

# Westminster

# Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, December 22, 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 22, 2024 10:15 a.m.

#### **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP** 

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" (Luke 2:14)

#### \*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 #194

#### "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height, in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

#### **READING OF SCRIPTURE** Zechariah 2:1-13

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree'—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith." (Galatians 3:13-14)

\*Hymn #219

#### "All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord"

All praise to thee, eternal Lord, clothed in a garb of flesh and blood; choosing a manger for thy throne, while worlds on worlds are thine alone.

Once did the skies before thee bow; a virgin's arms contain thee now; angels who did in thee rejoice now listen for thine infant voice.

A little child, thou art our guest, that weary ones in thee may rest; forlorn and lowly is thy birth, that we may rise to heav'n from earth.

Thou comest in the darksome night to make us children of the light, to make us, in the realms divine, like thine own angels round thee shine.

All this for us thy love hath done; by this to thee our love is won: for this we tune our cheerful lays, and shout our thanks in ceaseless praise.

#### \*Confession of Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 82 - 83

Pastor: Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?

# <u>All:</u> No mere man, since the fall, is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but doth daily break them in thought, word, and deed.

**Pastor:** Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?

<u>All:</u> Some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others.

#### **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 THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

"Christ Came That We Might Have Abundant Life"

#### \*Hymn of Response #221

#### "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung, Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung. It came, a flow'r-et bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind; With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love a-right she bore to men a Savior, when half-spent was the night.

The shepherds heard the story, proclaimed by angels bright, How Christ, the Lord of glory, was born on earth this night. To Bethlehem they sped and in the manger found him, as angel heralds said.

This flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness ev'rywhere. True man, yet very God; from sin and death he saves us and lightens ev'ry load.

O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human woe; O Savior, King of glory, who dost our weakness know, Bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of heaven and to the endless day.

> \*THE BENEDICTION "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you." (Romans 16:20)

## 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 <u>https://destinharvest.org/</u> 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.

## 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.

We will not have Sunday School on Sunday, December 29.

# The Church Office will be closed from <u>December 24-January 3</u>. Regular office hours will not be held during this time.

For Your Calendar:

**TONIGHT 5:30 p.m.** Evening Service Friday, December 27, 9:00 a.m. Food Ministry

**Tuesday, December 24, 6:00 p.m.** Candlelight Service