



# Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

*The Lord's Day, December 14, 2025 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.*

# The Lord's Day

December 14, 2025 5:30 p.m.

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## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 150**

*Pastor: Praise the LORD.*

**All: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.**

*Pastor: Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.*

**All: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,**

*Pastor: praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute,*

**All: praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.**

*Pastor: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.*

**All: Praise the LORD.**

### **\*HYMN #224**

### ***“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”***

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

Down in a lowly manger our humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,’ and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.”  
*(Psalm 32:5)*

**READING OF SCRIPTURE**

John 11:38-57

**\*HYMN #225**

***“Once in Royal David’s City”***

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall:  
with the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood he would honor and obey,  
love and watch the lowly maiden in whose gentle arms he lay:  
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;  
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above,  
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,  
we shall see him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;  
when like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE READING OF SCRIPTURE**

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**1 SAMUEL 1:1-28**  
**REV. CHAD WATKINS**

**“Grace Grows in the Dark”**

A Sore Affliction

An Earnest Prayer

A Vow Performed

Come, my soul, thy suit prepare: Jesus loves to answer prayer;  
he himself has bid thee pray, therefore will not say thee nay;  
therefore will not say thee nay.

Thou art coming to a King, large petitions with thee bring;  
for his grace and pow'r are such, none can ever ask too much;  
none can ever ask too much.

With my burden I begin: "Lord, remove this load of sin;  
let thy blood, for sinners spilt, set my conscience free from guilt;  
set my conscience free from guilt.

Lord, I come to thee for rest, take possession of my breast;  
there thy blood-bought right maintain, and without a rival reign;  
and without a rival reign.

While I am a pilgrim here, let thy love my spirit cheer;  
as my Guide, my Guard, my Friend, lead me to my journey's end;  
lead me to my journey's end.

Show me what I have to do, ev'ry hour my strength renew:  
let me live a life of faith, let me die thy people's death,  
let me die thy people's death.

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,  
and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless  
at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.”  
*(1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)*

# WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

## December Newsletter

Hard copies of the newsletter are available in the Narthex. **Please take 1 per family.** The digital copy is available on the WPC website.

## WPC Annual Christmas Caroling | Dec. 14 | 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The WPC annual Christmas caroling will take place **today** (Sunday, Dec. 14). We will meet at the church parking lot at 3:00 p.m. Departure time will be at 3:05 p.m. Several locations will be visited. We will return in time for the evening service. Everyone is welcome!

## Church Christmas Party | Dec. 19 | 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Our annual church-wide Christmas party will be on Friday, Dec. 19! **Bring a heavy hors d'oeuvre to share.** Join us for food, games, and a **tacky Christmas sweater contest!**

## Christmas Eve Service | Dec. 24 | 5:00 p.m.

We will have an evening of lessons and carols. This is a great time to invite friends and family! **The nursery will not be available during this service.**

**Sunday School classes will not meet on Sunday, December 28!**

### For Your Calendar:

**Mon., Dec. 15, 5:30 p.m.**  
Missions Team Meeting

**Fri., Dec. 19, 5:00 p.m.**  
WPC Christmas Party

**Sat., Dec. 20, 9:00 a.m.**  
Prayer Meeting at the  
Josteses' Home

**Fri., Dec. 19, 9:00 a.m.**  
Food Ministry