



Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, December 10, 2023 A.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.

The Lord's Day

December 10, 2023 10:15 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”
(Psalm 46:1)

*HYMN OF PRAISE #208

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light;
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God, in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning:
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”
(2 Corinthians 5:21)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:44-58

***HYMN #193**

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth de-scend-eth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heav’n-ly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the pow’rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, Lord Most High!”

***CONFESSION OF FAITH
THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING

SONG

“Joy Has Dawned”

Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation:
God's salvation now unfurled, hope for every nation.
Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory,
but a humble gift of love; Jesus, born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels,
as the mighty Prince of Life shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness,
cling now to a mother's breast, vul-n'ra-ble and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory;
Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story.
Gold, a King is born today; incense, God is with us;
Myrrh, His death will make a way, by His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of Heav'n given as a ransom;
Reconciling God and man Christ our mighty Champion!
What a Saviour, what a Friend, what a glorious myst'ry:
Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of hist'ry.

PASTORAL PRAYER

**THE READING OF SCRIPTURE
THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**ROMANS 3:19-26
REV. CHAD WATKINS**

“The Gift of Justification”

WSC Q. 33: What is justification?

Justification is an act of God’s free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

Man’s Universal Condition

God’s Righteous Solution

***HYMN OF PREPARATION #257 “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”**

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
'Tis the long expected Prophet, David's son, yet David's Lord;
by his Son God now has spoken: 'tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear him groaning, was there ever grief like his?
Friends thro' fear his cause disowning, foes insulting his distress;
many hands were raised to wound him, none would interpose to save;
but the deepest stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great
here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load;
'tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the Rock of our salvation, his the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded who on him their hope have built.

THE LORD'S SUPPER INSTRUCTION AND EXHORTATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER*

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #735**

“Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

***THE BENEDICTION**

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.”
(Philippians 4:23)

**the communion bread is gluten free*

WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Sunday School on December 24th and 31st

Evening Service Tonight

We encourage you to join us for evening worship at 5:30pm. If you cannot attend in person please join us via our livestream. To access the livestream go to our website www.wpc-pca.com and click on livestream.

Christmas Party | TODAY!

We'll start the afternoon with Christmas Caroling at 3:45, the Evening Service at 5:30, and then we will end the night in the Fellowship Hall directly following the evening service for appetizers and desserts! Please bring your favorite appetizer or dessert to share! Beverages will be provided.

Change that Sticks Course

Make 2024 the year of real, lasting, and God-honoring change in your life and learn how to help others do so too, all with the Word of God. This on-line course is being offered through the Low Country Biblical Counseling Center. Cost is \$25 per month with a one year commitment. For details and to register, go to: <https://www.lbcc.org/foundations-course>

In addition, Diane Poff is willing to lead a free monthly study group for the students.

Kick off is January 9th, but you can join anytime. If you have any questions, call Diane Poff.

Volunteers Needed!

Looking for a way to get involved at WPC?

Here are some areas where help is needed:

- **Nursery Volunteer/Tuesday Morning Childcare**
contact Krystina Lyon - klyon0727@gmail.com
- **Morning or Evening Communion Preparation**
contact Keri Sevcik - wpcpcaoffice@gmail.com
- **Children's Sunday School Teachers**
contact Melissa Giddens - amg00470@gmail.com
- **AV Team**
contact Randy Seay - hrr223@gmail.com
- **Kitchen Volunteer - Organization, Cleaning, Stocking**
contact Keri Sevcik - wpcpcaoffice@gmail.com

For Your Calendar:

TODAY 3:45 p.m.

Christmas Caroling

TONIGHT 5:30 p.m.

Evening Service

TONIGHT 7:00 p.m.

WPC Christmas Party

Monday, December 11, 6:30 p.m.

Diaconate Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 5:30 p.m.

Session Meeting

Wednesday, December 13, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, December 13, 4:45 p.m.

Catechism Club Christmas Party

Friday, December 15, 9:00 a.m.

Food Ministry