

# *Westminster Presbyterian Church*

*The Lord's Day, December 26, 2021*



*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.*

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*December 26, 2021 10:15 a.m.*

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## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“We give thanks to you O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.  
We recount your wondrous deeds.”  
*(Psalm 75:1)*

### \*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 #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.

### **READING OF SCRIPTURE**

2 Kings 11:21-12:21

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

#### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,  
and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

*(Mark 10:45)*

#### **\*HYMN #230**

#### ***“Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor”***

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor;  
Thrones for a manger didst surrender, sapphire paved courts for stable floor.  
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man;  
Stooping so low, but sinners raising, heav'nward by thine eternal plan.  
Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.  
Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us what thou wouldst have us be.  
Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH  
WLC Q.94-95**

**Pastor:** Is there any use of the moral law to man since the fall?

**All:** Although no man, since the fall, can attain to righteousness and life by the moral law; yet there is great use thereof, as well common to all men, as peculiar either to the unregenerate, or the regenerate.

**Pastor:** Of what use is the moral law to all men?

**All:** The moral law is of use to all men, to inform them of the holy nature and the will of God, and of their duty, binding them to walk accordingly; to convince them of their disability to keep it, and of the sinful pollution of their nature, hearts, and lives: to humble them in the sense of their sin and misery, and thereby help them to a clearer sight of the need they have of Christ, and of the perfection of his obedience.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING**

**HYMN #207**

***“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”***

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
Earth and heav’n before him bow, and He is in the manger now:  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven’s door, and man is blessed evermore:  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall:  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE READING OF SCRIPTURE**

**1 JOHN 4:7-12**

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**Rev. Chad Watkins**

*“How Deep the Father’s Love ”*

1. The God of Love

2. The Love of God

3. The Love of God’s People

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE**

***“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”***

How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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**\* THE BENEDICTION**

“Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way.  
The Lord be with you all.”  
*(2 Thessalonians 3:16)*