.
Classes for all ages (<i>nursery for birth through age three</i>)	6:00 P.M.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:05 P.M.

SUNDAY—DECEMBER 6

Singing Time	9:05 A.M.
Sunday School	9:20 A.M.
Fellowship in the Foyer	10:20 A.M.
Worship Service	10:45 A.M.
Missions 2010 Meeting	12:15 P.M.
Laurens Small Group	5:00 P.M.

Upcoming Events

Carols of the Christ Child	December 13
Community Caroling	December 16
Youth Christmas Party	December 18
Christmas Eve Service	December 24

Sunday School

ADULT

<i>Proverbs</i>	Dick Gillen
<i>1, 2 Thessalonians</i>	Wayne Smith
<i>Satan's Greatest Hits</i> (College-Early Career).....	Jim Roberts

YOUTH

Senior High.....	Jay and Suzanne Ragin
Junior High.....	Leigh and Tacy Fleury

CHILDREN

5th/6th grade.....	Tommy and Nancy Motes
3rd - 4th grade.....	Paul and Sandy Moore
1st - 2nd grade.....	Jody Lipford/Robin Roberts
4 - 5 yr. olds.....	Pete and Jen Partee
2 - 3 yr. olds.....	Laura Lipford/Betsy McKinney
Toddlers.....	Anne Edwards/Fran Arscott

Nursery

In the nursery this week

Babies..... C. and B. Miller
Preschool L. Lipford/P. Greer

In the nursery next week

Babies..... S. Moore/L. Dowdle
Preschool J. and K. Davidson

Prayer Concerns

THE CHURCH AT LARGE

Bailey Manor—Assisted living - residents and staff
 Presbytery—Woodruff Road PC, Simpsonville, Carl Robbins
 Denomination—PCA Foundation, Randel Stair
 Missionaries—Kenton & Karen Wood, Mexico

CHURCH MEMBER REQUESTS

Gary Lewis—continued progress and recovery
 Terry Baxley—medical issues related to MS
 Phyllis Greer, Penny's mom—undiagnosed medical issues
 Larry Smith, Eric's father—aggressive bladder cancer

PRAISES

Wonderful time of sharing at WPC Thanksgiving supper
 New families visiting Westminster

THOSE EXPECTING

Tacy Fleury—due in March
 Jen Partee—due in March

OTHERS

National Leadership— Secretary of State Hillary Clinton
 State Leadership—Rep. Mark Willis
 Local Leadership—Laurens County Council
 Homebound, Military and their families
 School personnel—restful days off

To put requests on the prayer chain, contact

Anne Edwards—683-5757, email
 Marilyn Daniluk—833-4359, phone
 or the church office during the day

Our Staff

Pastor
 Rev. Jim Roberts 833-4583

Assistant Pastor
 Rev. Dick Gillen 938-0334

Director of Music and Youth
 Dr. Leigh Fleury 833-6530

Director of Children's Ministries
 Penny Greer 833-2955

November Financial Report

Week 1	\$10,279.30
Week 2	\$8,323.37
Week 3	\$4,748.24
Week 4	\$6,110.00
Week 5	
Month Total	\$29,460.91
YTD Total	\$333,290.94
YTD Budget	\$345,011.40
YTD Expenses	\$339,087.01

Serving You

Deacons for November Jim Davidson, Tommy Motes

Ushers for November Jim Davidson, Tommy Motes
 Brian Beasley, Parker Mims

November 29, 2009

** Those who are able, please stand ♦ Ushers may seat at this time
 Hearing devices and large-print bulletins are available from the ushers*

Meditation

Romans 11:33–36

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ~ arr. M. Hayes Karen Davidson

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Lehn Family

Based on Isaiah 9:6, 1 Corinthians 1:24, 30; Colossians 2:3

* Call to Worship

From Ps. 95:1; 1 Cor. 1:30–31 Mr. Wayne Smith

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD.

Congregation: *It is because of him that we are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.*

Leader: Therefore, as it is written: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord."

Congregation: *Come, let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.*

*♦ Hymn of Adoration

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #196

* Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Galatians 3:1–3

Prayer of Confession

God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things—our hearts are filled with joy. By your power you lifted us out of the wasteland of sin and brought us with joy and laughter into your kingdom. Salvation is your gift to us. But we confess that thinking we are wise we often we try to replace your gift with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have. Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us to focus on your grace. Help us to live grateful lives in return. For Jesus' sake alone, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Zephaniah 3:17

Pastoral Prayer

◆ **Welcome** (Please date, sign, and pass the friendship registers.)

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Sentences 2 Corinthians 8:7-9

Offertory Music Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne
Karen, Taylor, Marshall, Hannah Davidson

Thou didst leave Thy throne and thy kingly crown when thou camest to earth for me. But in Bethlehem's home there was found no room for Thy holy nativity. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for Thee.

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang, proclaiming Thy royal decree, But in lowly birth didst Thou come to earth and in great humility. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for Thee.

* **Response** Doxology #731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **Offertory Prayer**

* **Song of Preparation**

In Christ Alone ~ S. Townend & K. Getty

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; this Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save: Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied, For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain: Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand; Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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Children's Sermon

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:6-7; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon TO US A CHILD IS BORN Mr. Jim Roberts
THE WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

* **Hymn of Response** To Us a Child of Hope is Born #233

* **Benediction**

Postlude Sing We Now of Christmas ~ arr. M Hayes



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church! Our desire is that you will find joyful, reverent worship and warm, genuine fellowship. Please fill out and pass the friendship registers at the time of welcome. If we may minister to you in any way, do not hesitate to speak with the pastor or one of the elders following the service.

We welcome children who are able to sit with their families during worship. We also provide excellent **NURSERY** facilities and care, as well as a place for mothers whose babies are nursing or become uncomfortable.

Ladies are invited to the home of Ellen MacCormack this Saturday, December 5, for an ornament exchange. Bring a friend and come enjoy good fellowship with holiday goodies 2:00-4:00 P.M. Be sure to RSVP to Robin Roberts via Sunday school sign up sheet, 833-4583, or rnrroberts@bellsouth.net by Wednesday, December 2. See Ellen or Robin for directions.

Cusco calendars—2010 calendars, featuring and benefiting the children of the Josephine House in Cusco, Peru, are available for purchase from the church office. 100% of the proceeds go to the Josephine House. Sample calendars are in the narthex and fellowship hall foyer.

Good News Gifts—The outreach ministry team has made the decision to forego Angel Tree and provide Christmas gifts to children in our own community. If you would like to provide a gift, please see the display in the fellowship hall foyer. Be sure to sign for the "ornament" you take. Contact Ronda Buford if you have questions or need more detail.

The Clinton Christmas parade will be this Saturday, December 5, at 10:00 A.M. If you would like to walk with our bell choir and hand out candy canes to the crowd, contact the church office for details.

Carols of the Christ Child will be presented on Sunday, December 13, at 5:00 P.M. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring a friend to hear the gospel in music. *Westminster families are asked to bring a large platter of heavy hors d'oeuvres for the reception.*

From the treasurer—The church's financial performance for 2009 has been remarkably good, considering the difficult economic environment. Nevertheless, the operating budget is running about \$10,000 in deficit with five Sundays left in 2009. Please consider helping to balance the budget by increasing your contributions over the remainder of the year. If we all contribute a little more than normal, we should be able to finish with a surplus!

Wednesday supper this week will be *hamburgers, chips and the fixin's*. Please use the designated space on the friendship registers to let us know how many adults and children will be here for supper.