



Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, December 18, 2022 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 18, 2022 5:30 p.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power;
for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

(Revelation 4:11)

*HYMN OF PRAISE #200

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heav’n’s all-gracious King”;
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav’nly music floats o’er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov’ring wing,
And ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
Who toil alone the climbing way with painful steps slow,
Look now! For glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast’ning on, by prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

(Isaiah 53:4-6)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Nehemiah 9:16-25

***HYMN #218**

“Angels From the Realms of Glory”

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising to th’eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

PSALM 80

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

REV. KNOX WHITE

The Coming of the One who Restores us

The need for restoration

The path of restoration

The hope of restoration

PSALM OF RESPONSE #80 *“Great Shepherd Who Leadest Thy People”

Great shepherd who leadest thy people in love,
'mid cherubim dwelling, shine thou from above;
in might come and save us, thy people restore,
and we shall be saved when thy face shines once more.

O haste, Lord, to hear us and pity our woes,
affliction our portion, despised by our foes.
O Lord God Almighty, in mercy restore,
and we shall be saved when thy face shines once more.

A place for thy people thou, Lord, didst prepare,
thy vine deeply rooted rewarded thy care;
its branches, like cedars, majestic and free,
spread over the mountains from river to sea.

Thy vineyard no longer thy tender care knows,
defenseless, the victim and spoil of her foes;
O turn, we beseech thee, all glory is thine,
look down in thy mercy and visit thy vine.

The branch of thy planting is burned and cut down,
brought nigh to destruction because of thy frown;
the man of thy right hand with wisdom endue,
the son of man strengthen thy pleasure to do.

When thou shalt revive us, thy name we will praise,
and nevermore, turning, depart from thy ways;
O Lord God Almighty, in mercy restore,
and we shall be saved when thy face shines once more.

***THE BENEDICTION**

“The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”
(Numbers 6:24-26)

WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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:

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

Food Ministry

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

Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 25, 10:15 a.m.

No Sunday School on Christmas Day.

Services are as normal.