



Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, December 25, 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 25, 2022 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 #208

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light;
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God, in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

READING OF SCRIPTURE
Philippians 2:12-30

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 #213**

“What Child Is This”

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH
WLC Q. 158-159

Pastor: By whom is the Word of God to be preached?

All: The Word of God is to be preached only by such as are sufficiently gifted, and also duly approved and called to that office.

Pastor: How is the Word of God to be preached by those that are called thereunto?

All: They that are called to labor in the ministry of the Word are to preach sound doctrine, diligently, in season, and out of season; plainly, not in the enticing words of man's wisdom but in demonstration of the Spirit, and of power; faithfully, making known the whole counsel of God; wisely, applying themselves to the necessities and capacities of the hearers; zealously, with fervent love to God and the souls of His people; sincerely, aiming at His glory, and their conversion, edification, and salvation.

OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING

SONG

“Joy Has Dawned”

Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation:
God's salvation now unfurled, hope for every nation.
Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory,
but a humble gift of love; Jesus, born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels,
as the mighty Prince of Life shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness,
cling now to a mother's breast, vul-n'ra-ble and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory;
Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story.
Gold, a King is born today; incense, God is with us;
Myrrh, His death will make a way, by His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of Heav'n given as a ransom;
Reconciling God and man Christ our mighty Champion!
What a Saviour, what a Friend, what a glorious myst'ry:
Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of hist'ry.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

EXODUS 14:15-31

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

REV. CHAD WATKINS

“The Miracle of Salvation”

The Priority of God’s Glory

The Division God Creates

The Victory God Secures

HYMN OF RESPONSE #265** ***“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness;
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;
led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal:
but today amidst thine own thou didst stand, bestowing
thine own peace, which evermore passeth human knowing.

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

By Faith Magazines & TableTalks are available in the Narthex.

We will not have Sunday School on New Years Day.

For Your Calendar:

Sunday, December 25, 5:30 p.m.
Evening Service

Thursday, December 29, 10:00 a.m.
Food Ministry

Sunday, January 1, 9:00 a.m.
No Sunday School on New Years Day.
Services are as normal.