



Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, December 15, 2024 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 15, 2024 10:15 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up;
God is our salvation.”
(Psalm 68:19)

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*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.”

READING OF SCRIPTURE
Zechariah 1:1-21

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,
he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness,
but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,
whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”
(Titus 3:4-7)

***HYMN #213**

“What Child is This?”

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH
WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM Q. 79 - 81

Pastor: Which is the tenth commandment?

All: The tenth commandment is, *Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's.*

Pastor: What is required in the tenth commandment?

All: The tenth commandment requireth full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his.

Pastor: What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?

All: The tenth commandment forbiddeth all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbor, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.

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**

**MATTHEW 5:17-20
MR. LONDON JOSTES**

“The Substance of the Law”

The Establishment of the Law

The Permanence of the Law

The Righteousness of the Law

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #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.

***THE BENEDICTION**

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”
(Romans 15:13)

WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 www.wpc-pca.com and click on livestream.

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 <https://destinharvest.org/> for more information about Destin Harvest.

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.

Caroling | TODAY | 3:30 p.m.

Meet at the parking lot of Westminster for driving directions.

Candlelight Service | December 24 | 6:00 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.

For Your Calendar:

TODAY 3:30 p.m.

Caroling– Meet at WPC Parking lot

TONIGHT 5:30 p.m.

Evening Service

Tuesday, December 17, 4:30 p.m.

Caroling at Okaloosa County Jail in Crestview

Thursday, December 19, 6:00 a.m.

Carpenter's Apprentice

Friday, December 20, 9:00 a.m.

Food Ministry

Tuesday, December 24, 6:00 p.m.

Candlelight Service