

Westminster Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, December 15, 2019



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 15, 2019 10:15 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!”

(Psalm 117)

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #214

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.
Glo - - ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o, Glo - - ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?
Glo - - ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o, Glo - - ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Glo - - ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o, Glo - - ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 5:17-25

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.”
(Isaiah 1:18)

*** HYMN #211**

“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan’s pow’r when we were gone astray;
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav’nly Father, a blessed angel came;
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

“Fear not, then,” said the angel, “let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in him from Satan’s pow’r and might.”
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

The shepherds at those tidings re-joic-ed much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding, In tempest, storm, and wind:
And went to Bethlehem straight-way, the Son of God to find.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

*** CONFESSION OF FAITH**

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM Q. 91-93

Pastor: How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?

All: The sacraments become effectual means of salvation, not from any virtue in them, or in him that doth administer them; but only by the blessing of Christ, and the working of his Spirit in them that by faith receive them.

Pastor: What is a sacrament?

All: A sacrament is a holy ordinance instituted by Christ; wherein, by sensible signs, Christ, and the benefits of the new covenant, are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.

Pastor: Which are the sacraments of the New Testament?

All: The sacraments of the New Testament are, baptism, and the Lord’s Supper.

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

LUKE 2:1-20

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

REV. CHAD WATKINS

“The Gloria”

1. Proclamation

2. Peace

3. Praise

“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.”

*** THE BENEDICTION**

“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good
that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ,
to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

(Hebrews 13:20-21)

For Your Calendar:

Sunday, Dec. 15

NO NextGen Youth Group

Sunday, Dec. 15, 3:30 p.m.

Carolers Meet in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Dec. 15, 5:30 p.m.

Evening Worship Service

Sunday, Dec. 15

Christmas Party

(After Evening Worship Service)

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 4:30 p.m.

Catechism Club Christmas Party