



Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, December 3, 2023 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 3, 2023 5:30 p.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”
(Proverbs 3:5-6)

*HYMN OF PRAISE #219

“All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord”

All praise to thee, eternal Lord, clothed in a garb of flesh and blood;
choosing a manger for thy throne, while worlds on worlds are thine alone.

Once did the skies before thee bow; a virgin's arms contain thee now:
angels who did in thee rejoice now listen for thine infant voice.

A little child, thou art our guest, that weary ones in thee may rest;
forlorn and lowly is thy birth, that we may rise to heav'n from earth.

Thou comest in the darksome night to make us children of the light,
to make us, in the realms divine, like thine own angels round thee shine.

All this for us thy love hath done; by this to thee our love is won:
for this we tune our cheerful lays, and shout our thanks in ceaseless praise.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.
But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”
(1 John 2:1-2)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 9:1-18

***HYMN #202**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

**REVELATION 1:1-3
REV. CHAD WATKINS**

“The Revelation of Jesus Christ”

Introduction

Picture Book

Theme: Victory in Jesus

Purpose: Encouragement

Shape: Progressive Parallelism

The Blessing God Promises

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #172**

“Let us Love & Sing & Wonder”

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame;
he has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
he has washed us with his blood, he presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown;
he who washed us with his blood, soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join, and point to mercy's store;
when through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles, and asks no more:
he who washed us with his blood, has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
"You have washed us with your blood; You are worthy, Lamb of God!"

***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

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.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.

For Your Calendar:

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

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

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

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