



Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, December 18, 2022 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 18, 2022 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 #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
Philippians 2:1-11

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 #226**

“As With Gladness, Men of Old”

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious God, may we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly cradle bed,
There to bend the knee before him whom heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;
there forever may we sing alleluias to our King.

***CONFESSION OF FAITH
WLC Q. 156-157**

Pastor: Is the Word of God to be read by all?

All: Although all are not to be permitted to read the Word publicly to the congregation, yet all sorts of people are bound to read it apart by themselves, and with their families: to which end, the holy Scriptures are to be translated out of the original into vulgar languages.

Pastor: How is the Word of God to be read?

All: The holy Scriptures are to be read with an high and reverent esteem of them; with a firm persuasion that they are the very Word of God; and that He only can enable us to understand them; with desire to know, believe, and obey, the will of God revealed in them; with diligence, and attention to the matter and scope of them; with meditation, application, self-denial, and prayer.

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

EXODUS 13:17-14:14

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

REV. CHAD WATKINS

“Out of the Frying Pan & Into the Fire”

God’s Path is Always Best

God’s Path is Sometimes Puzzling

HYMN OF RESPONSE #345** ***“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken“

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for His own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation’s walls surrounded, Thou may’st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove:
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst t’assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver, never fails from age to age!

Round each habitation hov’ring, see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near:
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna which He gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion’s city I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name:
Fading is the worldling’s pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion’s children know.

***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 our website www.wpc-pca.com and click on livestream.

By Faith Magazines & TableTalks are available in the Narthex.

GOOD NEWS JAIL AND PRISON CHRISTMAS MINISTRY

Okaloosa County Jail | Chaplain Josiah Alldredge | Contact Arleen Blackstone for more information

December 20, 4:30 p.m. – Christmas Caroling for Inmates

Christmas Caroling | Today! | 3:30 p.m.

We will be meeting in the church parking lot at 3:30 this afternoon and will visit several locations. Everyone is welcome! It is an event that is looked forward to every year. We will return in time for the evening service.

Christmas Eve Service | Saturday, December 24th | 6:00 p.m.

We will have an evening of Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve. This is a great time to invite friends and family!

We will not have Sunday School on Christmas Day or New Years Day.

For Your Calendar:

Sunday, December 18, 3:30 p.m.
Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 18, 5:30 p.m.
Evening Service

Thursday, December 22, 10:00 a.m.
Food Ministry

Saturday, December 24, 6:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 25 9:00 a.m.
No Sunday School on Christmas Day.
Services are as normal.