



Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, December 24, 2023 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 24, 2023 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 #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
Matthew 14:22-36

***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 #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
NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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**

**EPHESIANS 2:1-10
REV. CHAD WATKINS**

“The Gift of God’s Grace”

Our Past Condition

Our New Identity

Our Glorious Purpose

***Hymn of Response #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.”

***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

We will not have Sunday School on New Years Eve

Christmas Eve Service | Tonight | 5:30 p.m.

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

Change That Sticks Course

Make 2024 the year of real, lasting, and God-honoring change in your life and learn how to help others do so too, all with the Word of God. This on-line course is being offered through the Low Country Biblical Counseling Center. Cost is \$25 per month with a one year commitment. For details and to register, go to: <https://www.lcbcc.org/foundations-course>
In addition, Diane Poff is willing to lead a free monthly study group for the students. Kick off is January 9th, but you can join anytime. If you have any questions, call Diane Poff.

Volunteers Needed!

Looking for a way to get involved at WPC?
Here are some areas where help is needed:

- **Nursery Volunteer/Tuesday Morning Childcare**
contact Krystina Lyon - klyon0727@gmail.com
- **Morning or Evening Communion Preparation**
contact Keri Sevcik - wpcpcaoffice@gmail.com
- **Children's Sunday School Teachers**
contact Melissa Giddens - amg00470@gmail.com
- **AV Team**
contact Randy Seay - hrr223@gmail.com
- **Kitchen Volunteer - Organization, Cleaning, Stocking**
contact Keri Sevcik - wpcpcaoffice@gmail.com

Carpenters Apprentices

Carpenters Apprentices will resume their book study on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at the usual time of 6:00 a.m. at The Breakfast Place. CA will be starting a new book, "Biblical Teaching on the Doctrines of Heaven and Hell" by Edward Donnelly. This would be an excellent time to participate in a new book study/discussion. The group dismisses promptly at 7:00 for those who need to make it to work. Breakfast is optional and is served in the private room as we meet. For further info see Earl Smith or Scotty Robertson.

For Your Calendar:

TONIGHT 5:30 p.m.
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
Friday, December 29, 9:00 a.m.
Food Ministry

Office Closed
December 22 - Jan 1