



# Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

*The Lord's Day, December 22, 2024 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 22, 2024 5:30 p.m.

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## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

“Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  
Let your glory be over all the earth!”  
*(Psalm 57:5)*

### **\*HYMN OF PRAISE #215**

### ***“While By the Sheep We Watched at Night”***

While by the sheep we watched at night, glad tidings brought an angel bright.  
How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!  
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

There shall be born, so he did say, in Bethlehem a child today.  
How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!  
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

There shall the child lie in a stall, this child who shall redeem us all.  
How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!  
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

This gift of God we'll cherish well, that every joy our hearts shall fill.  
How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!  
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”  
*(1 Thessalonians 5:9-11)*

**READING OF SCRIPTURE**

James 1:1-18

**\*HYMN #224**

***“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”***

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! Above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior’s birth.

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

Down in a lowly manger our humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE READING OF SCRIPTURE**

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**JOSHUA 8:1-35**

**REV. CHAD WATKINS**

**“The Blessing and The Curse”**



**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION #247 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”**

O Sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown:  
O Sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;  
Look on me with thy favor, vouch safe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

**THE LORD'S SUPPER INSTRUCTION AND EXHORTATION**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER\***

**\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #731**

***“Doxology”***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”  
*(2 Corinthians 13:14)*

*\*the communion bread is gluten free*

# WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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](mailto: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 December 24-January 3. Regular office hours will not be held during this time.**

### For Your Calendar:

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

**Friday, December 27, 9:00 a.m.**  
Food Ministry