



Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, December 3, 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 3, 2023 10:15 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

“Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, ‘Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!’ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them saying, ‘To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!’ And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen!’ and the elders fell down and worshiped.

(Revelation 5:11-14)

***HYMN OF PRAISE #195**

“Joy to the World”

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.”

(Ezekiel 36:25-27)

COVENANT BAPTISMS

Declan Daniel Bivans

Covenant Child of Stephen and Bethany Bivans

Jack Willem Engelsma

Covenant Child of Jaco and Amber Engelsma

Cyrus Peregrin Lyon

Covenant Child of Darrin and Krystina Lyon

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:24-43

***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!

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**
The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING

HYMN #194

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

PASTORAL PRAYER

**THE READING OF SCRIPTURE
THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**COLOSSIANS 1:15-20
REV. CHAD WATKINS**

“The Gift of God’s Fullness”

Supreme Lord

Sufficient Savior

***Hymn of Response #166**

“Wondrous King, All Glorious”

Wondrous King, all glorious, sov' reign Lord victorious,
oh, receive our praise with favor!
From thee welled God's kindness tho' we in our blindness
strayed from thee, our blessed Savior.
Strengthen thou, help us now; let our tongues be singing,
thee our praises bringing.

Heavens, spread the story of our Maker's glory,
all the pomp of earth obscuring.
Sun, thy rays be sending, thy bright beams expending,
light to all the earth assuring.
Moon and star, praise afar him who glorious made you;
the vast heavens aid you.

O my soul, rejoicing, sing, thy praises voicing,
sing, with hymns of faith adore him!
All who here have being, shout, your voices freeing,
bow down in the dust before him.
He is God Sabaoth; praise alone the Savior,
here and there forever.

Hallelujahs render to the Lord most tender,
ye who know and love the Savior.
Hallelujahs sing ye, ye redeemed, oh, bring ye
hearts that yield him glad behavior.
Blest are ye endlessly; sinless there forever,
ye shall laud him ever.

***THE BENEDICTION**

“Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us
and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts
and establish them in every good work and word.”

(2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

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.

Sunday School December 10th

Sunday School will take place in the Sanctuary on December 10th to allow for the Fellowship Hall to be decorated for the Christmas party the day prior.

Kids Christmas Choir

It's that time of year again! Kids Christmas Choir will be practicing on Tuesdays, November 28th and December 5th from 4:30pm-5:00pm. (Parents please plan to stay with your children for practice.) Our performance will be at the beginning of the church Christmas Party on December 10th at 7:00pm. We will be singing Jesus Joy of the Highest Heaven and Silent Night.

Christmas Party | December 10th!

Mark your calendars for WPC's Annual Christmas Party on December 10th! We'll start the afternoon with Christmas Caroling at 3:45, the Evening Service at 5:30, and then we will end the night in the Fellowship Hall directly following the evening service for appetizers and desserts! Please bring your favorite appetizer to share! Beverages will be provided.

Christmas Gifts for Catechism Club

We are collecting gifts and school supplies for our neighborhood families that participate in Catechism Club! You can order directly from our Amazon Gift List OR purchase gifts yourself from our list below. Check the "This Week Email" for the Amazon Link!

- Bible Story Books, Pens, Pencils, Crayons, Markers, Notebooks, Coloring Books, Stuffed Animals, Socks, Balls

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.lbcc.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.

For Your Calendar:

TONIGHT 5:30 p.m.
Evening Service

Tuesday, December 5, 4:30 p.m.
Children's Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 6, 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, December 6, 4:30 p.m.
Catechism Club

Friday, December 8, 9:00 a.m.
Food Ministry