



# Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

*The Lord's Day, December 31, 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 31, 2023 5:30 p.m.

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## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!”  
(*Psalm 57:5*)

### \*Hymn of Praise #4

### *“All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”*

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!  
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills.  
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made his gracious mercy keepeth;  
by morning dawn or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;  
within the kingdom of his might, lo, all is just and all is right.  
To God all praise and glory!

I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my calling!  
For death he gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling.  
For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank him, thank our God, with me.  
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not his flock, his chosen generation;  
he is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.  
As with a mother's tender hand he leads his own, his chosen band.  
To God all praise and glory!

Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!  
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!  
All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!  
To God all praise and glory!

Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness;  
to your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness:  
Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well,  
To God all praise and glory!

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”

*(1 Thessalonians 5:9-11)*

**READING OF SCRIPTURE**

Ecclesiastes 12:1-14

**\*SONG OF PRAISE**

***“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”***

*Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul, worship His Holy name  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul, I worship Your Holy name*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning. It's time to sing Your song again,  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.

*Chorus*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

*Chorus*

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forever more.

*Chorus x2*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

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

**REVELATION 2:1-7  
REV. CHAD WATKINS**

**“To the Church in Ephesus”**

Who is Jesus?

What Does Jesus Know?

What Does Jesus Say?

What Does Jesus Promise?

**\*Hymn of Preparation #247      “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”**

O Sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown:  
O Sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;  
Look on me with thy favor, vouch safe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

**THE LORD'S SUPPER INSTRUCTION AND EXHORTATION**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER\***

**\*Hymn of Thanksgiving #731                      “Doxology”**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

**\*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)*

*\*the communion bread is gluten free*

# WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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.

## Volunteers Needed!

Looking for a way to get involved at WPC?

Here are some areas where help is needed:

- **Nursery Volunteer/Tuesday Morning Childcare**

contact Krystina Lyon - [klyon0727@gmail.com](mailto:klyon0727@gmail.com)

- **Morning or Evening Communion Preparation**

contact Keri Sevcik - [wpcpcaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:wpcpcaoffice@gmail.com)

- **Children's Sunday School Teachers**

contact Melissa Giddens - [amg00470@gmail.com](mailto:amg00470@gmail.com)

- **AV Team**

contact Randy Seay - [hrr223@gmail.com](mailto:hrr223@gmail.com)

- **Kitchen Volunteer - Organization, Cleaning, Stocking**

contact Keri Sevcik - [wpcpcaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:wpcpcaoffice@gmail.com)

## For Your Calendar:

**Friday, January 5, 9:00 a.m.**  
Food Ministry

**Office Closed**  
**January 1**