

Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, December 1, 2024 P.M.

WPC exists to develop in ourselves and others a passion for the glory of God and the preeminence of Christ in all of life and in all the world, as revealed in the infallible, inerrant Word of God alone.

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GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

*Hymn of Praise #198

"Lift Up Your Head, Ye Mighty Gates"

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits; the King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.

A helper just he comes to thee, his chariot is humility, his kingly crown is holiness, his scepter, pity in distress.

O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the Ruler is confessed! O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King in triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart from earthly use for heav'n's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide! Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin! Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*Assurance of Pardon

"My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." (1 John 2:1-2)

> **READING OF SCRIPTURE** Hebrews 12:1-17

*Hymn #226

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; So, most gracious God, may we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly cradle bed, There to bend the knee before him whom heav'n and earth adore; So may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare; So may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy, All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way; And when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light; thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down; there forever may we sing alleluias to our King.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

JOSHUA 5:13-6:27 Rev. Chad Watkins

"Yahweh Fought the Battle of Jericho"

The Appearance of Yahweh's Commander

The Folly of Yahweh's Strategy

The Terror of Yahweh's Judgment

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross; lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss: from vict'ry unto vict'ry his army he shall lead, till ev'ry foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey; forth to the mighty conflict in this his glorious day: ye that are men now serve him against unnumbered foes; let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone; the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own: put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with pray'r; where duty calls, or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long; this day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song: to him that overcometh a crown of life shall be; he with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

***The Benediction**

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." (2 Corinthians 13:14)

Lord's Supper Offering

Our recipient for the 4th quarter will be Destin Harvest. Destin Harvest partners with WPC. Our weekly food distributions are provided by this organization. Destin Harvest is in need of donations to help with repairs for their Food Rescue Truck. Please visit <u>https://destinharvest.org/</u> for more information about Destin Harvest.

Monthly Discipleship Study Group| December 3 | 4:30pm-5:30 p.m.

This group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in classroom 2. This group exists to encourage students who are enrolled in courses from the LowCountry Biblical Counseling Center. Contact Diane Poff if you are interested in the group.

CPR Training

If you are interested in taking a CPR training course, please sign-up through the church office via email at wpcpcaoffice@gmail.com. Once enough members have signed up for CPR training, a date for the class will be determined.

Westminster Church Christmas Party

The church Christmas party will take place on Sunday, December 8th following the evening service. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert to share. Volunteers are needed to help set up the tables. Volunteers are also needed to help reset the room after the party for Food Ministry and Sunday School the following Sunday. Please contact the church office if you're available to help with the party.

For Your Calendar:

Tuesday, December 3, 4:30 p.m. Monthly Discipleship Group Friday, December 6, 9:00 a.m. Food Ministry

Wednesday, December 4, 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study

Thursday, December 5, 6:00 a.m. Carpenter's Apprentice