



# Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

*The Lord's Day, December 29, 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 29, 2024 5:30 p.m.

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## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,  
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!”

*(Psalm 115:1)*

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #94

#### *“How Firm a Foundation”*

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed,  
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“E'en down to old age all my people shall prove  
my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.”

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD;  
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.”  
*(Isaiah 1:18)*

**READING OF SCRIPTURE**

James 1:19-27

**\*HYMN #647**

***“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”***

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer’s ear!  
It soothes his sorrows heals his wounds and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the troubled breast;  
‘tis manna to the hungry soul and to the weary rest.

Dear Name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,  
My never-failing treas’ry filled with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart and cold my warmest thought;  
But when I see thee as thou art, I’ll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim with ev’ry fleeting breath;  
And may the music of thy name refresh my soul in death.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE READING OF SCRIPTURE**

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**JOSHUA 9:1-27**

**REV. CHAD WATKINS**

**“Gibeonite Trickery”**

Budding Hostility

Yahweh’s Wisdom Ignored

Keeping Promises Even When it Hurts

An Unexpected Mercy

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and pow’r are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God’s own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,  
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same, and He must win the battle.

And tho this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow’rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, through Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; The body they may kill:  
God’s truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

**\*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)*

# 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.

## Monthly Discipleship Study Group | January 7 | 4:30pm-5:30 p.m.

This group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in classroom 2. This group exists to encourage students who are enrolled in courses from the LowCountry Biblical Counseling Center. Contact Diane Poff if you are interested in the group.

**The Church Office will be closed from December 24-January 3. Regular office hours will not be held during this time.**

### For Your Calendar:

**Friday, January 3, 9:00 a.m.**  
Food Ministry