

# *Westminster Presbyterian Church*

*The Lord's Day, December 12, 2021*



*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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*December 12, 2021 10:15 a.m.*

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## 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 #203

#### *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*

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 th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Christ, by highest heav’n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin’s womb:  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th’incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, ris’n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist;  
return to me, for I have redeemed you.”

*(Isaiah 44:22)*

**READING OF SCRIPTURE**

2 Kings 10:28-36

**\*HYMN #201**

***“O Little Town of Bethlehem”***

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH  
HEIDELBERG CATECHISM #1**

**Pastor:** What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**All:** That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING**

**SONG**

***“Come Adore the Humble King”***

Come adore the humble King, lowly in the manger  
Fall before His majesty, hail the little Savior  
Hope what hope no tongue could tell, God has come with us to dwell  
His name is Emmanuel; O praise the humble King

Come adore in humble state He the song of angels  
Join the wise who call His name and with all creation  
Who oh who would condescend? God unknown now calls us friend  
Love that none could comprehend, O praise the humble King

Come adore the King who came to our world to save us  
Born to heal our prideful race, crown us with forgiveness  
Fall oh fall before the one who in mercy left His throne  
Christ the Lord God’s only Son, His glories now we sing  
O praise the humble King

Come adore, come adore, come adore the King  
Bow before, come adore the Name above all names  
*(Repeat x2)*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE READING OF SCRIPTURE**

**JOHN 1:1-18**

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**REV. CHAD WATKINS**

*“The Word Became Flesh”*

1. The Identity of the Word

2. The Mission of the Word

3. Our Response to the Word

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION #193**

***“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent”***

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!”

**THE LORD’S SUPPER INSTRUCTION AND EXHORTATION**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER\***

**\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #731**

***“Doxology”***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

**\* THE BENEDICTION**

“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another,  
in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice  
glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

*(Romans 15:5-6)*

*\*the communion bread is gluten free*